

Sustainability Appraisal

Annex A – Detailed Sustainability Appraisal Proforma for the Strategic Policies and General Development Policies

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Abbreviations

AMR	Authority Monitoring Report
EA	Environment Agency
EU	European Union
GBC	Gosport Borough Council
GBLP 2011-2029	Gosport Borough Local Plan 2011-2029 (adopted October 2015)
GBLP 2038	The draft Gosport Borough Local Plan 2038
HE	Historic England
HRA	Habitat Regulations Assessment
LDS	Local Development Scheme
LNR	Local Nature Reserve
MoD	Ministry of Defence
NE	Natural England
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
PCPA	Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
PfSH	Partnership for South Hampshire (formerly PUSH)
PPG	Planning Practice Guidance
PPPs	Policies, Plans and Programmes
SA	Sustainability Appraisal
SAC	Special Areas of Conservation
SCI	Statement of Community Involvement
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment
SHLAA	Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment
SHLAA	Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment
SINCs	Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation
SPA	Special Protection Area
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest
TCP	Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

Annex A: Introduction

Annex A (this document) and Annex B provide the full SA Proforma for each Local Plan policy and site development proposal appraised for the Draft Local Plan. The SA Proforma in this document are provided in the order in which they appear in the Draft Local Plan for ease of reference.

Annex A (this document) includes the SA Proforma for the following parts of the Draft GBLP 2038:

- The Development Strategy and Strategic Policies (Policy D1 – D12); and
- The General Development Policies (Policy H1 – LE14).

Annex B includes the SA Proforma for the following parts of the Draft GBLP 2038:

- Strategic Development Sites (Policy SS1 – SS11);
- Other Allocation Sites (Policy A1 – A6); and
- Other sites from the Call for Sites which are not allocated in the Local Plan.

Annex A and B should be read alongside the main report for the Sustainability Appraisal of the Draft Gosport Borough Local Plan 2038 (GBLP 2038). All documents are available online:

www.gosport.gov.uk/GBLP2038

SA of the Development Strategy and Strategic Policies (Policy D1 – D12)

Policy D1: Adaptation and Mitigation to Climate Change

Overview

Policy D1 is a new policy that seeks to deliver the Borough Council's commitment to assist the country to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. The policy will be subject to a viability assessment and may be adjusted accordingly at Regulation 19 stage.

Policy D1 is an integral part of the Council's approach to reducing its emissions and that of the wider community and sets out that this will in part be achieved through support for developments that help to reduce carbon emissions and achieve high standards of sustainable design and construction.

The policy sets out requirements that are designed to be minimum standards, and developers are encouraged to aim higher. Where a developer can demonstrate that they have exceeded these minimum standards, it will be a material consideration in the determination of that application. The policy sets out key requirements for all developments as well as specific criteria for residential developments and non-residential developments. Overall, it makes clear the position that any development that fails to adequately address climate change and its effects will be refused permission.

PART 1 – Policy D1: Adaptation and Mitigation to Climate Change

POLICY D1: ADAPTATION AND MITIGATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE

- 1. The Borough Council is committed to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050 and supporting the wider community in reaching this target through land use decisions. This overarching strategic objective will be delivered through the following themes and policies:**
 - a) Promoting a sustainable pattern of development by directing growth towards locations that reduce the need to travel and maximise the ability to make trips by sustainable modes of transport (Policies D2: Development Strategy, D3: Urban Regeneration Areas and D12: Accessibility to New Development)**
 - b) Delivering higher densities of development on the most accessible sites (D3: Urban Regeneration Areas and H1: Sustainable Residential Neighbourhoods)**
 - c) Promoting sustainable design and construction methods in the built environment (Policy DE1: Sustainable Construction)**
 - d) Addressing flood risk and promoting sustainable water management (Policy D7: Flood Risk and Coastal Erosion and LE13: Water Resources)**
 - e) Enhancing green infrastructure and biodiversity (Policies D5: The Local Ecological Network and Internationally and Nationally Important Sites and LE8: Securing Measureable Biodiversity Net Gain and other nature conservation policies LE5-LE7)**

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The Council’s preferred option is considered to be in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. The Climate Change Act 2008 (as amended 2019) legally commits the UK to reduce its carbon emissions to net zero levels by 2050, when compared to the 2019 baseline. The Council’s approach recognises this legal requirement.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy D1: Adaptation and Mitigation to Climate Change

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D1: Adaptation and Mitigation to Climate Change		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	++	The policy is designed to be an overarching strategic policy that sets out the Borough Council’s commitment to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050 and supporting the wider community in reaching this target through land use decisions. The policy is designed to sign posts to other Local Plan policies which will be used in decision making to address climate change issues. The policy is considered to have major positive effects in this regard. While it does not set specific standards itself, it seeks to reinforce how many Local Plan policies and land use decisions impact and can contribute to mitigation and adaptation to climate change.
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	++	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	+	The policy includes a criterion that links to Policy DE1 which requires sustainable design and construction methods in the built environment.
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	+	The policy includes a criterion that links to Policy D12 which requires electric vehicle charging points in new development.
Overall effects identified SA1	++	
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	n/a	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA2	n/a	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the	+?	The policy links to Policy D12 and the overall Development Strategy set out in Policy D2. These

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Policy D1: Adaptation and Mitigation to Climate Change		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
private car?		policies seek to ensure new growth is sustainability located and that accessibility measures are incorporated into all development. This can have positive effects for increasing walking, cycling and public transport however these is also some uncertainty. The specific impacts of each development proposal will need to be assessed in detail when more detail is known.
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	+?	
Overall effects identified SA3	+?	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	n/a	
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	n/a	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA4	n/a	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	n/a	
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA5	n/a	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA6	n/a	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA7	n/a	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	n/a	
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	+	Through addressing climate change issues the policy has the potential to help support human health and result in positive effects.

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Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	+	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	n/a	
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	n/a	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA9	n/a	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	+?	The strategic policy links to other Local Plan policies which seek to direct development towards locations that reduce the need to travel and maximise the ability to make trips by sustainable modes of transport. This has the potential to result in positive effects although at this high level there is uncertainty.
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	+?	
Overall effects identified SA11	+?	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	n/a	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	n/a	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA12	n/a	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of	n/a	

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Policy D1: Adaptation and Mitigation to Climate Change		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
previously developed land?		
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	n/a	
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	n/a	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	n/a	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA13	n/a	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA14	n/a	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA15	n/a	
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA16	n/a	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	+	The strategic policy includes criteria that link to other Local Plan policies that will enhance green infrastructure.
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA17	+	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	+	In respect of all these decision making criteria the strategic policy links to other Local Plan policies which set out requirements for enhancing green
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-	+	

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Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
connected multifunctional green infrastructure?		infrastructure and biodiversity, protecting the Local Ecological Network and Internationally and Nationally Important sites and securing measurable biodiversity net gain. The policy is assessed as having positive effects, while it doesn't set out specific detail and instead links to other Local Plan policies, the policy seeks to clearly set out how other Local Plan policies can help the Borough to adapt and mitigate to the impacts of climate change.
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	+	
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	+	
Overall effects identified SA18	+	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA19	n/a	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	+	The overarching strategic policy sets out that other policies will promote sustainable design and construction methods in the built environment. This should enhance the quality of the townscape and result in positive effects.
Overall effects identified SA20	+	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA21	n/a	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	+	The overarching strategic policy sets out that the Borough Council will promote sustainable design and construction methods in the built environment and links to other Local Plan policies.
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA22	+	The policy can therefore reduce emissions through good design.
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	n/a	

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Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA23	n/a	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA24	n/a	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	+	The overarching strategic policy requires flood risk to be addressed and links to Policy D6.
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	+	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	+	
Overall effects identified SA25	+	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA26	n/a	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	n/a	

Option 1: Develop Policy
Policy D1: Adaptation and Mitigation to Climate Change

SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1	++						L
SA2			n/a				
SA3		+					M/L
SA4			n/a				
SA5			n/a				
SA6			n/a				
SA7			n/a				
SA8		+					M/L
SA9			n/a				
SA10			n/a				
SA11		+					M/L
SA12			n/a				
SA13			n/a				
SA14			n/a				
SA15			n/a				
SA16			n/a				
SA17		+					S/M/L
SA18		+					M/L
SA19			n/a				
SA20		+					M/L
SA21			n/a				
SA22		+					M/L
SA23			n/a				
SA24			n/a				
SA25		+					M/L
SA26			n/a				
SA27			n/a				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy D1: Adaptation and Mitigation to Climate Change

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Develop Policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects. By including a specific policy that seeks to address climate change issues, the Borough Council can highlight how other Local Plan policies will be used in the decision-making process to help the Borough in its adaptation and mitigation to climate change.
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. It also sets out the Borough’s Council commitment to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050 and how other Local Plan policies can help to deliver this.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy D1: Adaptation and Mitigation to Climate Change

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified

Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

Policy D2: Development Strategy

Overview

Policy D2 replaces Policy LP3: Spatial Strategy of the GBLP 2011-2029. The Development Strategy aims to deliver the overarching vision and objectives of the Local Plan in terms of the broad approach taken to future development and sets out the scale of development that is appropriate and sustainable for the Borough over the plan period. The Development Strategy has been prepared having regard to the National Planning Policy Framework and specifies the overall level and location of growth within the Borough. It also identifies strategic considerations for development proposals such as flood risk, the protection of important habitats and heritage, as well as the need to safeguard key facilities in the Borough. The Development Strategy also provides the framework for the more detailed policies of the Local Plan. It outlines opportunities for development through the identification of Regeneration Areas and other key locations as well as establishing the principle that certain sites should be safeguarded for existing uses. The Development Strategy aims to ensure that local economic, housing and community needs are addressed whilst taking account of environmental and design considerations. It recognises the general presumption in favour of sustainable development.

PART 1 – Policy D2: Development Strategy

POLICY D2: DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY	
1. The Local Plan will make provision for the following over the period 2021-2038:	
Employment:	90,000 sq.m. net additional floorspace¹
Housing:	3,500 net additional dwellings
Town Centre Uses:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reorganisation and development of town centres uses within existing Town Centres to enable the successful regeneration of sites • No additional retail floorspace required out of centre
2. Development proposals will be permitted within the urban area (as defined on the Policies Map) provided that it accords with other policies in the Local Plan.	
3. Brownfield land within the urban area of the Borough will be the priority for new development. New mixed-use development will be focused within the following Regeneration Areas in line with Policy D3: Urban Regeneration Areas:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Harbour Regeneration Area b) Rowner and HMS Sultan Regeneration Area c) Daedalus Regeneration Area 	
4. Other development allocations are detailed in the following policies and shown on	

¹This figure relates to floorspace within the E(g), B2 and B8 Use Classes.

the Policies Map:

- a) Policy A1: Enabling Allocations**
- b) Policy A2: Housing**
- b) Policy A3: Employment**
- c) Policy A4: Leisure, Community Uses and Open Spaces**
- d) Policy A5: Allotments**
- e) Policy A6: Safeguarded Land for Transport Improvements**

- 5. The Borough Council will protect, and seek opportunities to enhance designated employment sites for continued commercial use, community facilities and open spaces.**
- 6. Development will protect and take opportunities to enhance the Local Ecological Network and development likely to have an individual or cumulative adverse impact on internationally important habitats will not be permitted unless the necessary avoidance or mitigation measures have been secured in line with Policy D5: The Local Ecological Network and Internationally and Nationally Important Sites.**
- 7. Development proposals which affect heritage assets will need to conserve, and where possible enhance them in a manner appropriate to their significance in line with Policy D10: Heritage Assets.**
- 8. Areas outside of the urban area will be safeguarded from development unless they are for appropriate recreational uses or development essential to the operational requirements of public and other essential services. Such exceptions will need to accord with Policy D8: Design.**
- 9. The character and function of the Strategic Gap (as shown on the Policies Map) between Fareham, Gosport, Lee-on-the-Solent and Stubbington will be preserved.**
- 10. The Alver Valley, Browndown, Lee Beach and Clifflands, and Stokes Bay area is identified as Strategic Open Space in line with Policy D6: Gosport Strategic Open Spaces for Green Infrastructure and includes a Country Park.**

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The following options are considered for the Local Plan and assessed in Part 3:

<p>Option 1: Employment-led regeneration of brownfield sites</p> <p>This option was considered to highlight the effects that could arise by pursuing the employment-led regeneration of brownfield sites within the Borough. It assumes that the predominant use on all brownfield sites would be employment uses. Any residential development in the Borough would be minimal and be accommodated on small sites in existing residential areas.</p>
<p>Option 2: Mixed use regeneration with a balanced approach to employment and housing</p> <p>This option was considered to highlight the effects that could arise by pursuing mixed-use regeneration within the Borough and ensuring a balanced approach to employment and housing. This option would also incorporate a mixture of other uses including retail, leisure and community uses as well as open spaces. This option is considered to be in most accordance with the principles of sustainable development which underpin the National Planning Policy Framework as it seeks to balance economic, social and environmental considerations at a local level.</p>
<p>Option 3: Gosport as a dormitory town with an emphasis on housing delivery and less on retaining existing and new employment.</p> <p>This option was considered to highlight the effects that could arise from pursuing a dormitory town approach whereby the Council does not seek to promote mixed-use regeneration or a specific mixture of uses on sites but instead focuses solely on housing delivery on all available land. This option assumes that observed trends in previous decades which have seen a reduction in job opportunities resulting from the withdrawal of the Ministry of Defence and related activities from Portsmouth Harbour continue and thereby exacerbate the dormitory town approach.</p>

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy D2: Development Strategy

<p>The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative</p>					
<p>Policy D2: Development Strategy</p>					
Sustainability Theme	<p>Option 1: Employment-led regeneration of brownfield sites</p> <p>Option 2: Mixed use regeneration with a balanced approach to employment and housing</p> <p>Option 3: Gosport as a dormitory town with an emphasis on housing delivery and less on retaining existing and new employment.</p>			<p><i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i></p>	
Sustainability Appraisal Objective					
Decision Making Criteria					
<p>Climate Change</p>					
<p>SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.</p>					
<p>1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?</p>	o?	o?	o?	<p>All Options have the potential to result in positive effects depending on factors beyond the spatial option itself. For example, Options 1 and 2 both seek to provide employment opportunities closer to where people live which could reduce the need to travel and thereby reduce emissions. That said, if new employment opportunities were intense industries</p>	

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Policy D2: Development Strategy				
Sustainability Theme	<p>Option 1: Employment-led regeneration of brownfield sites</p> <p>Option 2: Mixed use regeneration with a balanced approach to employment and housing</p> <p>Option 3: Gosport as a dormitory town with an emphasis on housing delivery and less on retaining existing and new employment.</p> <p>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</p>			
Sustainability Appraisal Objective				
Decision Making Criteria				
				<p>which led to increased emissions then this could negate the positive effects resulting from less commuting by private car. There is therefore significant uncertainty as to how the positive and negative effects from each option would play out and all are assessed as neutral/uncertain at this stage.</p> <p>Option 3 may result in a greater need to travel outside of the Borough for work and therefore may increase emissions which would be a negative effect. However, like Options 1 and 2, the potential emissions resulting from each spatial option is unknown and difficult to predict. The extent of advances in technology and how these may change emissions is unknown and difficult for the Local Plan to predict. In addition, the emissions and impacts are not just directly experienced within the Borough (for example energy is produced many miles away) and therefore the results of decisions taken at the Borough level are difficult to fully ascertain.</p> <p>All options, therefore, come with significant uncertainty and all options make broad assumptions relating to issues that influence emissions. As a result, it is considered appropriate to assess all options as neutral/uncertain.</p>
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	o	o	o	<p>All Options are considered to be neutral. While the Council will seek to support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050 it is difficult to predict how the overall spatial option will influence this. All Options could positively and negatively contribute to net zero carbon and it is difficult to conclude the results at this high level.</p>

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Decision Making Criteria				
				Option 2 seeks to provide a mix of uses which should reduce the need to travel and therefore could have positive effects. However, the carbon emissions associated with other options such as Option 3 may be offset by technological improvements such as renewable energy and electric vehicles.
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	o?	o?	o?	This is unknown at this stage and will be assessed at the individual site level.
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	o?	o?	o?	This is unknown at this stage and will be assessed at the individual site level.
Overall effects identified SA1	o?	o?	o?	
Transport and Accessibility				
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.				
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	+	++	-	Both Options 1 and 2 could reduce traffic volumes and congestion by ensuring employment opportunities are located closer to where people live and thereby reduce the need to travel on congested routes such as the A32. Option 2 may have even greater positive effects as it would provide a mix of uses thereby reducing the need to travel outside the Borough to a greater degree. Option 3 is likely to be detrimental to overall traffic volumes and congestion as it is anticipated that a residential-led option would require people to travel to work outside of the Borough to a greater extent. Based on existing traffic volumes and congestion this would be likely to lead to a worsening of current conditions.
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	o	o	o	All options are considered to be neutral as while development should seek to make highways safer and reduce accidents it cannot be guaranteed that this will occur if each option is pursued. This will be better assessed at the individual site level.

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3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	+	+	--?	Options 1 and 2 are both considered to potentially reduce traffic-related pollution as both options provided employment opportunities closer to home and minimise the need to travel by car. Option 3 is considered to have major negative effects, although there is some degree of uncertainty as potential pollution impacts may be ameliorated by changing vehicle technology such as the move to electric vehicles.
Overall effects identified SA2	+	+	-	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.				
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	+	+	--	<p>Options 1 and 2 could increase opportunities to travel by modes other than the car as they seek to provide employment and other services in locations closer to where people live. This could decrease the need to travel by private car as journeys will be shorter in length and more easily made by foot or bicycle.</p> <p>Option 3 could have major negative effects as residential growth without the necessary increase in jobs and services could increase the need to travel outside the Borough for employment opportunities. Based on current evidence the majority of these journeys would likely be by car due to the limitations of the transport network and the peninsula geography. While public transport may reduce the need to travel by car, the existing provision is not considered to be of high enough quality to negate the need for car travel.</p>
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle	+	+	+	All options are considered to be positive as all developments have the potential to incorporate high quality walking and

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Decision Making Criteria				
parking?				cycling networks. This criterion will be assessed in greater detail on a site by site basis.
Overall effects identified SA3	+	+	--	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.				
1. Will it improve access to local services?	+	++	-?	<p>Both Options 1 and 2 could help improve the provision of local services. Option 2 pursues a greater emphasis on mixed use so would therefore likely have greater beneficial effects however it's important these services are equally distributed across the Borough to meet demand.</p> <p>Option 3 is judged to most likely result in negative effects however there is uncertainty as increased residential development may result in more local services as it may be considered beneficial by developers to include provision within development if there is the demand. However, it is uncertain whether the required range of services to meet demand would be provided if no overall strategy exists.</p>
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	+	+	-?	<p>Both options 1 and 2 have the potential to make access easier as services will be more closely located to existing settlements.</p> <p>Option 3 results in significant uncertainty as it is assumed the option would not result in the creation of significant new employment, retail and community floorspace and it's hard to say whether developers would provide adequate services in appropriate locations.</p>
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	+	+	-?	<p>Both options 1 and 2 have the potential to make access easier as services will be more closely located to existing settlements.</p>

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				Option 3 results in significant uncertainty as it is assumed the option would not result in the creation of significant new employment, retail and community floorspace and it's hard to say whether developers would provide adequate services in appropriate locations.
Overall effects identified SA4	+	+	-?	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods				
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.				
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	o	o	o	All options have the potential to provide opportunities for engagement and improve overall investment in activities. Options 1 and 2 are considered more likely to result in positive effects in the long term however option 3 also has the potential to result in an increased population and thus increased potential for interactions. All options are considered to be neutral.
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	++	++	?	Options 1 and 2 result in the re-use of brownfield land and improvement of the built environment. Option 2 seeks to achieve mixed use sustainable neighbourhoods so could be seen more positively by residents. Option 3 is less certain, officers tend to agree that many people would not have positive views about a dormitory town approach however this is unknown.
Overall effects identified SA5	++	++	?	
Crime and Disorder				
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder				
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	o	o	o	It is unknown at this high level; therefore all options are assessed as neutral. A more detailed analysis will be undertaken of individual sites and policies.
Overall effects identified SA6	o	o	o	

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Poverty and Deprivation				
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.				
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	++	++	?+	The provision of a significant amount of employment floorspace under Options 1 and 2 over the plan period could help employment opportunities and reduce poverty and social exclusion. Option 3 also provides opportunities for reducing poverty and social exclusion by providing a range of housing opportunities.
Overall effects identified SA7	++	++	?+	
Health and Well-being				
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.				
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	o	o	o	It is unknown at this stage as to what extent each of the options will help to reduce health inequalities.
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	o	o	o	It is unknown at this stage as to what extent each of the options will enable and support healthy lifestyles.
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	o	o	o	It is unknown at this stage as to what extent each of the options will improve access to health facilities.
Overall effects identified SA8	o	o	o	
Housing				
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.				
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	+	++	++	All three options have the potential to reduce homelessness, increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups, and increase the number of decent homes. All options may contribute to varying levels as all options seek to deliver different levels of housing. Option 2 seeks to deliver mixed-use development so has the possibility of reducing homelessness over time. Option 3 would see increase residential development provided so would also result in positive effects.
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	+	++	++	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	+	++	++	

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Decision Making Criteria				
Overall effects identified SA9	+	++	++	
Education and Skills				
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.				
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	o	o	o	It is unknown at this stage as to whether each of the options that could be pursued would help to improve the qualifications and skills of young people and the population overall.
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	o	o	o	
Overall effects identified SA10	o	o	o	
Employment				
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.				
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	?+	?+	--	Option 1 and 2 are considered to help in reducing out commuting as they both seek to provide significant employment opportunities and other services within the Borough. Option 3 risks resulting in long-term negative effects as it is assumed that such an approach would result in people having to out-commute to reach satisfactory employment opportunities.
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	+	++	--?	Option 1 and 2 would both likely improve accessibility to work by non-car modes as opportunities will be provided closer to where people live. Option 2 is considered to provide the most positive effects which have the potential to be sustained into the longer term as it seeks to build mixed-use sustainable neighbourhoods which allow people to access employment and services locally and therefore reduce their reliance on the private car. Option 3 is most likely to have negative effects which may persist and be hard to redress. This is because it assumes residential growth without the requisite increase in jobs. This may result in a long-term trend of out-commuting.
Overall effects identified SA11	?+	?+	--	

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SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.				
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	+	+	-	Both Options 1 and 2 provide a strong basis for reducing overall and long-term unemployment. Option 2 has the potential to provide a range of job opportunities in different sectors which could provide more resilience during economic shocks however this is an assertion that is hard to test. Option 3 with a dormitory town approach is considered to do little to reduce unemployment within the Borough.
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	+	+	-	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	+	+	-	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	o	o	o	It is not known at this stage if the Options will increase earnings. This will depend upon the specific opportunities provided as well as wider economic factors such as national economic growth and recessionary periods.
Overall effects identified SA12	+	+	-	
Economy				
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.				
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	+	++	+	All options will re-use previously developed land given the availability of land in the Borough. However, Option 2 is considered to make the <u>most</u> effective use as it seeks to provide a mix of uses to meet the demand for housing, employment and retail and other uses in accordance with the principles outlined in the NPPF.
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	+	++	o	By providing new employment floorspace both Options 1 and 2 are likely to have positive effects on business development and enhancement as well as the resilience of business and the economy. However, businesses rely on customers, therefore Option 2 is considered to have the most positive effects which may have more permanence as Option 2 seeks to provide a balanced mix of uses and therefore will
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	+	++	o	

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				<p>also include the provision of new housing which will ultimately lead to a wider customer base.</p> <p>Option 2 also seeks to provide diverse employment opportunities and may therefore be more resilient to economic shops and recessionary periods.</p> <p>Option 3 is considered to offer minimal benefit to the economy overall as while the provision of new housing will result in increased demand for products and services, people may need to travel outside of the Borough and therefore the economic benefits of development are less likely to be felt directly within the Borough.</p>
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	++	++	o	Options 1 and 2 both have the potential to promote growth in key sectors. This is not considered to be the case in Option 3 as it is assumed the dormitory town approach would do little to encourage inward investment into the Borough. This is particularly relevant when taking cumulatively with other negative effects identified which may result in increased traffic congestion and out-commuting.
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	++	++	o?	<p>Both Options 1 and 2 seek to make land and property available for businesses. Option 1 may provide more land however this does necessarily mean it will all be in demand. Option 2 seeks to take a balanced approach, making land available for businesses, while protecting areas for wider public benefits and the provision of housing and services.</p> <p>Option 3 is uncertain and is expected to result in minimal provision of new employment land.</p>

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Overall effects identified SA13	+	++	o	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.				
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	o	o	o	Unknown at this stage. Option 2 could have potentially positive effects as it may make the Borough a more attractive destination. That said this is uncertain as the exact mixture of uses that could be developed is unknown at this stage.
Overall effects identified SA14	o	o	o	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres				
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.				
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	o	o	?	Unknown at this stage.
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	o	o	?	Option 1 and 2 may improve vitality and viability however the effects of each option are considered neutral. Option 3 is considered unknown as it is not known how the vitality and viability of centres will be impacted in a dormitory town approach. The competition for land may result in the loss of town centre uses to residential which may be negative. However high levels of new housing may result in increased numbers of people spending in the Borough's centres.
Overall effects identified SA15	o	o	?	
Leisure				
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.				
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	o	o	o	Unknown at this stage. Many developments will be CIL liable and these funds may be able to be used for sports facilities. The effects of development proposals on this criterion will be assessed at the site level.
Overall effects identified SA16	o	o	o	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.				
1. Will it protect or enhance the	+	+	-?	As Options 1 and 2 adopt a strategy of

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Borough's network of greenspace?				regenerating brownfield sites they are considered more likely to lead to positive effects and the protection and enhancement of greenspace. Both options could see development on low value open space provided enhancements are made to other parts of the Borough's network of greenspace. However, Option 3 is much less certain and considered to be likely to result in overall negative effects as a dormitory town approach could see the uncontrolled release of any open space to accommodate high levels of residential development.
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	o	o	o	Unknown at this stage. Will be assessed at the site level.
Overall effects identified SA17	+	+	-?	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity				
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.				
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	+	+	o	<p>Both Options 1 and 2 would result in the regeneration of brownfield land. This combined with a biodiversity net gain requirement could result in significant improvements within the Borough.</p> <p>Option 3 is assessed as neutral as the 'hands off' approach may not lead to biodiversity net gain being strategically planned and managed. This option may all result in areas of land not being available for off-site biodiversity enhancement as a result of not having protection through the Local Plan.</p>
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	?+	+	o	Both Options 1 and 2 could result in multifunctional green infrastructure. Option 1 with a focus on employment could result in employment uses being pursued over green infrastructure – this option is therefore assessed as having

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				some uncertainty.
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	?	?	?	Option 2 is considered to have overall positive effects as green infrastructure would be a consideration within the mix of uses on sites. Option 3 is considered to be neutral and under this scenario, it is assumed there would be no intervention in this matter, however developers may choose to include green infrastructure within the development.
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	?	?	?	All options are considered uncertain at this stage. Much depends on the location and proximity of new development to sensitive designations. The impact on nature conservation interests will need to be assessed through the HRA and at the detailed proposal stage.
				The level of development that could be pursued under each of the spatial options, particularly in relation to a higher level of residential development under Option 3 could result in an increased need for measures such as flood defences which could have potential impacts upon biodiversity.
Overall effects identified SA18	?	?	?	
Heritage and Design				
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.				
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	?+	?+	?+	It is uncertain whether each option will protect and enhance the historic environment. This depends on the proximity of new development to existing heritage assets and how it is designed. It is possible that development under any of the options could be well-designed and made good use of existing heritage. All three options are therefore assets as uncertain/positive.
2. Will it improve the condition of any	?+	?+	?+	All options have the potential to have

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heritage asset identified as at risk?				positive effects if development is sensitive to heritage assets. The nature of the effect is assessed as uncertain as at this spatial scale it is difficult to conclude.
Overall effects identified SA19	?+	?+	?+	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.				
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	?+	?+	?+	It is uncertain whether each option will enhance the townscape. However, all development under all options has the potential to incorporate good design principles which would help to improve the quality of the townscape. The cumulative impacts are uncertain however the cumulative impact of good design in all development could result in long term positive effects. Likewise, poor design in all development will likely result in long lasting negative effects.
Overall effects identified SA20	?+	?+	?+	
Air Quality				
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.				
1. Will it improve air quality?	+o	+o	-?	Options 1 and 2 both provide employment opportunities within the Borough and could help to reduce travel and associated greenhouse gas emissions. Both Options could improve overall air quality from the current position. That said, the effect could also be neutral in the short to medium term as it may take considerable time to redress the current jobs deficit and it is unlikely that all residents will ever work fully within the Borough. It is also unknown at this stage who will occupy the new employment floorspace – for example, some industries such as heavy industry may reduce air quality which could offset gains from reduced traffic pollution. Compared to Options 1 and 2, Option 3 is

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				<p>less likely to contribute towards any overall improvement. This is because a large number of homes would be provided without any significant employment floorspace. This could result in higher levels of car use with residents commuting out of the Borough for work. This could result in a deterioration in air quality.</p> <p>With all options that identified effects come with significant uncertainty as it is now fully known whether electric vehicles or other technological improvements will reduce the impact of vehicles on air quality.</p>
Overall effects identified SA21	+o	+o	-?	
Use of Energy Resources				
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.				
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	+	+	-?	<p>By providing employment closer to where people live Option 1 reduces the need to travel and therefore could help to reduce associated energy consumptions and greenhouse gases. Option 2 provides a mix of uses and therefore may lead to similar positive effects.</p> <p>The dormitory town approach in Option 3 is considered less likely to contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions overall. This is because it assumes a larger number of homes would be provided without accompanying employment opportunities. This would therefore result in the need to travel to work outside the Borough, a journey likely to be made by car, which could therefore contribute to a higher level of greenhouse gas emissions. This is some uncertainty however as the extent of uptake of electric vehicles is hard to predict.</p>

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2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	+?	+?	+?	All options have positive effects in this regard as the supply of energy is becoming increasingly dominated by renewable sources. That said, uncertainty has been identified as it is not known for certain that trends in renewable supply will continue and this is outside of the remit of the Local Plan.
Overall effects identified SA22	+?	+?	+?	
Use of Land Resources				
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.				
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	++	++	+	<p>It is highly likely given the character of the Borough that all options would have a positive effect in re-using previously developed land.</p> <p>It is however recognised that different options will also involve the development of land not previously built on, but this is assumed to be limited in all options. Option 3 is assessed to result in less beneficial effects as it is felt that there is a possibility that developers may resort to non-developed land in the first instance as this may be more viable and profitable.</p>
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	+	+	+	All Options can potentially remediate contaminated land and are therefore assessed as having positive effects.
Overall effects identified SA23	++	++	+	
Water Management				
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.				
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	o	o	o	It is not known at this stage whether each of the options that could be pursued would impact the quality of water bodies. Where there are effects it is also unknown at this stage as to how they can be effectively addressed through mitigation. This criterion will therefore be better assessed at the site level and within the Habitats Regulation Assessment.

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Sustainability Appraisal Objective				
Decision Making Criteria				
Overall effects identified SA24	o	o	o	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.				
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	o	o	-?	<p>All options could result in an increased risk of flooding to people and property as many parts of the Borough which are available for development are situated in areas that currently are or will be at risk of flooding. All options are considered to introduce land uses that will be at risk of flooding. These effects are also likely to be exacerbated over time as identified trends in flood risk become worse. However, options 1 and 2 will provide opportunities to minimise the risk of flooding as less vulnerable uses can be located in areas of flood risk where necessary. Option 3 is considered to have negative effects as a dormitory town approach with a focus on residential development may result in a need to put significant amounts of housing in areas of flood risk. This effect does however have uncertainty as under these options it would be market-led.</p>
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	-	-	--	<p>All options have negative effects as all are considered likely to result in development in areas of flood risk. However, all options result in varying levels of development in flood risk areas and a varying requirement to build in areas of the highest risk.</p> <p>Option 2 offers the potential with its mix of uses to locate less vulnerable uses in areas of highest risk and more vulnerable uses such as new houses in areas of lowest risk.</p> <p>There is potential for Option 3 with its greater provision of new dwellings to result in the need to build in higher risk areas to accommodate the level of</p>

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative				
Policy D2: Development Strategy				
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Employment-led regeneration of brownfield sites Option 2: Mixed use regeneration with a balanced approach to employment and housing Option 3: Gosport as a dormitory town with an emphasis on housing delivery and less on retaining existing and new employment.			Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective				
Decision Making Criteria				
				provision. Under Option 3 it is therefore likely housing will need to be built in areas that are highly vulnerable to flood risk.
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	o	o	o	All options are considered neutral. This specific issue will be assessed at the site level, it is therefore difficult to conclude on this criterion at this spatial scale.
Overall effects identified SA25	o	o	-	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.				
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	-?	-?	-?	It is acknowledged that all options will lead to an overall increase in water consumption as all options increase demand. All options have the potential to significantly increase water demand and this demand is likely to increase over time. While efficiency measures can be integrated into development, these may not offset an overall increase in water consumption.
Overall effects identified SA26	-?	-?	-?	
Natural Resources and Waste Management				
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.				
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	-	-	-	All three options are considered unlikely to lead to a reduction in the consumption of materials and resources as all options will require materials and resources for both the construction of new development and its ongoing operation. The effects experienced under all options will change over time and there may be reduced consumption of materials and resources as a result of new development, for example, new buildings may be more efficient, however overall it is considered that all options will result in a negative effect.
2. Will it reduce household waste?	-	-	--	All options could have negative effects on household waste as all will see a net increase in the number of dwellings and households in the Borough over the plan

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative				
Policy D2: Development Strategy				
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Employment-led regeneration of brownfield sites Option 2: Mixed use regeneration with a balanced approach to employment and housing Option 3: Gosport as a dormitory town with an emphasis on housing delivery and less on retaining existing and new employment.			Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective				
Decision Making Criteria				
				period. The number of homes would be greater under option 3 so this would probably result in more household waste and major negative effects.
3. Will it increase recycling?	o?	o?	o?	All options are assessed as neutral/uncertain as all have the potential to increase recycling rates however this is subject to factors beyond the direct remit of the options assessed here. None of the three options are assessed as directly contributing to increased recycling although all could seek to increase recycling rates. Actual recycling rates are heavily dependent on the management of waste by the Local Waste Authority and the behavioural attitudes of residents. There is therefore too much uncertainty to determine the effects over time – this will be better assessed at the site scale and in the consideration of individual development proposals.
Overall effects identified SA27	-	-	-	

Policy D2: Development Strategy

SA Objective	Option 1: Employment-led regeneration of brownfield sites							Option 2: Mixed use regeneration with a balanced approach to employment and housing						
	Maj or positive ++	Posi tive +	Neutra l/not applic able o	Unce rtain ?	Nega tive -	Maj or nega tive -	Impac t timefr ame (short (S), Medi um (M), Long (L) term)	Maj or posi tive ++	Posi tive +	Neutra l/not applic able o	Unce rtain ?	Nega tive -	Maj or nega tive -	Impac t timefr ame (short (S), Medi um (M), Long (L) term)
SA1			o?							o?				
SA2		+					M/L		+					M/L
SA3		+					M/L		+					M/L
SA4		+					M/L		+					M/L
SA5	++						M/L	++						M/L
SA6			o							o				
SA7	++						M/L	++						M/L
SA8			o							o				
SA9		+					M/L	++						M/L
SA10			o							o				
SA11				?+			M/L				?+			M/L
SA12		+					M/L		+					M/L
SA13		+					S/M/L	++						S/M/L
SA14			o							o				
SA15			o							o				
SA16			o							o				
SA17		+					M/L		+					M/L
SA18				?							?			
SA19				?+			M/L				?+			M/L
SA20				?+			M/L				?+			M/L
SA21		+o					M/L		+o					M/L
SA22		+?					M/L		+?					M/L
SA23	++						S/M/L	++						S/M/L
SA24			o							o				
SA25			o							o				
SA26						-?	M/L					-?		M/L
SA27						-	M/L					-		M/L

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy D2: Development Strategy

<p>Preferred option(s)</p>	<p>The Borough Council has decided to take on elements of Option 1: Employment-led regeneration of brownfield sites and Option 2: Mixed use regeneration with a balanced approach to employment and housing.</p>
<p>Appraisal conclusion</p>	<p>The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that both Option 1 with the employment-led regeneration of brownfield sites and Option 2 with a greater emphasis on mixed-use development on brownfield sites have a high number of positive effects. The dormitory town approach with residential development and limited employment as set out in Option 3 would have a number of negative and uncertain effects.</p>
<p>Justification</p>	<p>The appraisal shows the Option 2 would result in significant positive effects. These are particularly related to accessibility factors due to the potential to bring forward mixed use development whereby a mix of employment, retail, and other uses are located on sites and in proximity to housing. The option therefore has the potential to reduce the need to travel and need to travel outside of the Borough which could reduce traffic congestion and related emissions and pollution.</p> <p>There is significant uncertainty regarding how all three options affect internationally important habitat sites. The Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening Report highlights that each of the spatial options could in combination with other development in South Hampshire have a detrimental impact on internationally important habitats.</p> <p>It is also recognised that all three options could have a number of potential impacts including increased water consumption, increased use of natural resources (energy and water) and increased industrial, commercial and household waste. It is, therefore, possible that all three options could impact the local environment such as upon local habitats, particularly when considered in combination with other development proposals in the sub-region. Option 3 is considered to be the least sustainable option to pursue as it is considered to have the lowest number of positive effects and a number of potentially negative effects as shown in the appraisal matrix.</p> <p>In respect of Option 3, the SA assessment found that there could be potentially negative effects of providing more dwellings without sufficient employment, community and retail uses to satisfy the resulting additional population and existing residents. For example, it is considered that option 3 wouldn't provide space for the economic investment required to help regenerate the Borough and compensate for the losses of employment experienced in recent decades. The option also has the potential to exacerbate existing out-commuting and result in worsening congestion problems and the resulting negative effects on the</p>

	<p>environment. Option 3 is therefore considered to contribute least towards alleviating socio-economic issues in the Borough, particularly in relation to the ambition to increase employment opportunities and people’s income to a level more consistent with the sub-region.</p> <p>The broad nature of the potential options the Borough Council could pursue result in a large degree of uncertainty on many SA Objectives. For example, the impact of the options on the quality of the townscape and the effects development could have on amenity are broadly uncertain as the spatial options do not dictate the design characteristics of development. However, broad assumptions have been made throughout the assessment that the development set out in the spatial option would need to accord with best practice and planning guidance and therefore assist in achieving the SA objectives. Further assessment on detailed proposals and policies is required and is therefore also undertaken where relevant.</p>
Recommendation for Local Plan	The Local Plan should incorporate the principles of Options 1 and 2 throughout the Development Strategy, Regeneration Area and Strategic Development Sites and the relevant Development Strategy policies.

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy D2: Development Strategy

For the preferred options the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects	
SA1	A policy or policies should be included in the Local Plan which seeks to address climate change issues and ensure development is designed to a high standard to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050.
SA18	A policy or policies should be included in the Local Plan that refers to maintaining and enhancing sites designated for their nature conservation interest and to conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and to avoid harm to protected species.
SA25	Develop and includes a policy that seeks to address flood risk to people and property, this should include the requirement for a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment to help minimise the risk of flooding and ensure it is addressed.
SA24 and SA26	Include a policy or policies that minimise water consumption in new development and ensure nutrient neutral development is delivered to improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive.
SA27	Include a policy or policies that ensure waste related issues are appropriately dealt with.

Maximising beneficial effects	
SA13	Consider including policies that seek to improve skills to increase overall earnings and improve employment opportunities.
SA19 and SA20	Ensure policies are included in the Local Plan to maximise the quality of built development and ensure opportunities are taken to enhance the Borough’s built and historic environment.

Policy D3: Urban Regeneration Areas

Overview

Policy D3 recognises that Gosport has a key role for urban regeneration in South Hampshire. The Policy sets out how this will be achieved through three identified Urban Regeneration Areas (URAs). It also sets out a policy framework in the form of an over-arching urban regeneration policy which is complemented by a set of Strategic Development Site policies that identify key development opportunities and set out the key planning issues which should be addressed in proposals. Policy D3 sets out key objectives for the three URAs to deliver and details the key local issues which all development proposals should address. The three URAs are the Harbour Regeneration Area (HBRA), Rowner and HMS Sultan Regeneration Area (RSRA) and Daedalus Regeneration Area (DRA). While Policy D3 is a new policy, it contains elements previously contained within Policies LP4-7 of the GBLP 2011-2029.

PART 1 – Policy D3: Urban Regeneration Areas

POLICY D3: URBAN REGENERATION AREAS

- 1. The Council supports major regeneration and growth in the Borough’s three urban Regeneration Areas and will work with the local community and key stakeholders to ensure that within these areas proposals provide new exemplary urban communities delivered to the highest possible design standards through responsibly capitalising on its waterfront townscape, heritage assets and marine environment. The Council’s key objectives for the three urban Regeneration Areas are to deliver:**
 - a) At least 2,600 new homes in the period up to 2038 to contribute towards meeting local housing needs and enable local residents the opportunity to access affordable home to buy or rent;**
 - b) Sufficient suitable sites to assist the development and evolution of Gosport as a world-class global hub for marine and maritime economic activity and provide an overall broader range of job opportunities for local residents; and**
 - c) New physical, social and environmental infrastructure that meets the needs of all residents and visitors including improved access and permeability by connecting places through new or improved vehicular arrangements, pedestrian and cycle routes, and public transport infrastructure.**
- 2. All development proposals within the three Urban Regeneration Areas should address the following key local issues in line with the relevant strategic policy and national planning guidance:**
 - a) Protect, enhance and find viable new uses for Gosport’s unique set of heritage assets;**
 - b) Avoid and reduce the risks from all sources of flooding and the impacts on coastal processes and ensure that flood risk is not increased elsewhere as a**

result;

c) Protect the quality and status of internationally and nationally important sites and where necessary provide suitable mitigation; and

d) Suitably address issues of land contamination.

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The policy was considered to be in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance; therefore no further options were required for testing. The Borough Council considers it necessary to develop overarching policy framework which supports major regeneration and growth in identified urban regeneration areas. This is in line paragraph 117 of the NPPF which requires as much use as possible of previously-developed or ‘brownfield’ land.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy D3: Urban Regeneration Areas

The effects over time:		
++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D3: Urban Regeneration Areas		
Sustainability Theme	regeneration areas in identified urban regeneration and growth supports major framework which overarching policy Option 1: Develop	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	+	By providing new urban communities delivered to the highest possible design standards the policy can help to address climate change issues. The approach is to create areas with a range of uses that ensure the best use of brownfield land. Through focussing significant growth within the URAs to meet requirements over the plan period the policy can assist in reducing emissions and supporting the transition to net zero carbon by 2050.
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	+	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	+	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	+	
Overall effects identified SA1	+	
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	+	The Councils objectives for the three URAs include improved access and permeability by connecting places through new or improved vehicular arrangements, pedestrian and cycle routes, and public transport infrastructure. In addition, the URAs are located in accessible locations with a mix of uses proposed which can help facilitate modal transfer away from the private car.
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	o	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	o	
Overall effects identified SA2	+o	

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Policy D3: Urban Regeneration Areas		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop overarching policy framework which supports major regeneration and growth in identified urban regeneration areas	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	+	The Councils objectives for the three URAs include improved access and permeability by connecting places through new or improved vehicular arrangements, pedestrian and cycle routes, and public transport infrastructure. In addition, the URAs are located in accessible locations with a mix of uses proposed which can help facilitate modal transfer away from the private car.
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	+	
Overall effects identified SA3	+	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	+	The Council's objectives for the three URAs include the provision of new physical, social and environmental infrastructure. This can improve access to local services.
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	+	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	+	
Overall effects identified SA4	+	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	+	The Council's objectives for the three URAs include the provision of new social infrastructure. This can provide opportunities for community activities.
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	+	
Overall effects identified SA5	+	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	?	By improving the built environment within the URAs there is potential to reduce crime and disorder. However, this is very uncertain at this time.
Overall effects identified SA6	?	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D3: Urban Regeneration Areas		
Sustainability Theme	regeneration areas in identified urban regeneration and growth supports major framework which overarching policy Option 1: Develop	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	++?	The Council considers that major regeneration and growth within the Borough's three URAs can significantly assist efforts to reduce poverty and social exclusion through both increased employment opportunities, more housing, and access to new facilities. The Council also recognises that there is some uncertainty as poverty and social exclusion is reliant on many determinants beyond the built and natural environment.
Overall effects identified SA7	++?	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	+	The URAs offer opportunities to facilitate a wide range of improvements to people's health and wellbeing. This could be through improvements to the built environment, new high quality homes, employment opportunities and access to green space/the coast. Overall the regeneration of these sites is considered to present positive effects for health and well-being.
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	+	
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	+	
Overall effects identified SA8	+	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	+?	The Council's key objectives are to deliver over 2000 homes within the URAs which will assist in meeting local housing needs and enable residents the opportunity to access affordable homes to buy or rent. Housing is considered a key part of the mix of development in the URAs, by using land efficiently to deliver medium to high density residential development the URAs can deliver a significant proportion of the overall number of smaller dwellings required. Additionally, other sites within the URAs have greater scope for other typologies which will increase the range of housing for all in society.
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	++	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	+	
Overall effects identified SA9	+	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	+	The URAs include significant areas designated for new employment development in the plan period. By providing sufficient land for employment
2. Will it improve the qualifications and	+	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D3: Urban Regeneration Areas		
Sustainability Theme	regeneration areas in identified urban regeneration and growth supports major framework which overarching policy Option 1: Develop	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
skills of the population overall?		development and by capitalising on assets such as deep-water access and the proximity to Portsmouth Harbour and the Solent the policy can attract a high skills base. Providing job opportunities for local people in skilled jobs will improve people's qualifications and skills. It is recognised that there is uncertainty as qualifications and skills are also reliant on factors beyond the control of the policy such as the state of the economy and the aspirations of businesses.
Overall effects identified SA10	+?	
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	++	By providing sufficient employment sites within the URAs to provide a range of job opportunities for residents the policy will reduce out-commuting for work. This is considered a key way of addressing the reduction in employment that has occurred in the Borough associated with the decline of the military.
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	+	The policy sets out that development should achieve improved access and permeability by connecting places through new/improved vehicular arrangements, pedestrian and cycle routes, and public transport infrastructure.
Overall effects identified SA11	+	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	++	The policy provides an overarching framework to provide sufficient sites to assist the development and evolution of Gosport as a world-class global hub for marine and maritime economic activity and provide an overall broader range of job opportunities for local residents. This is considered to result in major positive effects for reducing unemployment in the Borough.
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	++	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	++	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	+?	By seeking to maximise employment opportunities within the marine sector, high-tech industries and other sectors, it is hoped regeneration in the URAs can increase the local skills base and provide high quality jobs that can improve average earnings.
Overall effects identified SA12	++	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D3: Urban Regeneration Areas		
Sustainability Theme	regeneration areas in identified urban regeneration and growth supports major framework which overarching policy Option 1: Develop	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	++	As above the policy seeks to maximise the effective use of previously developed land to lever increased investment in the local economy. This is considered to result in major positive effects which can increase over time as regeneration is realised.
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	++	By safeguarding land with access to assets and facilities that serve important sectors, the policy approach can facilitate the environment required for business development. By seeking to maximise marine related industries it is considered that the resilience of the local economy can be improved, with growth in key sectors.
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	++	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	++	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	++	
Overall effects identified SA13	++	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	+	By creating new exemplary urban communities delivered to the highest possible design standards the URAs can offer the potential to develop Gosport's tourism industry.
Overall effects identified SA14	+	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	+	The URAs include Gosport Town Centre and include major regeneration and growth within and around the Centre which will help to bring activity to these areas.
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	+	
Overall effects identified SA15	+	
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	+	The policy seeks to ensure the URAs deliver new physical, social and environmental infrastructure. This could include sporting and leisure facilities where a need is identified.
Overall effects identified SA16	+	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	+	The URAs will be the main focus for development in the Borough over the plan period. This will direct

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D3: Urban Regeneration Areas		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop overarching policy framework which supports major regeneration and growth in identified urban regeneration areas	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
		development towards previously developed land and enable the Borough's planning strategy to protect and enhanced greenspaces.
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	+	The policy involves the regeneration of sites which are located in the Borough's coast and harbour areas and seeks to improve public access to these areas.
Overall effects identified SA17	+	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	o	
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	+	The policy requires all development proposals to protect the quality and status of internationally and nationally important habitats, and where necessary provide suitable mitigation.
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	+	
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	+	
Overall effects identified SA18	+	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	++	The overarching URA policy sets out the Council's support for proposals in the URAs which capitalise on heritage assets. The policy requires all development proposals to protect, enhance and find viable new uses for heritage assets. The policy is assessed as having major positive effects on the historic environment. The detailed implications of development proposals will be assessed through the Strategic Development Sites policies and at the planning application stage.
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	++	The URAs contain a number of heritage assets that are on the Heritage at Risk Register. The policy requires all development proposals to protect, enhance and find viable new uses for heritage assets. This offers opportunities to secure improvements to heritage assets.
Overall effects identified SA19	++	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D3: Urban Regeneration Areas		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop overarching policy framework which supports major regeneration and growth in identified urban regeneration areas	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	+	The policy requires proposals within the URAs to be delivered to the highest possible design standards through responsibility capitalising on the waterfront landscape, heritage assets and marine environment. The regeneration of the URAs and a significant amount of previously developed land is considered to result in positive effects for enhancing the quality of the townscape.
Overall effects identified SA20	+	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA21	n/a	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	n/a	
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA22	n/a	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	++	The three URAs account for a significant amount of the Borough's previously developed land and include sites that have been or are currently used by the MoD and MoJ. The policy is assessed as resulting in major positive effects as it focuses significant growth and investment on previously developed land and sets out to use land and scarce assets as efficiently as possible.
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	++	All development proposals within the URAS are required to suitably address issues of land contamination.
Overall effects identified SA23	++	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA24	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D3: Urban Regeneration Areas		
Sustainability Theme	regeneration areas in identified urban regeneration and growth supports major framework which overarching policy Option 1: Develop	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	+	All development proposals within the URAs are required to avoid and reduce the risks from flooding and the impacts on coastal processes and ensure that flood risk is not increased elsewhere as a result. This will need to be in line with national policy and guidance and therefore the sequential approach and exception test will need to be applied to avoid development in flood risk areas if possible and take mitigation measures to account for predicted sea level rise.
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	o	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	o	
Overall effects identified SA25	o	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA26	n/a	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	n/a	

Option 1: Develop overarching policy framework which supports major regeneration and growth in identified urban regeneration areas

Policy D3: Urban Regeneration Areas

SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1		+					M/L
SA2		+o					M/L
SA3		+					M/L
SA4		+					M/L
SA5		+					M/L
SA6				?			
SA7	++?						L
SA8		+					M/L
SA9		+					M/L
SA10		+?					M/L
SA11		+					M/L
SA12	++						M/L
SA13	++						M/L
SA14		+					M/L
SA15		+					M/L
SA16		+					M/L
SA17		+					M/L
SA18		+					M/L
SA19	++						M/L
SA20		+					
SA21			n/a				
SA22			n/a				
SA23	++						M/L
SA24			n/a				
SA25			o				
SA26			n/a				
SA27			n/a				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy D3: Urban Regeneration Areas

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Develop overarching policy framework which supports major regeneration and growth in identified urban regeneration areas
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects. Major positive effects are also identified. The policy is considered to have an overall major positive effect and will be key to improving the Borough’s built environment, delivering housing and economic growth, and making the most efficient use of the Borough’s land.
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. Including this policy in the Local Plan will facilitate the urban regeneration of the three identified regeneration areas.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy D3: Urban Regeneration Areas

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified
Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

Policy D4: Green Infrastructure Network

Overview

Policy D4 is a new policy that seeks to establish a comprehensive, high quality and multifunctional network of green infrastructure throughout Gosport and, where possible, links into the green infrastructure networks of neighbouring districts. The Policy recognises the multifunctional benefits of the green infrastructure network and sets out overarching objectives which link to other policies of the Local Plan. Lastly, the policy also sets out how all development can maximise its contribution to improving the green infrastructure network.

PART 1 – Policy D4: Green Infrastructure Network

POLICY D4: GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK

- 1. The Green Infrastructure Network (GIN) will specifically support the Borough in addressing climate change, improving biodiversity and creating healthier communities. The Borough aims to establish a comprehensive, high quality and multifunctional network of green infrastructure throughout Gosport and, where possible, link into the green infrastructure networks of neighbouring districts. The network will be formed from a wide variety of green and/or open features, including the countryside, parks, gardens, public spaces, coastal fringes, watercourses, green verges and woodland.**
- 2. The GIN has the following overarching objectives linked to the relevant Local Plan policies:**
 - Contributing towards the mitigation of the local impacts of climate change (Policy D1);**
 - Supporting the maintenance and enhancement of multifunctional green infrastructure (Policy D4);**
 - Protection and enhancement of the Local Ecological Network (Policy D5);**
 - Enhancing local biodiversity through providing habitats for plants and animals, and corridors for their movement (Policies D5, LE5, LE6, LE7, LE8);**
 - Mitigating the risks and impacts of flooding (Policy D7);**
 - Providing high quality recreation and sporting facilities for all through a range of open spaces (Policy D6 & LE1) and facilitating access to the countryside and coast, specifically long-distance routes including the Millennium Promenade, Solent Way, England Coast Path and the National Cycle Network (Policy LE4).**
- 3. The network will incorporate existing, enhanced and new green infrastructure. All developments should positively contribute, commensurate to their scale, to the improvement and expansion of the GIN by maximising as far as practicable:**
 - The amount of green infrastructure on the site, whilst having regard to the development needs of the Borough;**
 - The interconnectedness of green infrastructure within and around the site, and connections to the wider network, thereby helping to enhance key functions of the green infrastructure network;**
 - The multi-functionality of any green infrastructure, whilst ensuring that it can**

- properly fulfil its core functions; and
- The quality of any green infrastructure, to ensure that it can meet its various functions as effectively as possible.

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

Policy D4 is in conformity with the requirements of the NPPF and PPG. Therefore, no further options were considered.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy D4: Green Infrastructure Network

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D4: Green Infrastructure Network		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	+	The policy sets out that the Green Infrastructure Network (GIN) aims to support the Borough in addressing climate change. One of the overarching objectives of the policy is to contribute towards the mitigation of the local impacts of climate change in accordance with other Local Plan policies. The policy is assessed as resulting in positive effects for climate change issues.
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	++	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	n/a	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA1	+	
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	n/a	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA2	n/a	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	+	The GIN will provide significant opportunities to facilitate improved access to the countryside and coast through long distance walking routes and cycle networks. The policy therefore offers positive effects for reducing private car use and providing for high quality walking and cycling networks.
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	+	
Overall effects identified SA3	+	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training,		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D4: Green Infrastructure Network		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	+	The GIN aims to be comprehensive throughout Gosport Borough and is formed by a wide variety of green and/or open features, including the countryside, parks, gardens, public spaces, coastal fringes, watercourses, green verges and woodland. The policy therefore will offer opportunities for all residents and visitors to benefit from the GIN. In addition the policy sets out how all developments should provide a positive contribution towards the improvement and expansion of the GIN.
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	+	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	+	
Overall effects identified SA4	+	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	+	Features within the GIN can provide opportunities for recreation and sporting facilities through open spaces. This can offer benefits for community interaction and people's enjoyment of their neighbourhood.
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	+	
Overall effects identified SA5	+	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	o	The policy is not expected to affect this criterion.
Overall effects identified SA6	o	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	+?	The GIN can help contribute to healthy and safe communities and improve the design of the built and natural environment which can have knock-on benefits for those experiencing poverty and social exclusion. There is some uncertainty as poverty and social exclusion is influenced by factors beyond green infrastructure.
Overall effects identified SA7	+?	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	++	The policy seeks to ensure the GIN creates healthier communities by providing recreational space throughout the Borough. There are many recognised benefits of open spaces, parks, gardens, public spaces etc. on health and wellbeing – by protecting and enhancing these features the policy is assessed as
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	++	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D4: Green Infrastructure Network		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
		providing major positive effects. These effects can increase over time as the integrity of the network is protected and links between various parts of the network are improved.
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	++	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	n/a	
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	n/a	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA9	n/a	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	n/a	
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA11	n/a	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	n/a	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	n/a	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA12	n/a	
Economy		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D4: Green Infrastructure Network		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	+?	As stated by national planning guidance green infrastructure can contribute to building a strong, competitive economy. The policy seeks to maximise the multifunctional benefits of green infrastructure which could result in benefits for the Borough's economy.
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	+?	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	+?	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA13	+?	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	+	The protection and enhancement of the GIN will assist in ensuring the Borough has a high quality built and natural environment which can make Gosport a more desirable destination.
Overall effects identified SA14	+	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA15	n/a	
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	+	The policy includes criteria that seek to provide high quality recreation and sporting facilities for all. Parts of the GIN such as public parks and gardens are often used for sporting activities.
Overall effects identified SA16	+	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	++	The policy aims to establish a comprehensive, high quality and multifunctional network of green infrastructure throughout Gosport Borough. The policy is considered to have major positive effects for improving the Borough's network of greenspace. It will also protect and enhance the coastline and seek to improve public access.
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	++	
Overall effects identified SA17	++	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D4: Green Infrastructure Network		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	++	The policy sets out one of the overarching objectives of the GIN which is to enhance local biodiversity by providing habitats for plants and animals and corridors for their movement.
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	++	The policy aims to establish a comprehensive, high quality and multifunctional network of green infrastructure throughout Gosport Borough. The policy is considered to have major positive effects for creating well connected multifunctional green infrastructure. The policy sets out the overarching objectives of the GIN which recognise the many benefits the GIN can provide for the Borough and its residents.
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	+	An objective of the GIN is to both protect and enhance the Local Ecological Network and enhance biodiversity. Through the enhancement of the GIN the policy can result in positive effects for nature conservation interests, particularly over time as improvements are realised.
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	+	
Overall effects identified SA18	++	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA19	n/a	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	+	The policy requires all developments to positively contribute to the improvement and expansion of the GIN. This could include GI on the site which can improve the built environment. In addition, by recognising the benefits of the GIN and seeking to protect and enhance it, the policy can improve the Borough's overall townscape.
Overall effects identified SA20	+	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	o	
Overall effects identified SA21	o	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D4: Green Infrastructure Network		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	o	
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA22	o	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	o	There is potential that new additions to the green infrastructure network could include the re-development of brownfield land and remediation of contaminated land.
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	o	
Overall effects identified SA23	o	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	+?	The GIN includes watercourses and will seek to maintain and enhance them which should maintain and improve water quality. There is uncertainty in this assessment as it will be dependent on the individual proposal which will need to be fully assessed at the planning application stage.
Overall effects identified SA24	+?	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	+	The overarching objectives of the GIN include mitigating the risk and impacts of flooding.
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	o	Improvements to the GIN may be in areas at risk of flooding.
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	+	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	o	
Overall effects identified SA26	o	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	n/a	

Option 1: Develop Policy
Policy D4: Green Infrastructure Network

SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1		+					S/M/L
SA2			n/a				
SA3		+					S/M/L
SA4		+					S/M/L
SA5		+					S/M/L
SA6			o				
SA7		+?					M/L
SA8	++						S/M/L
SA9			n/a				
SA10			n/a				
SA11			n/a				
SA12			n/a				
SA13		+?					M/L
SA14		+					S/M/L
SA15			n/a				
SA16		+					S/M/L
SA17	++						S/M/L
SA18	++						M/L
SA19			n/a				
SA20		+					S/M/L
SA21			o				
SA22			o				
SA23			o				
SA24		+?					M/L
SA25		+					M/L
SA26			o				
SA27			n/a				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy D4: Green Infrastructure Network

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Develop Policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant major positive and positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects. For some SA objectives, neutral effects are identified.
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. Including this policy in the Local Plan will allow the Borough Council to highlight the benefits of the GIN and ensure other Local Plan policies contribute to its improvement.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy D4: Green Infrastructure Network

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified

Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

Policy D5: The Local Ecological Network and Internationally and Nationally Important Sites

Overview

Policy D5 is a new policy that sets out the importance of local ecological networks (LEN) for biodiversity. The policy sets out Gosport's LEN and the numerous elements it comprises and states that development which results in harm to the LEN will not be permitted unless the need for, and benefits of the development outweigh the harm. The policy also sets out the information requirements which should accompany a planning application. This policy sets out that internationally important habitats will be subject to the highest level of protection and states that planning permission will not be granted for proposals that affect the integrity of internationally important sites and cannot demonstrate that they meet the relevant tests. The policy provides cross references to the relevant international and national regulations for this type of designation rather than repeating them within the policy. Nationally important sites, Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), are also protected by this policy and permission will only be granted for proposals affecting an SSSI if it can be demonstrated that strict criteria have been met. Brent Goose Sites are also protected by the policy. Policy D5 replaces elements contained in Policy LP42 of the GBLP 2011-2029.

PART 1 – Policy D5: The Local Ecological Network and Internationally and Nationally Important Sites

POLICY D5: THE LOCAL ECOLOGICAL NETWORK AND INTERNATIONALLY AND NATIONALLY IMPORTANT SITES

1. Development which results in harm to the Local Ecological Network will not be permitted unless the need for, and benefits of the development outweighs the harm. If harm cannot be avoided measures which mitigate or compensate that harm will be required. Details are set out in the relevant policies for the following:

- a) Internationally important habitats (see Habitats Regulations and Part 2 of this Policy);**
- b) Nationally important habitats (see Part 3 of this Policy);**
- c) Locally designated nature conservation sites (see Policy LE5);**
- d) Protecting species and other features of nature conservation importance (see Policy LE6);**
- e) Protecting tree, woodland and hedge coverage (See Policy LE7).**

In addition opportunities should be taken to enhance the Local Ecological Network including securing measureable biodiversity net gain (see Policy LE8 and the policies cited above) and improving connections between sites.

2. The integrity of internationally important sites will be subject to the highest level of protection as set out in the relevant international and national regulations, and development will need to take account of the following considerations:

- a) Development that will result in any adverse effect on the integrity of a**

designated international site will not be permitted unless it can be demonstrated that:

- i) there are no alternatives to the proposal;
- ii) there are reasons of overriding public benefit/interest;
- iii) compensatory provision is secured; and
- iv) the Local Planning Authority is satisfied that any necessary mitigation is secured such that in-combination with other development there will be no adverse effects on the integrity of the designated sites.

b) Development which has the potential to have an impact on a designated international site will be subject to a Habitats Regulation Assessment to determine the potential for likely significant effects.

c) All new residential development will be required to avoid or mitigate likely significant 'alone' and 'in-combination' effects on internationally important habitats caused by recreational disturbance. In addition other forms of development² may be required to mitigate recreational disturbance impacts. Where these measures cannot be provided development proposals will be refused, unless the applicant can demonstrate, subject to meeting the tests of the Habitats Regulations, there would not be a likely significant effect on the Solent SPAs.

d) Proposals that have a detrimental impact on Brent goose and/or wader feeding and roosting sites that support the functionality and integrity of the internationally important designated sites will be refused unless it can be satisfactorily avoided and/or mitigated in accordance with the Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy.

e) Proposals will need to demonstrate nutrient neutrality to avoid having a detrimental impact on the recognised features of the internationally important habitats. It is therefore necessary for developers to submit a nutrient budget in line with the latest guidance and deliver nutrient neutral development through:

- i) Achieving a water efficiency target of 100 litres per person per day; and
- ii) Prioritising on-site mitigation measures including the provision of green open space and SuDS, where appropriate; and
- iii) Securing off-site strategic mitigation options, such as land offsetting, the creation of interceptor wetlands and enhancements to wastewater treatment works.

3. Planning permission will not normally be granted for development if it directly or indirectly harms a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and the following considerations will need to be taken into account:

a) Development that affects a SSSI will only be permitted where it has been demonstrated that:

² See provisions set out in paragraph of the justification text and within the Solent Recreation Mitigation Strategy.

- i) the objectives of the designated area and overall integrity would not be compromised; or
- ii) any significant adverse effects on the qualities for which the area has been designated are clearly outweighed by social and economic benefits of national importance.

b) In the exceptional circumstances where development that affects a SSSI is permitted the Borough Council will use conditions or planning obligations to ensure the protection of the site’s nature conservation interest and that any adverse impacts are appropriately mitigated for, with compensatory measures only used as a last resort.

4. Applications for development which could impact the Local Ecological Network should include adequate and proportionate information to enable a proper assessment of the implications taking into account the importance of the site in the designation hierarchy. They should also be supported by mitigation plans and/or compensation plans informed by the assessment of harm which would deliver a net gain for biodiversity (see Policy LE8) and which set out the long-term management of any measures.

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

To accord with legislative requirements at both an international and national level it was considered necessary to produce a policy that sets out specific criteria and signposts to relevant regulations. It was not considered necessary to test any alternative options as the policy is in alignment with the NPPF, national and international law.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy D5: The Local Ecological Network and Internationally and Nationally Important Sites

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D5: The Local Ecological Network and Internationally and Nationally Important Sites		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	n/a	
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	+	By protecting and enhancing the natural environment the policy has the potential to support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050. For example some habitats provide benefits for the absorption of carbon from the atmosphere.

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D5: The Local Ecological Network and Internationally and Nationally Important Sites		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	n/a	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA1	+	
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	n/a	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA2	n/a	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	n/a	
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA3	n/a	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	n/a	
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	n/a	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA4	n/a	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	n/a	
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA5	n/a	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA6	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D5: The Local Ecological Network and Internationally and Nationally Important Sites		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA7	n/a	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	o	By protecting and enhancing the natural environment the policy can also protect human health. Biodiversity underpins the natural processes that humans rely on, by protecting international, national and local nature conservation sites the policy can help to ensure the health and wellbeing of the population. This is assessed as resulting in major positive effects.
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	++	
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	++	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	n/a	
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	n/a	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA9	n/a	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	n/a	
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA11	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D5: The Local Ecological Network and Internationally and Nationally Important Sites		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	n/a	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	n/a	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA12	n/a	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	n/a	
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	n/a	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	n/a	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA13	n/a	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	+	The protection of the Local Ecological Network will ensure the natural environment is protected so it can be enjoyed by current and future generations. This will help to ensure Gosport remains an attractive place to visit.
Overall effects identified SA14	+	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA15	n/a	
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA16	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D5: The Local Ecological Network and Internationally and Nationally Important Sites		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	+	The policy seeks to ensure that the Borough's network of tree's, woodland and hedge coverage is protected to ensure the Local Ecological Network is not harmed.
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	o	The policy seeks to protect the integrity of important sites and ensure that all new residential development avoids or mitigates likely significant 'alone' or 'in-combination' effects on internationally important habitat sites caused by recreational disturbance. Therefore while the policy does not necessarily impinge public access to the coastal frontage, there may be instances where it is necessary to prevent public access to protected habitats to ensure their protection and enhancement.
Overall effects identified SA17	o	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	+	To enhance the Local Ecological Network the policy requires opportunities to be taken to secure measurable biodiversity net gain and improve connections between sites.
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	+	The policy requires the protection of the Borough's Green Infrastructure Network. For example this includes the protection of the tree, woodland and hedge coverage.
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	++	The policy states that the integrity of internationally important sites will be subject to the highest level of protection as required by relevant international and national legislation; the policy sets out considerations which development will need to address which seek to ensure there is no adverse effect unless certain criteria can be demonstrated.
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	++	<p>The policy requires Habitats Regulations Assessments to be undertaken to determine the potential for likely significant effects.</p> <p>The policy includes measures to avoid or mitigate the likely significant 'alone' or 'in-combination' effects on internationally important habitats caused by recreational disturbance.</p> <p>In addition to the above, the policy sets out measures</p>

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D5: The Local Ecological Network and Internationally and Nationally Important Sites		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
		<p>to protect and enhance nationally and locally important sites.</p> <p>The policy also requires proposals to demonstrate nutrient neutrality to avoid having a detrimental impact on the recognised features of the internationally important habitats. This requires the submission of a nutrient budget in line with the latest guidance and the delivery of nutrient neutral development.</p> <p>The policy approach included in the Local Plan is considered to result in major positive effects for conserving and enhance nature conservation sites and habitats and species. Notwithstanding this assessment, the detailed impacts of all development must be assessed through the planning application process.</p>
Overall effects identified SA18	++	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA19	n/a	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA20	n/a	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA21	n/a	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	n/a	
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA22	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D5: The Local Ecological Network and Internationally and Nationally Important Sites		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA23	n/a	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	++	The policy requires proposals to demonstrate nutrient neutrality to avoid having a detrimental impact on the recognised features of the internationally important habitats. This requires the submission of a nutrient budget in line with the latest guidance and the delivery of nutrient neutral development. The policy is assessed as improving compliance with the Water Framework Directive which can result in major positive effects.
Overall effects identified SA24	++	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	n/a	
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	n/a	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	n/a	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	+	To deliver nutrient neutral development the policy requires proposals to achieve a water efficiency target of 100 litres per person per day. This will reduce water consumption from residential development.
Overall effects identified SA26	+	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	n/a	

Option 1: Develop Policy
Policy D5: The Local Ecological Network and Internationally and Nationally Important Sites

SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1		+					M/L
SA2			n/a				
SA3			n/a				
SA4			n/a				
SA5			n/a				
SA6			n/a				
SA7			n/a				
SA8	++						S/M/L
SA9			n/a				
SA10			n/a				
SA11			n/a				
SA12			n/a				
SA13			n/a				
SA14		+					M/L
SA15			n/a				
SA16			n/a				
SA17			o				
SA18	++						S/M/L
SA19			n/a				
SA20			n/a				
SA21			n/a				
SA22			n/a				
SA23			n/a				
SA24	++						M/L
SA25			n/a				
SA26		+					M/L
SA27			n/a				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy D5: The Local Ecological Network and Internationally and Nationally Important Sites

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Develop policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant major positive and positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects.
Justification	The policy is in accordance with international and national legislation, the NPPF and national planning guidance. Including this policy in the Local Plan will ensure that the Local Ecological Network is protected and enhanced and that the impacts of development proposals are assessed in line with the required legislation to ensure they do not have an adverse effect. In addition the policy includes the requirement for nutrient neutral development to avoid a detrimental impact on the recognised features of internationally important habitats.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy D5: The Local Ecological Network and Internationally and Nationally Important Sites

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified
Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

Policy D6: Gosport Strategic Open Spaces

Overview

Policy D6 is a new policy which sets out how strategic open spaces within the Borough will be managed for their significant community, education, health and nature conservation benefits. The policy sets out that Gosport Strategic Open Spaces (GSOS) comprise the Alver Valley, Browndown and Stokes Bay and sets out key aims for these areas. The Policy also contains a specific section related to the Alver Valley County Park and the planned development proposals within the park. In addition, the the importance of Browndown and Stokes Bay are recognised and the acceptable proposals within Browndown Camp are stated. Lastly, the policy sets out overarching policy criteria which all development proposals within the GSOS should seek to address.

PART 1 – Policy D6: Gosport Strategic Open Spaces

POLICY D6: GOSPORT STRATEGIC OPEN SPACES

- 1. The Gosport Strategic Open Spaces (GSOS) comprises the Alver Valley, Browndown Stokes Bay and Lee Beach and Clifflands. These key open spaces are the green heart of the Borough offering significant community, education, health and nature conservation benefits to residents of Gosport, Lee-on-the-Solent and visitors alike. The GSOS will be protected and enhanced to assist in achieving the Borough’s aim of being a healthier place for all.**
- 2. The Alver Valley will continue to be promoted as a Country Park in line with the April 2014 Council Strategy offering community, education, health and nature conservation benefits, a range of informal recreational opportunities and limited associated commercial uses appropriate to its setting outside the urban area. Planning permission will be granted for suitable new or improved facilities or infrastructure improvements to support the enjoyment of the Alver Valley as a Country Park. Planned development proposals include:**
 - a) A commercial garden centre at the Grange Farm Gateway incorporating Country Park visitor facilities including toilets, café and information point; and**
 - b) Visitor and education facilities, and complementary and ancillary uses suitable for the Country Park setting.**
- 3. Browndown, Lee Beach and Clifflands, and Stokes Bay are highly valued designated environmental assets for the local community and will retain their role as accessible open space, MoD requirements notwithstanding, throughout the plan period.**
- 4. The following sites are also included within the Gosport Strategic Open Space:**
 - a) The Council owned Fort Road is considered appropriate for improved public open space, car parking and publicly accessible pedestrian and cycle routes;**
 - b) The portion of Lee-On-The-Solent Golf Club located within the Borough; and**

c) The open space associated with the River Alver between Brune Way and Rowner Road.

5. The Council will support the following proposals and work with partners where appropriate to assist with delivery:

a) The completion of a dedicated off-road cycle and pedestrian route between Lifeboat Lane and the Fort Road car park utilising land associated with the Qinetiq Fort Road site;

b) The extension of the Alver Way northwards through the Alver Valley and links northwards; and southwards through Browdown to the Battery West Car Park;

c) Improvements to the River Alver drainage network to reduce the impact of flooding events on country park visitors; and

d) Integration of existing playing fields (often referred to as the Polo Field) between Grange Road and Privett Road into the Alver Valley Country Park should the field be no longer required by HMS Sultan

6. Within Browdown and Stokes Bay, the following sites are identified for redevelopment and allocated in Policies A1 (Enabling Allocations) and A4 (Leisure, Community Uses and Open Spaces):

a) Browdown Camp (Policy A4);

b) Fort Gilkicker (Policy A1); and

c) Qinetiq, Fort Road (Policy A1).

7. All development proposals within the GSOS should seek to address the following overarching policy criteria:

a) Provision of new and/or enhanced walking and cycling links in accordance with the criteria in Policy D12;

b) Delivering landscape-scale biodiversity enhancement in accordance with the criteria in Policy D5;

c) Ensuring the coastal and rural landscapes are protected and enhanced through appropriate design in accordance with the criteria in Policy D9;

d) Protecting and enhancing heritage assets and ensuring that people have the opportunity to learn of its history in accordance with the criteria in Policy D10;

e) Ensuring that development avoids and reduces the risks from flooding and impacts on coastal processes and that flood risk is not increased elsewhere as a result in accordance with the criteria in Policy D7; and

All proposals will need to accord with all the relevant policies relevant to international, national and local nature conservations identified within this area in accordance with the criteria in Policy D5.

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The following options are considered for the Local Plan and assessed in Part 3:

Option 1: Identify a significant undeveloped strategic open space in the Borough and set out policy objectives in order to retain, protect, and enhance is for future generations.

This option recognises that the Alver Valley, Browndown and Stokes Bay are the largest area of open space in the Borough and that it should be retained, protected and enhanced for future generations as strategic public open space. This is the Borough Council’s preferred option and it is considered that by protecting it as a strategic area there is significant potential to improve linkages throughout the area and realise multiple benefits for both human health and wellbeing, the environment and biodiversity, and climate change.

Option 2: Identify the area as open space but with no strategic emphasis

This option would see the area protected as open space which would be subject to other relevant open space Local Plan policies however there would be no strategic emphasis and identification of the key areas which could be improved and linkages realised.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy D6: Gosport Strategic Open Spaces

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative			
Policy or site name			
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Identify a significant undeveloped strategic open space in the Borough and set out policy objectives in order to retain, protect, and enhance is for future generations.	Option 2: Identify the area as open space but with no strategic emphasis	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective			
Decision Making Criteria			
Climate Change			
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.			
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	n/a	n/a	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	n/a	n/a	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in	n/a	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative			
Policy or site name			
Sustainability Theme	<p>Option 1: Identify a significant undeveloped strategic open space in the Borough and set out policy objectives in order to retain, protect, and enhance it for future generations.</p> <p>Option 2: Identify the area as open space but with no strategic emphasis</p> <p>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</p>		
Sustainability Appraisal Objective			
Decision Making Criteria			
and other ultra-low emission vehicles?			
Overall effects identified SA1	n/a	n/a	
Transport and Accessibility			
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.			
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	+	+	<p>By retaining, protecting and enhancing the GSOS as a strategic open space as set out by Option 1 the policy can ensure there is good provision within proximity to the Borough's residents, this can reduce the need to travel to alternative sites in the sub-region and thereby reduce traffic volumes and congestion.</p> <p>The improvement of the GSOS may also attract external visitors which may increase traffic volumes however overall the policy is considered to result in positive effects as it will reduce the need for local people to travel.</p>
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	o	o	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	o	o	
Overall effects identified SA2	+	+	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.			
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	+	+	<p>The GSOS can be utilised by many of the Borough's population. Given its proximity to existing settlements and through future enhancements to improve accessibility the GSOS is considered to offer many opportunities to reduce reliance on the private car.</p>
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	++	+	<p>The policy includes criteria that seek to secure access improvements to the GSOS include a high quality walking and cycle infrastructure and cycle parking. This includes specific projects such as a dedicated off-road cycle and pedestrian route between Lifeboat Lane and</p>

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative			
Policy or site name			
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Identify a significant undeveloped strategic open space in the Borough and set out policy objectives in order to retain, protect, and enhance it for future generations.	Option 2: Identify the area as open space but with no strategic emphasis	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective			
Decision Making Criteria			
			the Fort Road Car Park.
Overall effects identified SA3	++	+	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.			
1. Will it improve access to local services?	+	+	The GSOS is very accessible by many parts of the Borough and access improvements are sought by the policy. By protecting the area and recognising its benefits for the community, education, health and nature conservation the GSOS can provide multiple services.
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	+	+	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	+	+	
Overall effects identified SA4	+	+	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods			
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.			
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	+	+	There are considered to be significant social benefits associated with the GSOS including opportunities for community interactions. For example, the policy approach includes visitor and education facilities within the Alver Valley Country Park.
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	+	+	By protecting and enhancing the GSOS to create a healthier place for all, the policy is considered to result in positive effects for improving Gosport as a place to live.
Overall effects identified SA5	+	+	
Crime and Disorder			
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder			
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	o	o	
Overall effects identified SA6	o	o	
Poverty and Deprivation			
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.			
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	+	+	It is considered that the GSOS presents opportunities to improve local people's access

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Policy or site name			
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Identify a significant undeveloped strategic open space in the Borough and set out policy objectives in order to retain, protect, and enhance it for future generations.	Option 2: Identify the area as open space but with no strategic emphasis	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective			
Decision Making Criteria			
			to high quality open spaces. This is particularly important given the Borough's urban environment. This is likely to have positive effects for reducing poverty and social exclusion by ensuring all groups in society can experience the health and wellbeing benefits of outdoor space.
Overall effects identified SA7	+	+	
Health and Well-being			
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.			
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	++	+	The GSOS will be protected and enhanced to assist in achieving the Borough's aim of being a healthier place for all. There are significant health and wellbeing benefits associated with open space provision. By including a policy to protect and enhance the area the Borough Council will be able to assist in improving people's physical and mental health. This is assessed as having major positive effects.
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	++	+	
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	++	+	
Housing			
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.			
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	n/a	n/a	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA9	n/a	n/a	
Education and Skills			
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.			

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Policy or site name			
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Identify a significant undeveloped strategic open space in the Borough and set out policy objectives in order to retain, protect, and enhance it for future generations.	Option 2: Identify the area as open space but with no strategic emphasis	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective			
Decision Making Criteria			
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	+	o	There are educational opportunities for the local population associated with the Alver Valley Country Park. For example, improved signage within the Country Park and the provision of a new visitor/educational facilities can increase people's appreciation of wildlife within the area.
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	+	o	
Overall effects identified SA10	+	o	
Employment			
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.			
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	o	o	Improved walking and cycling infrastructure within the GSOS has the potential to improve accessibility to work.
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	+	+o	
Overall effects identified SA11	+	+o	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.			
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	n/a	n/a	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	n/a	n/a	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA12	n/a	n/a	
Economy			
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.			
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	n/a	n/a	
3. Will it improve the resilience of	n/a	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative			
Policy or site name			
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Identify a significant undeveloped strategic open space in the Borough and set out policy objectives in order to retain, protect, and enhance it for future generations.	Option 2: Identify the area as open space but with no strategic emphasis	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective			
Decision Making Criteria			
business and the economy?			
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	n/a	n/a	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA13	n/a	n/a	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.			
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	++	++	Provision of high quality open spaces can improve Gosport as a tourism destination. Areas such as Lee-on-the-Solent are already extremely popular with visitors from outside of the Borough. By improving linkages with other areas of the Borough, the GSOS has the potential to increase the recreational activities available for visitors and residents alike.
Overall effects identified SA14	++	++	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres			
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.			
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA15	n/a	n/a	
Leisure			
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.			
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	+	+	The GSOS presents opportunities to improve the range of and quality of sporting and other leisure opportunities within the Borough. For example, the policy includes criteria to try and secure the integration of existing playing fields between Grange Road and Privett Road into the Alver Valley Country Park should they no longer be required by the MoD at HMS Sultan.

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative			
Policy or site name			
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Identify a significant undeveloped strategic open space in the Borough and set out policy objectives in order to retain, protect, and enhance it for future generations.	Option 2: Identify the area as open space but with no strategic emphasis	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective			
Decision Making Criteria			
Overall effects identified SA16	+	+	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.			
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	++	++	The GSOS comprises the Alver Valley, Browndown, Stokes Bay and Lee Beach and Clifflands. These areas will be protected and enhanced by the policy as a strategic open space of significant importance to the Borough – this is considered to result in major positive effects, particularly in the medium/long term as improvements are realised.
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	++	+	
Overall effects identified SA17	++	+	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity			
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.			
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	++	++	The policy requires all development proposals within the GSOS to deliver biodiversity enhancement and protect and enhance international, national and local nature conservation designations.
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	++	++	
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	++	++	
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	++	++	
Overall effects identified SA18	++	++	
Heritage and Design			
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.			
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	+	+	The policy requires all development proposals within the GSOS to protect and enhance heritage assets and ensure that people have the opportunity to learn of their history.
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	o	o	
Overall effects identified SA19	+	+	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and			

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative			
Policy or site name			
Sustainability Theme	<p>Option 1: Identify a significant undeveloped strategic open space in the Borough and set out policy objectives in order to retain, protect, and enhance it for future generations.</p> <p>Option 2: Identify the area as open space but with no strategic emphasis</p> <p>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</p>		
Sustainability Appraisal Objective			
Decision Making Criteria			
surrounding spaces.			
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	+	+	The policy requires all development proposals within the GSOS to ensure the coastal and rural landscapes are protected and enhanced through appropriate design.
Overall effects identified SA20	+	+	
Air Quality			
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.			
1. Will it improve air quality?	+	+	By maintaining, protecting and enhancing a significant undeveloped gap within the Borough the policy has the potential to lead to improvements in air quality by reducing the need to travel and also increasing the amount of planting which can absorb carbon dioxide.
Overall effects identified SA21	+	+	
Use of Energy Resources			
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.			
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA22	n/a	n/a	
Use of Land Resources			
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.			
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	+	+	By allowing redevelopment on specific sites within the GSOS which are previously developed land (PDL) and potentially contaminated the policy allows for the re-use of PDL and existing buildings.
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	+	+	
Overall effects identified SA23	+	+	
Water Management			
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.			
1. Will it improve compliance with the	o	o	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative			
Policy or site name			
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Identify a significant undeveloped strategic open space in the Borough and set out policy objectives in order to retain, protect, and enhance it for future generations.	Option 2: Identify the area as open space but with no strategic emphasis	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective			
Decision Making Criteria			
Water Framework Directive?			
Overall effects identified SA24	o	o	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.			
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	+	+	The policy seeks to secure improvements to the River Alver drainage network to reduce the impact of flooding events on country park visitors. In addition, to address flood risk the policy requires all development proposals to ensure that development avoids and reduces the risk from flooding and the impacts on coastal processes and that flood risk is not increased elsewhere as a result.
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	+	+	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	+	+	
Overall effects identified SA25	+	+	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.			
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	o	o	
Overall effects identified SA26	o	o	
Natural Resources and Waste Management			
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.			
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	o	o	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	o	o	
3. Will it increase recycling?	o	o	
Overall effects identified SA27	o	o	

Option 1: Identify a significant undeveloped strategic open space in the Borough and set out policy objectives in order to retain, protect, and enhance is for future generations.

Policy D6: Gosport Strategic Open Spaces

SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1			n/a				
SA2		+					S/M/L
SA3	++						S/M/L
SA4		+					S/M/L
SA5		+					S/M/L
SA6			o				
SA7		+					S/M/L
SA8	++						S/M/L
SA9			n/a				
SA10		+					M/L
SA11		+					M/L
SA12			n/a				
SA13			n/a				
SA14	++						S/M/L
SA15			n/a				
SA16		+					S/M/L
SA17	++						S/M/L
SA18	++						S/M/L
SA19		+					S/M/L
SA20		+					S/M/L
SA21		+					S/M/L
SA22			n/a				
SA23		+					M/L
SA24			o				
SA25		+					M/L
SA26			o				
SA27			o				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy D6: Gosport Strategic Open Spaces

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Identify a significant undeveloped strategic open space in the Borough and set out policy objectives in order to retain, protect, and enhance it for future generations.
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects. The policy is considered to result in a significant range of positive effects, ranging from increasing accessibility, to improving health and wellbeing, to enhancing biodiversity. These effects are likely to increase over time as the GSOS benefits from continued enhancement.
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. Including this policy in the Local Plan will ensure the Borough’s scarce open spaces at the heart of the Borough are protected and enhanced for the benefit of all and to achieve the aim of being a healthier place. The preferred approach seeks to see this protected open space as a strategic resource of significant importance to the Borough. By including a strategic policy it is considered that improvements to the area can be coordinated in a more effective way and the importance of the overall area to the Borough’s residents made clear. In addition, the strategic approach to the area should help realise investment into the area for improvements and linkages.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy D6: Gosport Strategic Open Spaces

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified

Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

Policy D7: Flood Risk and Coastal Erosion

Overview

Policy D7 is a revised policy based on Policy LP45 of the GBLP 2011-2029. This policy is based on the provisions of the NPPF and seeks to ensure flood risk is minimised and effectively managed through the flood risk hierarchy. Coastal flooding is an important issue for the Borough given its low-lying peninsula location. The Local Plan has been informed by a sub-regional and local strategic flood risk assessment which informs the site allocations included within the Plan. The policy develops a broad strategy to ensure that issues associated with flooding and coastal erosion and how they apply to Gosport are considered at all levels of the planning process. The policy is considered in conformity with the NPPF and that no other options are available for testing.

PART 1 – Policy D7: Flood Risk and Coastal Erosion

POLICY D7: FLOOD RISK AND COASTAL EROSION

- 1. The Borough Council will expect development proposals in areas at risk of flooding to demonstrate that they are necessary and can be made safe without increasing the risk of flooding elsewhere in the Borough in accordance with policies in the NPPF.**
- 2. For development proposals on sites not allocated in the Local Plan, it must be clearly demonstrated that the sequential approach for site selection has been followed and the Sequential Test has been met. Where it is necessary to apply the Exception Test, all the associated criteria in the NPPF (or national policy equivalent) must be met to the satisfaction of the Council.**
- 3. A site-specific Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) will be required for development proposals on those sites which are 1 hectare or more in Flood Zone 1 and for all development on land within Flood Zones 2 and 3. The FRA must also clearly demonstrate that:**
 - a) any residual risks can be safely managed; and**
 - b) safe access and egress to and from the site.**

In exceptional circumstances where this is not be possible to achieve then clear and detailed justification as to why this is the case will be required. In such cases, the developer will be required to provide an appropriate standard of safe refuge(s) and associated facilities within the development. In these circumstances a robust flood warning and evacuation plan would need to be submitted with the development proposal.

- 4. All new development must ensure there will be no net increase in surface water run-off.**
- 5. Proposals for major developments in areas at risk of flooding should incorporate Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS). Such systems must address the following elements:**

- a) be designed in accordance with the latest best practice;
 - b) ensure that sewerage, sewage disposal facilities and surface water drainage of adequate capacity and design are available;
 - c) that the required capacity will be provided prior to occupation of the development; and
 - d) appropriate arrangements must be put in place for their ownership and whole life maintenance and management.
6. Buildings and sewerage infrastructure should be designed to incorporate flood resilience and flood resistance measures.
7. Developer contributions may be required for the redesign and/or replacement of existing flood defences and the provision of new flood risk management measures as appropriate. Where required, land will be safeguarded from development in order to provide for current or future flood risk management.
8. Planning permission will be granted for flood risk management measures provided the scheme does not individually or cumulatively have a detrimental impact on internationally important habitats and that any necessary avoidance and mitigation measures have been secured.
9. Within areas of coastal change, proposals will only be permitted if in accordance with the latest Government guidance ³.

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

Policy D7 is in conformity with the requirements of the NPPF and other planning guidance. Therefore, no further options were considered.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy D7: Flood Risk and Coastal Erosion

The effects over time:		
++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D7: Flood Risk and Coastal Erosion		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	n/a	
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	n/a	

³ This is currently set out in the National Planning Practice Guidance: www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-and-coastal-change

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D7: Flood Risk and Coastal Erosion		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	n/a	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA1	n/a	
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	n/a	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA2	n/a	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	n/a	
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA3	n/a	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	n/a	
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	n/a	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA4	n/a	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	n/a	
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA5	n/a	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA6	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D7: Flood Risk and Coastal Erosion		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA7	n/a	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	n/a	
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	+	By managing development and flood risk and coastal erosion the policy can ensure the safety of new and existing residents and enable them to live in a safe environment. The policy therefore has positive effects in this regard.
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	+	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	n/a	
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	o	The policy requires flood risk and coastal erosion to be adequately addressed by development proposals. This may mean that in certain locations new houses cannot be built – this will limit the range of housing available as it limits where the Borough’s planning strategy can allocate housing. However the policy can also facilitate the construction of housing in safe locations and will ensure adequate mitigation measures are put in place. Overall the policy is assessed as neutral.
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA9	o	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	
Employment		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D7: Flood Risk and Coastal Erosion		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	n/a	
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA11	n/a	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	n/a	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	n/a	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA12	n/a	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	+	By requiring due consideration of flooding issues and the requirement for measures where necessary to mitigate risk the policy can facilitate the safe regeneration of previously developed land within the Borough, which can be at significant risk of flooding. Despite this flood risk on certain sites, the policy allows for development providing the sequential approach is taken and a site-specific flood risk assessment is undertaken.
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	n/a	
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	n/a	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	n/a	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA13	+	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA14	n/a	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D7: Flood Risk and Coastal Erosion		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA15	n/a	
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA16	n/a	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	o	The policy has the potential to ensure the Borough's network of greenspace is protected from flood risk where new development occurs. That said, flood risk infrastructure may be required in certain locations which may negatively impact greenspace provision. Overall the policy is therefore assessed as neutral.
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	+	By addressing flood risk and coastal change the policy enables the protection and enhancement of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage. In addition where flood defences are required, these can incorporate improved public access measures.
Overall effects identified SA17	+	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	o	The policy does not specifically address these issues however the management of flood risk and coastal change could have positive benefits for biodiversity interests. The policy has been assessed as neutral at this stage as this depends on the detail of any development proposal.
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	o	
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	+	
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	+	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D7: Flood Risk and Coastal Erosion		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
		development proposals are considered through the planning process.
Overall effects identified SA18	+	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	+	By managing development and flood risk and coastal erosion the policy can ensure the protection and enhancement of the historic environment resulting in positive effects.
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA19	+	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	+	The policy requires measures such as Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) to be designed and maintained well. This will have positive effects for the townscape.
Overall effects identified SA20	+	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA21	n/a	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	n/a	
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA22	n/a	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	+	By requiring due consideration of flooding issues and the requirement for measures where necessary to mitigate risk the policy can facilitate the safe regeneration of previously developed land within the Borough, which can be at significant risk of flooding. Despite this flood risk on certain sites, the policy allows for development providing the sequential approach is taken and a site-specific flood risk assessment is undertaken.

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D7: Flood Risk and Coastal Erosion		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA23	+	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	+	The policy requires all new development to result in no net increase in surface water run-off and ensure the effective design of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS). In addition it requires buildings and sewerage infrastructure to be designed to incorporate flood resilience and flood resistance measures. By considering these issues the policy is considered to offer positive effects in maintaining and improving the water quality of the Borough.
Overall effects identified SA24	+	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	++	The policy specifically addresses the risk of flooding and requires development proposals in areas at risk of flooding to demonstrate they are necessary and can be made safe without increasing the risk of flooding elsewhere in the Borough in accordance with policies in the NPPF. In addition the policy sets out that the sequential approach should be used for site selection and where necessary the exception test must be met. In addition the policy requires site-specific FRAs on certain sites to demonstrate any residual risks can be managed and safe access and egress to and from a site can be achieved. The policy also contains criteria related to surface water run-off, Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS), and coastal change. Overall the policy is assessed as having major positive effects and will minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property and ensure development is avoided in flood risk areas where possible in line with Government policy and national legislation.
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	++	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	++	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA26	n/a	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D7: Flood Risk and Coastal Erosion		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	n/a	

Option 1: Develop Policy Policy D7: Flood Risk and Coastal Erosion							
SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1			n/a				
SA2			n/a				
SA3			n/a				
SA4			n/a				
SA5			n/a				
SA6			n/a				
SA7			n/a				
SA8		+					S/M/L
SA9			o				S/M/L
SA10			n/a				
SA11			n/a				
SA12			n/a				
SA13		+					S/M/L
SA14			n/a				
SA15			n/a				
SA16			n/a				
SA17		+					M/L
SA18		+					M/L
SA19		+					S/M/L
SA20		+					S/M/L
SA21			n/a				
SA22			n/a				
SA23		+					S/M/L
SA24		+					M/L
SA25	++						M/L
SA26			n/a				
SA27			n/a				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy D7: Flood Risk and Coastal Erosion

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Develop policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects.
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. Including this policy in the Local Plan will ensure flood risk and coastal erosion is comprehensively considered throughout the development process.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy D7: Flood Risk and Coastal Erosion

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified

Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

Policy D8: Healthy Communities

Overview

Policy D8 seeks to signpost to local requirements which incorporate the clear position set out in the NPPF that planning policies should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which enable and support healthy lifestyles, especially where this would address identified local health and well-being needs for the provision of safe and accessible green infrastructure, sports facilities, access to healthier food, allotments and layouts that encourage walking and cycling. The Policy sets out the Council's overall approach and how it will work with other partners, provides links to other Policies in the Plan and sets out criteria that can be used to assess the health impacts of a development proposal.

PART 1 – Policy D8: Healthy Communities

POLICY D8: HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

- 1. The Borough Council and its partners will work together to facilitate and promote healthy living to improve the wellbeing of local residents.**
- 2. Planning permission will be granted for proposals which contribute to and promote a healthy lifestyle including:**
 - a) Well-designed buildings and spaces (See Policy D9);**
 - b) The provision of high quality and accessible new open space and green infrastructure and the improvement of existing provision. This includes sports pitches, play areas and allotments (See Policy A4, A5 and LE1-LE4);**
 - c) The creation of environments conducive to cycling and walking including walkable neighbourhoods accessible to public transport and community facilities (see Policies D12 and DE3);**
 - d) The promotion of active travel through the creation of well-designed cycle and pedestrian routes and the use of Travel Plans (see Policy D12);**
 - e) Promotion of development that is accessible and functional for all sections of the community of all ages and abilities (see Policy DE2 and H3).**
- 3. Proposals will need to ensure that existing health, education and community facilities are protected in accordance with Policy C6 and that new facilities accord with the criteria in Policy C6.**
- 4. Planning permission will be granted for good quality and energy-efficient housing ensuring there is a mix of tenure and types to meet the needs of the local community in accordance with Policies H1-H5 and DE1-DE2.**
- 5. Planning permission will be granted for new employment opportunities, recognising the clear links between income and health (see Policy E1).**
- 6. Planning permission will not be granted for proposals which contribute to poor health in accordance with other relevant policies in the Local Plan including issues relating to:**

- a) Air quality;
- b) Contaminated land;
- c) Noise;
- d) Light;
- e) Residential amenity;
- f) Crime and disorder;
- g) Flood risk;
- h) Healthy food choices.

7. Planning proposals for the following types of development will be required to incorporate a Health Assessment as part of the planning statement that accompanies any planning application:

- a) Residential developments of 50 dwellings or more; and
- b) Other types of development of 1,000 square metres or more.

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The Policy is considered to be in compliance with the NPPF, therefore no further options were required for testing.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy D8: Healthy Communities

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D8: Healthy Communities		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	+	The policy grants permission for proposals that contribute to and promote a healthy lifestyle by including measures such as promoting active travel, creating environments conducive to cycling/walking, providing high quality open space/green infrastructure, and building good quality and energy efficient housing. By promoting the importance of these measures and linking them to other policies the policy is considered to result in positive effects in relation to climate change.
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	+	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	+	The policy sets out that planning permission will be granted for energy efficient housing in line with other Local Plan policies. It is therefore considered to result in positive effects.
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA1	+	

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Policy D8: Healthy Communities		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	+	The policy grants permission for proposals that contribute to and promote a healthy lifestyle by including measures such as promoting active travel, creating environments conducive to cycling/walking. By promoting these measures the policy is considered to reduce the effects of traffic and the need to travel. However this policy does not set out explicit measures about how this will be achieved and instead links to other more detailed development management policies.
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	+	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	+	
Overall effects identified SA2	+	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	+	The policy promotes the creation of environments conducive to cycling and walking including walkable neighbourhoods. It also promotes active travel and the creation of well-designed cycle and pedestrian routes.
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	+	
Overall effects identified SA3	+	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	+	The policy requires development proposals to ensure that existing health, education and community facilities are protected in line with other Local Plan policies and is therefore assessed as resulting in positive effects.
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	+	As set out above, the policy promotes cycling and walking with the aim of making it easier to access new development and existing facilities without using a car.
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	+	This policy requires development to be accessible and functional for all sections of the community of all ages and abilities.
Overall effects identified SA4	+	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	+	The policy requires proposals to ensure that community facilities are protected which will provide opportunities for engagement in community activities.
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as	++	By recognising the importance of the built and natural

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Policy D8: Healthy Communities		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
places to live?		environment as major determinants of health and wellbeing the policy sets out measures that seek to improve the quality of the Borough. The policy sets out measures that are seen as 'good planning' as they will have a positive role in assisting to reduce health issues.
Overall effects identified SA5	+	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	+	The policy states that planning permission will not be granted for proposals that do not address crime and disorder.
Overall effects identified SA6	+	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	++	By recognising the importance of the built and natural environment as major determinants of health and wellbeing the policy sets out measures that seek to improve the quality of the Borough. The policy sets out measures that are seen as 'good planning' as they will have a positive role in assisting to reduce health issues and the inequalities that exist within the Borough.
Overall effects identified SA7	++	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	++	The policy seeks to reduce health inequalities by setting out measures and highlighting how the Local Plan can contribute to improved health and wellbeing, primarily through the built and natural environment.
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	++	By recognising the importance of the built and natural environment as major determinants of health and wellbeing the policy sets out measures that seek to improve the quality of the Borough. The policy sets out measures that are seen as 'good planning' as they will have a positive role in assisting to reduce health issues and the inequalities that exist within the Borough. The policy provides tangible examples of how the Local Plan will enable and support healthy lifestyles in line with recognised professional practice.
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	+	The policy requires development proposals to ensure that existing health facilities are protected.

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Policy D8: Healthy Communities		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Overall effects identified SA8	++	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	+	In relation to housing, the policy links to other Local Plan policies and states that planning permission will be granted for good quality and energy efficient housing ensuring there is a mix of tenure and types to meet the needs of the local community. This will result in positive effects.
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	+	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	+	
Overall effects identified SA9	+	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	+?	The policy recognises the clear links between income and health and states that planning permission will be granted for new employment opportunities. This can contribute to improving skills through training opportunities. There is some uncertainty as the policy does not set out significant detail in this regard and instead links to other local plan policies.
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	+?	
Overall effects identified SA10	+?	
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	+?	The policy promotes the creation of environments conducive to cycling and walking including walkable neighbourhoods. It also promotes active travel and the creation of well-designed cycle and pedestrian routes.
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	+	
Overall effects identified SA11	+	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	+?	The policy recognises the clear links between income and health and states that planning permission will be granted for new employment opportunities. There is some uncertainty as the policy does not set out significant detail in this regard and instead links to other local plan policies.
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	+?	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	+?	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	?	
Overall effects identified SA12	+?	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of	n/a	

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Policy D8: Healthy Communities		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
previously developed land?		
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	+?	By enabling and supporting healthy lifestyles the policy has the potential to assist Gosport's economy and facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough. At the same time, the economy is reliant on more than just human health and wellbeing so there is some uncertainty in the extent to which the policy will assist these decision making criteria and sustainability objective.
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	+?	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	+?	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA13	+?	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	+	Healthy built and natural environments are likely desirable to visitors. Therefore by including measures to support and enable healthy lifestyles the policy may provide positive effects to developing the tourism sector.
Overall effects identified SA14	+	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA15	n/a	
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	+	The policy requires proposals to ensure that community facilities are protected. This can ensure the sporting and leisure facilities and protected and improved.
Overall effects identified SA16	+	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	+	The policy contains specific criteria which seek to ensure development proposals provide high quality and accessible new open space and green infrastructure and improve existing provision.
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	+	
Overall effects identified SA17	+	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		

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Policy D8: Healthy Communities		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	n/a	
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	+	The policy contains specific criteria which seek to ensure development proposals provide high quality and accessible new open space and green infrastructure and improve existing provision.
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	n/a	
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA18	+	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA19	n/a	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA20	n/a	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	o	The policy recognises that air quality can contribute to poor health. It has however been assessed as neutral in this regard as detail is not contained in the policy.
Overall effects identified SA21	o	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	n/a	
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA22	n/a	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D8: Healthy Communities		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?		
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA23	n/a	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA24	n/a	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	o	The policy recognises that flood risk can contribute to poor health. It has however been assessed as neutral in this regard as detail is not contained in the policy.
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	o	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	o	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA26	n/a	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	n/a	

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SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1		+					M/L
SA2		+					S/M/L
SA3		+					S/M/L
SA4		+					S/M/L
SA5		+					S/M/L
SA6		+					S/M/L
SA7	++						S/M/L
SA8	++						S/M/L
SA9		+					S/M/L
SA10		+?					S/M/L
SA11		+					S/M/L
SA12		+?					S/M/L
SA13		+?					S/M/L
SA14		+					S/M/L
SA15			n/a				
SA16		+					
SA17		+					
SA18		+					S/M/L
SA19			n/a				
SA20			n/a				
SA21			o				
SA22			n/a				
SA23			n/a				
SA24			n/a				
SA25			o				
SA26			n/a				
SA27			n/a				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy D8: Healthy Communities

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Develop policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant major positive and positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects. The policy covers a wide range of issues that are considered to influence human health and wellbeing; this has resulted in a wide range of identified effects.
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. Including this policy in the Local Plan will help to ensure all development enables and supports health and wellbeing in line with the NPPF.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy D8: Healthy Communities

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified

Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

Policy D9: Design

Overview

Policy D9 sets out the Borough Council's overall approach to design and the key principles to assess all development. The policy emphasises the strong emphasis the Council places on the delivery of quality design, which is considered integral to improving the character and function of the Borough and meeting the objectives within the Local Plan. The Policy is based on the presumption within the NPPF that poor quality design should be refused. It has regard to National Planning Policy and guidance as well as the National Design Guide. Policy D9 includes elements previously in Policy LP10 of the GBLP 2011-2029.

PART 1 – Policy D9: Design

POLICY D9: DESIGN

1. The Borough's overall approach to design is:

- a) Proposals need to accord with the principles of the National Design Guide, Manual for Streets, the Council's Design SPD and other local design documents set out in Box 9.**
- b) Development of poor design, that fails to improve the character, quality and function of the area, will be refused.**

2. All development in the Borough should be of a high standard and contribute towards sustainable development and local distinctiveness by addressing:

- a) Context: carefully considering the surrounding context, heritage and vernacular architecture and seeking to deliver enhancements;**
- b) Identity: having a high quality and attractive design which takes advantage of opportunities to improve the character, quality and function of an area.**
- c) Built form: having a high quality design in terms of scale, layout, setting, landscaping, massing, roof form, detail and materials and making efficient and effective use of land which does not prejudice the development potential of adjacent or nearby sites.**
- d) Movement: supporting improved accessibility for all users and prioritising walking, cycling and public transport.**
- e) Nature: supporting and enhancing biodiversity, green infrastructure and the Borough's distinctive landscapes.**
- f) Public space: improving the public realm and protecting public views of important landscape and townscape features.**
- g) Health: creating healthy communities through design and reducing opportunities for crime and anti-social behaviour.**
- h) Quality of life: ensuring developments are functional, safe and comfortable, while protecting the amenity of occupiers and surrounding residents.**
- i) Sustainability: delivering long-term sustainability and the transition to a zero-carbon economy as detailed in Policy DE1: Sustainable Construction.**

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The policy was considered to be in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance; therefore no further options were required for testing.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy D9: Design

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D9: Design		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	+	The policy includes criterion which state that all development should address sustainability, including delivering long-term sustainability and the transition to a zero-carbon economy. Detail relating to climate change issues and design are set out in the detailed development management Policy DE1: Sustainable Construction. The policy is assessed as having positive effects in relation to climate change – while it does not set out significant detail in this regard, it provides an overarching framework to facilitate good design which will contribute to climate change issues.
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	+	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	+	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	+	
Overall effects identified SA1	+	
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	+	The policy includes criterion which state that all development should address movement, including supporting improved accessibility for all users and prioritising walking, cycling and public transport. Further detail relating to transport and accessibility is set out in the detailed development management policies. The policy is assessed as having positive effects in relation to transport and accessibility. The policy provides an overarching framework to facilitate good design which will contribute to traffic, traffic accidents and traffic-related pollution.
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	+	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	+	
Overall effects identified SA2	+	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	+	The policy seeks to ensure that all development addresses movement which includes supporting improved accessibility for all users and prioritising walking, cycling and public transport. The policy is
2. Will it provide for high quality walking	+	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D9: Design		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?		therefore assessed as having positive effects in this regard.
Overall effects identified SA3	+	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	n/a	
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	n/a	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA4	n/a	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	n/a	
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA5	n/a	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	+	The policy states that all development should reduce opportunities for crime and anti-social behaviour. While specific detail related to design is contained in other Local Plan policies, this policy is considered to have positive effects as it provides an overarching framework for other design policies.
Overall effects identified SA6	+	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA7	n/a	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	+	The policy recognises the importance of a high standard of design in creating healthy communities. It also includes a criterion relating to ensuring developments are functional, safe and comfortable to ensure a good quality of life. The policy is considered to have positive effects in relation to health and wellbeing.
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	+	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D9: Design		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	+	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	n/a	
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	n/a	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	+	The policy sets out the development of poor design will be refused and includes specific design issues which should be addressed by all development. The policy is therefore considered to give rise to positive effects in increasing the number of decent homes.
Overall effects identified SA9	+	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	n/a	
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA11	n/a	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	n/a	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	n/a	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA12	n/a	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D9: Design		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	n/a	
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	n/a	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	n/a	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA13	n/a	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	+?	High quality design will ensure the Borough is attractive with a built environment that positively contributes to its image. The policy could therefore have positive effects in developing the tourism sector, albeit there is some uncertainty as many other factors also influence tourism.
Overall effects identified SA14	+?	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA15	n/a	
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA16	n/a	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	+	The policy requires all development to consider nature and public space. This includes green infrastructure and improving the public realm. While the policy does not set out specific design requirements relating to greenspace, it provides an overarching framework for more detailed development management policies. It is therefore considered to result in positive effects.
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D9: Design		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
frontage and maintain or improve public access?		
Overall effects identified SA17	+	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	+	The policy requires all development to consider nature in its design. This includes supporting and enhancing biodiversity and green infrastructure. While the policy does not set out specific design requirements relating to biodiversity and green infrastructure, it provides an overarching framework for more detailed development management policies. It is therefore considered to result in positive effects.
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	+	
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	n/a	
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA18	+	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	+	The policy requires all development to consider its context which includes heritage. By encouraging high quality design the policy will have positive effects and protect and enhance the historic environment.
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA19	+	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	++	The policy sets out the Borough Council's overall approach to design and that development or poor design, that fails to improve the character, quality and function of the area, will be refused. The policy also provides 9 design issues which should be addressed by all development. Overall the policy is assessed as resulting in major positive effects as it seeks to enhance the quality of the townscape and incorporate good design principles for all buildings and spaces.
Overall effects identified SA20	++	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D9: Design		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
1. Will it improve air quality?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA21	n/a	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	+	The policy requires design considerations relating to sustainability to be considered in all development with the aim of reducing energy consumption.
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA22	+	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA23	n/a	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA24	n/a	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	n/a	
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	n/a	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	n/a	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	+	The policy requires design considerations relating to sustainability to be considered in all development with the aim of reducing water consumption.
Overall effects identified SA26	+	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	+	The policy requires design considerations relating to sustainability to be considered in all development with the aim of reducing the use of materials, particularly in the construction of new development.

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D9: Design		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	+	

Option 1: Develop Policy Policy D9: Design							
SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1		+					S/M/L
SA2		+					S/M/L
SA3		+					S/M/L
SA4			n/a				
SA5			n/a				
SA6		+					
SA7			n/a				
SA8		+					
SA9		+					
SA10			n/a				
SA11			n/a				
SA12			n/a				
SA13			n/a				
SA14		+?					S/M/L
SA15			n/a				
SA16			n/a				
SA17		+					S/M/L
SA18		+					S/M/L
SA19		+					S/M/L
SA20	++						
SA21			n/a				S/M/L
SA22		+					S/M/L
SA23			n/a				
SA24			n/a				
SA25			n/a				
SA26		+					S/M/L
SA27		+					S/M/L

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy D9: Design

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Develop policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that many significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects. The identified effects reflect the wide ranging importance of design on the built and natural environment and its importance to people’s quality of life.
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. In addition the policy addresses the principles of the National Design Guide. Including the policy will help to ensure the design of all development accords with principles set out in guidance. It will also ensure the Council can refuse development of poor design that fails to improve the character, quality and function of an area.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy D9: Design

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified

Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

Policy D10: Heritage Assets

Overview

Policy D10 sets out the Borough Council’s positive approach to promoting Gosport’s unique historic character by engaging with local communities, site promoters and heritage stakeholders to ensure that all of its heritage assets are conserved and where possible enhanced whilst ensuring the Borough has a vibrant economic future. Such historic assets are of national significance and the Policy includes the details of how the Council will determine planning application affecting them. The Policy also links to the Heritage Action Zone Delivery Plan to promote Gosport’s unique historic character by ensuring that all its heritage assets are conserved and enhanced through viable new uses. The policy also relates to historic assets which are important locally such as locally listed buildings, parks and gardens and areas of archaeological interest. The policy integrates elements previously contained in Policy LP11, LP12 and LP13 of the GBLP 2011-2029.

PART 1 – Policy D10: Heritage Assets

POLICY D10: HERITAGE ASSETS

- 1. The Borough Council will take a positive approach through the Local Plan, the Heritage Action Zone Delivery Plan and the High Street Heritage Action Zone projects to promote Gosport’s unique historic character by ensuring that all its heritage assets are conserved and enhanced through viable new uses.**
- 2. Planning permission will be granted for development that affects heritage assets, and where relevant their setting, provided it conserves and enhances those features which positively contribute to its special architectural, historic, landscape or archaeological interest.**
- 3. Development proposals which affect heritage assets, whether designated or non-designated, or their setting, will be determined with regard to their significance. Proposals which harm the significance of a designated asset will not be permitted where there is a detrimental impact on the historic and architectural character of the building or structure unless in wholly exceptional circumstances a robust justification can be made in accordance with the requirements of the NPPF.**
- 4. All development proposals should be informed by proportionate historic environment assessments and evaluations identifying the significance of all heritage assets that would be affected by the proposals, the nature and degree of any effects and should demonstrate how any harm will be avoided, minimised or mitigated.**
- 5. Heritage assets at risk will be monitored and development proposals that improve their condition will be encouraged.**
- 6. The Borough Council will aim to conserve and enhance the character or appearance of existing Conservation Areas and, where appropriate, produce and update Conservation Area Appraisals and identify additional Conservation Areas.**

7. The Borough Council will aim to conserve and enhance locally important heritage assets and will consider revisions to the Local List of Heritage Assets dependent on any new information.

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The policy was considered to be in accordance with the NPPF; therefore no further options were required for testing.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy D10: Heritage Assets

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D10: Heritage Assets		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	+?	By taking a positive approach to promote Gosport’s unique historic character by ensuring that all its heritage assets are conserved and enhanced through viable new uses the policy provides benefits in terms of climate change by reusing buildings. The reuse of buildings can reduce the use of materials and the impact of development on the environment. Nevertheless, the effects of the policy are also uncertain as the implications on climate change can only be accurately known when faced with specific redevelopment proposals. Overall however the policy offers potential for positive effects over time.
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	+?	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	o	This is assessed as neutral as it depends on the design of development proposals.
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA1	+?	
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	n/a	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA2	n/a	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D10: Heritage Assets		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
private car?		
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA3	n/a	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	n/a	
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	n/a	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA4	n/a	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	n/a	
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA5	n/a	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA6	n/a	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	+	By taking a positive approach to promoting Gosport's unique historic character and capitalising on its historic environment the policy provides potential to leverage investment into the Borough. This has the potential to provide positive effects, particularly over the longer term, for the Borough's residents.
Overall effects identified SA7	+	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	n/a	
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	n/a	
3. Will it improve access to health	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D10: Heritage Assets		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
facilities?		
Overall effects identified SA8	n/a	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	n/a	
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	n/a	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA9	n/a	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	n/a	
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA11	n/a	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	n/a	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	n/a	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA12	n/a	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	++	By taking a positive approach to promoting Gosport's unique historic character and capitalising on its historic environment the policy provides potential to leverage investment into the Borough, particularly on

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D10: Heritage Assets		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
		brownfield sites that are no longer utilised by the MoD/MoJ. This is considered to make effective use of previously developed land.
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	n/a	
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	n/a	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	n/a	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA13	++	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	++	By taking a positive approach to promoting Gosport's unique historic character and capitalising on its historic environment the policy is considered to provide major positive effects for developing the tourism sector.
Overall effects identified SA14	++	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	o	By taking a positive approach to promoting Gosport's historic environment which includes maximising the benefits of the Heritage Action Zone and High Street Heritage Action Zone, the policy is considered to have potentially positive effects for improving the vitality and viability of the Borough's centres.
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	+	
Overall effects identified SA15	+	
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA16	n/a	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	n/a	
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA17	n/a	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D10: Heritage Assets		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	n/a	
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	n/a	
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	n/a	
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA18	n/a	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	++	The policy sets out criteria for development affecting heritage assets and the historic environment. It provides specific criteria for how development affecting designated and non-designated assets and their setting will be dealt with through planning decisions to protect and enhance the historic environment. In addition the policy sets out that the Borough Council will aim to conserve and enhance Conservation Areas and identify additional Conservation Areas, and conserve and enhance locally important heritage assets and consider additions to the Local List. Overall it is considered that the Borough Council's policy approach will result in major positive effects for protecting and enhancing Gosport's unique historic environment.
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	++	The policy requires heritage assets at risk to be monitored and encourages development proposals that will improve their condition. This will provide major positive effects.
Overall effects identified SA19	++	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	++	The policy sets out criteria for development affecting heritage assets and the historic environment. It provides specific criteria for how development affecting designated and non-designated assets and their setting will be dealt with through planning decisions to protect and enhance the historic environment. In addition the policy sets out that the Borough Council will aim to conserve and enhance

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D10: Heritage Assets		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
		Conservation Areas and identify additional Conservation Areas, and conserve and enhance locally important heritage assets and consider additions to the Local List. Overall it is considered that the Borough Council's policy approach will result in major positive effects for protecting and enhancing Gosport's unique historic environment.
Overall effects identified SA20	++	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA21	n/a	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	n/a	
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA22	n/a	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	++	By taking a positive approach to promoting Gosport's unique historic character and capitalising on its historic environment the policy provides potential to leverage investment into the Borough, particularly on brownfield sites that are no longer utilised by the MoD/MoJ. This is considered to make effective use of previously developed land and existing buildings and will likely involve the remediation of contaminated land.
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	++	
Overall effects identified SA23	++	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA24	n/a	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	n/a	
2. Will development be avoided in flood	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D10: Heritage Assets		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
risk areas?		
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	n/a	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA26	n/a	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	+?	The restoration of existing buildings gives rise to opportunities to reduce the consumption of materials and resources. There is also uncertainty at this stage as in some cases historic assets may require more resources in order to restore their appearance to their original state.
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	+?	

Option 1: Develop Policy
Policy D10: Heritage Assets

SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1		+					S/M/L
SA2			n/a				
SA3			n/a				
SA4			n/a				
SA5			n/a				
SA6			n/a				
SA7		+					S/M/L
SA8			n/a				
SA9			n/a				
SA10			n/a				
SA11			n/a				
SA12			n/a				
SA13	++						S/M/L
SA14	++						S/M/L
SA15		+					S/M/L
SA16			n/a				
SA17			n/a				
SA18			n/a				
SA19	++						S/M/L
SA20	++						S/M/L
SA21			n/a				
SA22			n/a				
SA23	++						S/M/L
SA24			n/a				
SA25			n/a				
SA26			n/a				
SA27		+					S/M/L

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy D10: Heritage Assets

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Develop policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects. Major positive effects have been identified for a number of SA objectives; these include the economy, the tourism sector, protecting and enhancing the historic environment, ensuring a high quality townscape and using previously developed land efficiently.
Justification	By taking a positive approach through the Local Plan, the Heritage Action Zone Delivery Plan and the High Street Heritage Action Zone projects to promote Gosport’s unique historic character by ensuring that all its heritage assets are conserved and enhanced through viable new uses, the policy can have major positive effects on a number of sustainability objectives. In addition, the policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy D10: Heritage Assets

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified

Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

Policy D11: Securing Infrastructure

Overview

Policy D11 sets out the Borough Councils overall approach to ensuring good infrastructure is in place to support development and how it will work with its partners to review and monitor existing provision and identify new infrastructure needs within the Borough. The Policy sets out how the appropriate level of infrastructure will be determined and which types will be given the highest priority. In addition, the Policy sets out how development infrastructure requirements will be secured using S106 legal agreements, the Community Infrastructure Levy and S278 agreements. Policy D11 includes elements previously contained in Policy LP2 of the GBLP 2011-2029.

PART 1 – Policy D11: Securing Infrastructure

POLICY D11: SECURING INFRASTRUCTURE

- 1. The Borough Council and its partners will work together to review and monitor existing provision and identify new infrastructure needs within the Borough.**
- 2. In determining the appropriate level of infrastructure required for both site-specific and off-site measures, the highest priority will be given to the following types of infrastructure:**
 - a) Flood Risk Management Measures;**
 - b) Transport infrastructure including public transport, walking, cycling, where appropriate highway improvements and electric vehicle charging points and associated facilities;**
 - c) Economic development (including skills and digital technology);**
 - d) Education and training facilities (including nurseries, primary and secondary schools and post-16);**
 - e) Green Infrastructure (including open space, biodiversity net gain, nutrient neutrality measures and climate change mitigation and adaptation); and**
 - f) Community infrastructure (including sports, community, health and social care facilities).**
- 3. Development proposals will be permitted where it can be clearly demonstrated that the required infrastructure can be provided prior to the occupation of the new development. Where there are circumstances which mean a phased approach to delivering infrastructure is more appropriate this will be agreed with the Council.**
- 4. New Infrastructure provision or improvements to existing assets will be provided on-site as an integral part of a development and secured through an appropriate S106 agreement. Where a contribution towards off-site infrastructure provision is required in lieu of on-site provision, this will be secured through the Community Infrastructure Levy and/or planning obligations as appropriate. For sites where changes to the public highway are necessary such works will be secured through a S278 agreement.**

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The policy was considered to be in accordance with the NPPF; therefore no further options were required for testing.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy D11: Securing Infrastructure

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D11: Securing Infrastructure		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	+?	The policy seeks to secure and provide the required infrastructure to support development – this will include supporting the transition to net zero by 2050. That said, there is some uncertainty about the positive effects as it is dependent on the type of infrastructure provided and the impacts of specific proposals.
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	+?	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	o	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	+	The policy includes a specific criterion related to the priority of types of infrastructure which includes vehicle charging points.
Overall effects identified SA1	+?	
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	+	The policy seeks to ensure appropriate infrastructure is provided to support development. This includes transport infrastructure including public transport, walking, cycling, electric vehicle charging and associated facilities. This would aim to reduce traffic volumes and congestion and reduce road traffic accidents. The policy does also include provision for highway improvements which could either lead to increases or reductions in traffic and road traffic accidents.
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	+	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	o?	Overall the impact is considered neutral as while the policy does include the provision of new transport infrastructure and for example highway infrastructure may lead to increased emissions, the policy also concerns types of infrastructure such as green infrastructure and climate change mitigation and adaption measures. The overall effects are therefore assessed as neutral/uncertain as it depends on the specific infrastructure secured throughout the plan period.
Overall effects identified SA2	+	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D11: Securing Infrastructure		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	+	The policy seeks to ensure appropriate transport infrastructure for public transport, walking and cycling is prioritised.
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	+	The policy gives a high priority to walking and cycling infrastructure.
Overall effects identified SA3	+	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	+	The policy includes criterion which aims to both include accessibility by providing transport infrastructure but also prioritises community infrastructure to support development. The policy therefore improves accessibility to services and facilities by both bringing them closer to where people live and by improving travel choices.
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	+	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	+	
Overall effects identified SA4	+	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	+	The policy includes provision for infrastructure types that will allow for engagement in community activities.
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	++	The policy seeks to ensure the appropriate level of infrastructure is provided to support development, this is well recognised as vital to sustainable communities and attractive places to live.
Overall effects identified SA5	+	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	?	The policy could be used to secure infrastructure/contributions which could be used towards reducing crime and disorder however it's uncertain at this time if this will be the outcome.
Overall effects identified SA6	?	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	+?	All of the infrastructure types prioritised by the policy could contribute to reducing poverty and social exclusion. This has also been assessed with some uncertainty as the outcomes depend on the implementation of the policy, the infrastructure

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D11: Securing Infrastructure		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
		secured in a given development and how this interacts with the community when in use.
Overall effects identified SA7	+?	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	+?	The policy aims to ensure appropriate health facilities are provided however it is also uncertain that this will definitely lead to improved outcomes.
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	+	Many of the infrastructure types prioritised by the policy will contribute to enabling and supporting healthy lifestyles.
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	+	The policy allows for new health facilities and/or contributions to improving existing facilities so can improve access to health facilities.
Overall effects identified SA8	+	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	n/a	
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	n/a	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA9	n/a	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	+	The policy includes provision for providing types of infrastructure related to improving skills and qualifications such as securing education and training facilities.
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	+	
Overall effects identified SA10	+	
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	?	Potential for reduced-out commuting however this is uncertain as it depends on wider issues beyond just the provision of infrastructure.
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	+	The policy seeks to improve accessibility by prioritising public transport, walking and cycling infrastructure.
Overall effects identified SA11	+?	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D11: Securing Infrastructure		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	+?	Overall, good infrastructure provision should improve the economic growth and the labour market in the Borough. That said it is uncertain at this stage and dependent on the type of infrastructure provided and wider economic trends.
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	+?	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	o	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	?	
Overall effects identified SA12	?	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	+	Overall, good infrastructure provision should improve the economic growth and the labour market in the Borough. That said it is uncertain at this stage and dependent on the type of infrastructure provided and wider economic trends.
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	+?	
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	+?	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	+?	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	o	
Overall effects identified SA13	+?	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	+	By securing appropriate infrastructure from development there is potential to improve Gosport as a destination. For example, the provision of good walking and cycling infrastructure could increase recreational activities by visitors to the Borough.
Overall effects identified SA14	+	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	+	Infrastructure has the potential to ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's Centres. This could include contributions from development towards community facilities within a Centre through the Community Infrastructure Levy.
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	+	
Overall effects identified SA15	+	
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	+	The policy can be used as a way of securing contributions toward sporting facilities. For example if necessary it could be used to secure Section 106 contributions towards improving existing football

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D11: Securing Infrastructure		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
		pitches.
Overall effects identified SA16	+	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	o	This is assessed as neutral overall. The policy could be used to secure green infrastructure, for example open space. However in certain limited circumstances it may be necessary to provide highway infrastructure which may impact greenspace.
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	o	
Overall effects identified SA17	o	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	+?	All development will be required to provide a biodiversity net gain. The amount secured depends on individual proposals.
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	o	This is assessed as neutral overall. The policy could be used to secure green infrastructure. However in certain circumstances it may be necessary to provide certain types of infrastructure which may impact the green infrastructure network, nature conservation sites, habitats and species. However this will be assessed as the detail proposal stage and the policy itself will not result in a negative impact.
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	o	
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	o	
Overall effects identified SA18	o	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	o	The policy is assessed as neutral overall. While the policy does not specifically relate to the historic environment in may in certain circumstances positively or negatively affect the historic environment. For example in some circumstances a specific type of infrastructure (for example flood risk measures) may negatively affect a historic asset. At the same time, such infrastructure may protect a historic asset. The implications of specific infrastructure projects on the historic environment will be assessed through the detail development management process.
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	o	
Overall effects identified SA19	o	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D11: Securing Infrastructure		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA20	n/a	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	o	Some types of infrastructure will improve air quality and reduce air pollution. There is potential for some types of infrastructure to increase air pollution and reduce air quality. The impacts of specific infrastructure proposals will be assessed at the detailed development management stage. The policy is therefore currently assessed as neutral.
Overall effects identified SA21	o	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	o	The policy can be used to secure infrastructure which has the potential to reduce overall energy consumption. However this will need to be assessed as and when specific proposals come forward and is therefore assessed as neutral at this stage.
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	o?	The policy includes a specific criterion which gives priority to measures such as climate change mitigation and adaptation and could therefore be used to increase renewable sources of energy. However there is no guarantee and therefore this is assessed as uncertain. When detailed proposals come forward the implications for renewable sources of energy will be assessed.
Overall effects identified SA22	o	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	+	The policy is assessed as being able to facilitate the re-use of previously developed land and contaminated land as it provides the policy framework to secure the appropriate infrastructure to serve new development on such sites. This will give rise to positive effects in efficiently using the Borough's scarce land resources.
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	+	
Overall effects identified SA23	+	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	+?	The policy includes criterion to secure nutrient neutrality measures which has the potential to ensure water quality is maintained and enhanced. However

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D11: Securing Infrastructure		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
		there is recognised uncertainty at this stage and the implications of new developments on water quality will be fully assessed at the development management stage.
Overall effects identified SA24	+?	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	+	The policy gives the highest priority to flood risk management measures and will therefore be used to ensure the risk of flooding is minimised on development sites.
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	?	This is dependent on the specific infrastructure requirement and is therefore uncertain.
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	+?	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA26	n/a	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	n/a	

Policy D11: Securing Infrastructure

SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1		+?					S/M/L
SA2		+					M/L
SA3		+					M/L
SA4		+					M/L
SA5		+					
SA6				?			
SA7		+?					
SA8		+					
SA9			n/a				
SA10		+					
SA11		+?		?			
SA12							
SA13		+?					
SA14		+					
SA15		+					
SA16		+					
SA17			o				
SA18			o				
SA19			o				
SA20			n/a				
SA21			o				
SA22			o				
SA23		+					S/M/L
SA24		+?					M/L
SA25		+?					S/M/L
SA26			n/a				
SA27			n/a				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy D11: Securing Infrastructure

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Develop policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that many significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects. There is uncertainty in the assessment of effects as the policy is very wide ranging and the effects depend on the type of infrastructure implemented. The effects of individual infrastructure proposals will therefore need to be assessed at the detailed proposal stage.
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. Including this policy in the Local Plan will facilitate the appropriate level of infrastructure provision to support new development and existing communities.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy D11: Securing Infrastructure

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified
Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

Policy D12: Accessibility to New Development

Overview

In accordance with the NPPF this policy aims to ensure that new developments support a pattern of development which facilitates the use of sustainable modes of transport. It requires the need for transport assessments and travel plans where applicable as stated in the NPPF. The Policy replaces Policy LP22 of the GBLP 2011-2029.

PART 1 – Policy D12: Accessibility to New Development

POLICY D12: ACCESSIBILITY TO NEW DEVELOPMENT

- 1. Development proposals that prioritise access for active and sustainable travel modes including walking, cycling and access to public transport services, will be supported.**
- 2. Development proposals that are likely to generate significant levels of travel demand will be permitted, provided that:**
 - a) The site is located where convenient public transport services exist or there is a commitment by the developer and public transport providers to deliver such service.**
 - b) The site is, or will be made, accessible to pedestrians and cyclists.**
 - c) Any new or improved road access and the traffic generated would not have any unacceptable environmental implications nor significantly prejudice the safety, function and capacity of the road network.**
 - d) Local and strategic transport improvements will be provided, where necessary, to support the development and mitigate adverse impacts on the safety, function and capacity of the transport network.**
 - e) Transport Statements or Transport Assessments are submitted in support of the planning application to evaluate transport impacts and to demonstrate that suitable transport improvements will be provided which meet the needs of the development and mitigate any adverse impacts.**
 - f) A Travel Plan is provided in support of a planning application where appropriate in relation to the scale and type of development.**

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The policy was considered to be in accordance with the NPPF; therefore no further options were required for testing.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy D12: Accessibility to New Development

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D12: Accessibility to New Development		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	+	The policy prioritises access for active and sustainable travel modes including walking, cycling and access to public transport services. These modes can lead to significant reductions in emissions and will therefore lead to positive effects in this regard. In addition the policy contains criteria which require transport statements and transport assessments to evaluate impacts and demonstrate adequate mitigation. The policy also requires travel plans which can contain measures to promote sustainable travel modes. Overall the policy is assessed as leading to positive effects in relation to climate change.
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	+	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	n/a	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	o	The policy does not specifically secure these measures however it does require travel plans which could contain measures such as charging points for electric vehicles. The policy is assessed as being neutral overall.
Overall effects identified SA1	+	
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	++	The policy seeks to prioritise active and sustainable travel modes which should lead to reductions in private car use and thereby reduce traffic volumes and congestion. In addition, the policy contains measures to mitigate the impacts of proposals that are likely to generate significant levels of travel demand. For example, the policy requires the provision of local and strategic transport improvements where necessary. This could be the provision of financial contributions towards highway improvement schemes.
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	++	The policy has regard to national and local standards to ensure any new road or access point onto the existing highway is constructed to a satisfactory standard which provides appropriate and safe access for vehicles, pedestrians and cycles. This can help to reduce the risk of road accidents caused by deficiencies in the design of the highway network.

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D12: Accessibility to New Development		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	+	The policy itself does not encourage increases in traffic and therefore is not considered to cause an increase in air and noise pollution. The policy includes measures to promote cleaner forms of travel. In addition the policy includes a specific requirement for any new or improved road access and traffic generated to not have any unacceptable environmental implications. The policy is therefore assessed as resulting in positive effects and will assist in mitigating the impacts of new development.
Overall effects identified SA2	++	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	++	The policy states that development proposals that prioritise access for active and sustainable travel modes including walking, cycling and access to public transport services will be supported. This will be achieved through the location of development, infrastructure improvements and travel plan measures.
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	++	
Overall effects identified SA3	++	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	+	The policy requires development proposals that are likely to generate significant levels of travel demand to be located where convenient access can be achieved. This will assist residents in accessing the local services they require.
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	+	By prioritising access for active and sustainable travel modes including walking, cycling and access to public transport services the policy can make access easier for those without a car. In addition the policy requires transport statements, transport assessments and travel plans which will require the consideration and measures to make access easier for all groups in society.
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	+	
Overall effects identified SA4	+	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	n/a	
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA5	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D12: Accessibility to New Development		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA6	n/a	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA7	n/a	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	n/a	
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	+	By prioritising active travel modes the policy can help to encourage people to take up healthier forms of travel such as walking and cycling. This is considered to result in positive effects.
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	+	
Overall effects identified SA8	+	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	n/a	
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	n/a	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA9	n/a	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from	+	The policy states that development proposals that

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D12: Accessibility to New Development		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
the Borough?		prioritise access for active and sustainable travel modes including walking, cycling and access to public transport services will be supported. This will be achieved through the location of development, infrastructure improvements and travel plan measures. These measures combined should reduce out-commuting from the Borough, particularly by private car. However there is uncertainty associated with this assessment as reducing out-commuting is also reliant on the location of employment sites and not just the provision of appropriate travel infrastructure.
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	++	The policy states that development proposals that prioritise access for active and sustainable travel modes including walking, cycling and access to public transport services will be supported. This will be achieved through the location of development, infrastructure improvements and travel plan measures.
Overall effects identified SA11	+?	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	n/a	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	n/a	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA12	n/a	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	n/a	
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	n/a	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	n/a	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA13	n/a	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D12: Accessibility to New Development		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA14	n/a	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	+	By improving overall accessibility to new development the policy will also increase accessibility to the Borough's Centres.
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA15	+	
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA16	n/a	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	n/a	
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA17	n/a	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	n/a	
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	n/a	
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	n/a	
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA18	n/a	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D12: Accessibility to New Development		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
historic environment?		
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA19	n/a	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA20	n/a	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	o?	By prioritising access for active and sustainable travel modes including walking, cycling and access to public transport service the policy will facilitate shifts to travel modes which produce less air pollution than modes such as the private car. That said the policy also requires appropriate highway improvements for new development which may make access by car easier. The policy has therefore been assessed as neutral overall with uncertainty at this stage. The detail impacts of development on air quality will be assessed as the detailed planning application stage.
Overall effects identified SA21	o?	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	n/a	
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA22	n/a	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA23	n/a	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA24	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy D12: Accessibility to New Development		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	n/a	
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	n/a	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	n/a	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA26	n/a	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	n/a	

Option 1: Develop Policy
Policy D12: Accessibility to New Development

SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1		+					S/M/L
SA2	++						S/M/L
SA3	++						S/M/L
SA4		+					
SA5			n/a				
SA6			n/a				
SA7			n/a				
SA8		+					S/M/L
SA9			n/a				
SA10			n/a				
SA11		+?					S/M/L
SA12			n/a				
SA13			n/a				
SA14			n/a				
SA15		+					S/M/L
SA16			n/a				
SA17			n/a				
SA18			n/a				
SA19			n/a				
SA20			n/a				
SA21			o?				
SA22			n/a				
SA23			n/a				
SA24			n/a				
SA25			n/a				
SA26			n/a				
SA27			n/a				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy D12: Accessibility to New Development

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Develop policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects. Major positive effects have been identified in relation to SA objectives for reducing the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities, and to facilitate modal transfer away from the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. Including this policy in the Local Plan will ensure development proposals prioritise access for active and sustainable travel models but are also accessible and provide an assessment of their impact and if necessary highway improvements to mitigate this impact.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy D12: Accessibility to New Development

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified

Maximising beneficial effects	
SA1	Include a more detailed development management policy to secure electric vehicle charging points. This will assist in addressing climate change.

SA of General Development Policies: Housing (Policy H1 – H5)

Policy H1: Sustainable Residential Neighbourhoods

Overview

Policy H1 is a new policy which includes elements previously contained in *Policy LP24: Housing* of the GBLP 2011-2029. The Policy seeks to specifically address the wider strategy for urban regeneration and future economic prosperity by ensuring the Gosport's residents can live in high quality and affordable housing. It includes several elements outlined below. The Policy requires that new development should include a mix of dwellings in terms of type, size and tenure to meet local needs as required by the NPPF and to ensure mixed, balanced and sustainable neighbourhoods. Part 1 and 2 of the Policy relate to the density and mix of residential development. The supporting text sets out indicative built densities and housing size and tenures rather than prescribing such figures in the policy itself. This allows developments to reflect changes in housing need over the Plan period. Point 3 of the Policy promotes the regeneration and renewal of existing housing estates, or larger sites partly comprised of housing estates where appropriate. This sets out the Council's approach to improving the quality of existing residential neighbourhoods through a programme of regeneration in specific housing estates outside the identified regeneration areas. Point 4 of the Policy relates to self and custom build housing and sets out the position that such schemes will be supported by the Council where they conform with all other relevant local and national policies.

PART 1 – Policy H1: Sustainable Residential Neighbourhoods

POLICY H1: SUSTAINABLE RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBOURHOODS

1. The appropriate density of residential development will be informed and assessed by:

- **The need to maximise the efficient use of scarce land resources;**
- **The character and mix of uses of the area in which it is located taking into account local townscape, protected trees and heritage assets;**
- **Level of accessibility in terms of walking, cycling and public transport; and**
- **The need to minimise environmental and amenity impacts**

Indicative built densities for different areas are set out in Table 3 but the criteria above may indicate that a different density is appropriate. Where the proposed built density falls below that specified the applicant will be expected to provide supporting information justifying the density proposed. Applications that, on balance of considerations, either fail to make efficient use of land or propose an excessively high density for its context, will be refused.

2. New residential development should contribute towards meeting the need for a mix of housing as set out in Table 4 with the aim of delivering mixed, balanced and sustainable neighbourhoods. Account will need to be taken of the:

- **Strategic Housing Market Assessment (or any subsequent revision);**
- **Detailed Local Housing Market Assessments (where applicable);**
- **Current and future demographic studies and profiles;**
- **Locality and ability of the site to accommodate a mix of housing; and**

- **Market signals and local housing market trends.**

Applications that, on balance of considerations, fail to provide a suitable mix of housing will be refused.

- 3. The regeneration and renewal of existing housing estates, or larger sites partly comprised of housing estates, will continue to be promoted to ensure that high quality new housing and site environments are provided in line with the principles of sustainable neighbourhoods set out in Point 1 above. In redeveloping existing housing estates opportunities to improve public open spaces, provide new or improved community facilities and alternative modes of transport, and create opportunities for employment will be taken where appropriate.**
- 4. Proposals for self and custom build housing, to be occupied as homes by those individuals, will be supported by the Council where they are in conformity with all other relevant local and national policies. On sites with 40 or more non-flatted market dwellings site promoters should provide at least 2.5% of plots as self-build plots.**

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The policy was considered to be in accordance with the NPPF; therefore, no further options were required for testing.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy H1: Sustainable Residential Neighbourhoods

The effects over time:		
++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy H1: Sustainable Residential Neighbourhoods		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	+	The policy is considered to have positive effects in this regard as it stipulates that land must be used efficiently and development built at an appropriate density. Such land use decisions will play a key role in efforts to tackle climate change and support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050.
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	+	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	+	The policy includes criterion which seek to facilitate the regeneration and renewal of existing housing estates to deliver high quality new housing. This will provide positive effects and enable the delivery of energy efficient buildings.

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy H1: Sustainable Residential Neighbourhoods		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA1	+	
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	+?	The policy sets out appropriate densities for residential development which will be based on a number of factors including the level of accessibility in terms of walking, cycling and public transport. The policy therefore has potential to reduce traffic volumes and congestion through setting appropriate density standards for the developments location.
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	o	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	o	
Overall effects identified SA2	+?	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	n/a	
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA3	n/a	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	n/a	
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	n/a	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA4	n/a	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	n/a	
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	+	The policy provides a framework for the future regeneration and renewal of existing housing estates. The development of high quality housing and built environments is considered to have major positive effects in improving the quality of where people live.
Overall effects identified SA5	+	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy H1: Sustainable Residential Neighbourhoods		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	+	The policy provides a framework for the future regeneration and renewal of existing housing estates. The development of high quality housing and built environments is considered to have major positive effects in reducing crime and disorder.
Overall effects identified SA6	+	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	+	The policy requires new residential development to contribute towards meeting the need for a mix of housing to deliver mixed, balanced and sustainable neighbourhoods. In addition, the policy provides a framework for the future regeneration and renewal of existing housing estates. These issues combined are considered to offer positive effects to reducing both poverty and social exclusion through the delivery of homes for those that need them.
Overall effects identified SA7	+	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	+	While the policy does not explicitly relate to health, it does seek to deliver a mix of housing which can contribute to improving health and wellbeing and reducing health inequalities. In addition, providing a framework for the future regeneration and renewal of existing housing estates can lead to significant improvements of the places people live, thereby helping to improve health outcomes.
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	+	
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	+	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	++	The policy seeks to ensure development provides a mix of housing in line with local evidence. This can provide major positive effects in reducing homelessness.
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	++	The policy specifically sets out that a mix of housing will be secured in line with local evidence. This will include ensuring development provides a range of housing for different groups of society.

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy H1: Sustainable Residential Neighbourhoods		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	++	By requiring residential development to be built at appropriate densities the policy will contribute to increasing the quality of built development. In addition by providing a framework for the future regeneration and renewal of existing housing estates, the policy provides major positive effects in increasing the number of decent homes.
Overall effects identified SA9	++	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	n/a	
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA11	n/a	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	n/a	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	n/a	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA12	n/a	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	++	The policy seeks to maximise the efficient use of scarce land resources by ensuring development is built at the appropriate density. This will ensure the Borough's supply of land can be effectively used for a mix of uses, including both new housing and

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Policy H1: Sustainable Residential Neighbourhoods		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
		employment floorspace.
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	n/a	
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	n/a	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	n/a	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA13	++	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA14	n/a	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA15	n/a	
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA16	n/a	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	+	By ensuring the efficient use of land the policy will ensure the Borough's greenspace can be protected and brownfield sites prioritised for built development.
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA17	+	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	n/a	
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy H1: Sustainable Residential Neighbourhoods		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
connected multifunctional green infrastructure?		
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	+	By ensuring the efficient use of land the policy will ensure the Borough's nature conservation sites, habitats and species can be protected and brownfield sites prioritised for built development.
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	+	
Overall effects identified SA18	+	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	+	The policy includes criterion to ensure that new residential development takes account of heritage assets in its built density.
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA19	+	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	++	The policy seeks to ensure that new residential development is built at appropriate densities. It includes criterion to ensure the existing local townscape is taken into account. In addition, by setting out a framework for the regeneration and renewal of existing housing estates the policy seeks to ensure that where possible existing areas can be enhanced.
Overall effects identified SA20	++	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA21	n/a	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	+	The policy provides potential to reduce emissions and energy usage through the regeneration and renewal of existing housing estates which are of poor energy efficiency.
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA22	+	
Use of Land Resources		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy H1: Sustainable Residential Neighbourhoods		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	+	In assessing the appropriate density of residential development, the policy sets out that the Council will consider the need to maximise the efficient use of scarce land resources.
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	o	
Overall effects identified SA23	+	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA24	n/a	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	n/a	
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	n/a	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	n/a	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA26	n/a	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	n/a	

Option 1: Develop Policy
Policy H1: Sustainable Residential Neighbourhoods

SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1		+					L
SA2		+?					L
SA3			n/a				
SA4			n/a				
SA5		+					L
SA6		+					M/L
SA7		+					M/L
SA8		+					M/L
SA9	++						S/M/L
SA10			n/a				
SA11			n/a				
SA12			n/a				
SA13	++						M/L
SA14			n/a				
SA15			n/a				
SA16			n/a				
SA17		+					M/L
SA18		+					L
SA19		+					M/L
SA20	++						L
SA21			n/a				
SA22		+					L
SA23		+					M/L
SA24			n/a				
SA25			n/a				
SA26			n/a				
SA27			n/a				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy H1: Sustainable Residential Neighbourhoods

Preferred option(s)	Option 1: Develop Policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects. The positive effects identified relate to a number of SA objectives although the policies implications in relation to ensuring everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home (SA9) are considered to be of most importance.
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. Including this policy in the Local Plan will allow the Council to ensure residential development is built at appropriate densities to make efficient use of land and provides a mix of different types of housing including self and custom build housing. The policy also allows the Council to set out that it will promote the regeneration and renewal of existing housing estates.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy H1: Sustainable Residential Neighbourhoods

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects	
None identified	
Maximising beneficial effects	
SA20	Policy DE2: Residential Design will ensure that all new residential development is well-designed.

Policy H2: Affordable Housing

Overview

Policy H2 is a new policy which includes elements previously contained in Policy LP24: Housing of the GBLP 2011-2029. The Policy requires affordable housing on residential developments of 10 dwellings or more. The proportion of affordable housing required is 40%. This has been based on several key evidence studies which are detailed in the Policy supporting text. The Policy sets out the Council's clear position concerning the negotiation of affordable housing on sites and requires the developer/landowner to demonstrate the circumstances justifying lower affordable housing contributions if this is proposed. The Policy also seeks to secure an appropriate tenure mix of affordable housing and sets out additional key considerations which require that affordable homes are integrated throughout a development and be of visually indistinguishable design.

PART 1 – Policy H2: Affordable Housing

POLICY H2: AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- 1. The Borough Council will seek 40% affordable housing on residential developments of 10 dwellings or more. Provision should be made on-site in the first instance. In exceptional circumstances the Council will consider a financial contribution being negotiated to make up the full requirement as appropriate. In all cases where proposals fall short of the policy target an open-book approach will be taken and the onus will be on the developer/ landowner to clearly demonstrate the circumstances justifying a lower affordable housing contribution. The Council will seek to negotiate a percentage of affordable housing as close as possible to the target level having regard to a site-specific viability assessment.**
- 2. In determining applications with affordable housing the Council will assess the site size, suitability and type of units to be delivered in relation to the current evidence and the local site context. The Council will seek an appropriate tenure mix of affordable housing to include social rented, affordable rent, intermediate rent and shared ownership affordable units.**
- 3. Affordable housing proposals should also take account of the following considerations:**
 - a) Dwellings provided should be fully integrated into the development;**
 - b) In phased housing developments, site promoters will be expected to provide details of the affordable housing provision in each phase, including the number and type of affordable housing to be provided;**
 - c) All affordable housing contributions should be secured in perpetuity through a planning obligation; and**
 - d) Site promoters may not circumvent this policy by artificially subdividing qualifying sites.**

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The following options are considered for the Local Plan and assessed in Part 3:

Option 1: Maintain existing policy with 40% affordable housing on sites with 10+ dwellings
Maintain the existing policy requirement for a target of 40% affordable housing on sites with a threshold of 10 dwellings as contained in Policy LP24 of the GBLP 2011-2029.
Option 2: Seek a lower proportion of affordable housing
There is potential to seek a lower proportion of affordable housing on qualifying sites.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy H2: Affordable Housing

The effects over time:			
++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative			
Policy H2: Affordable Housing			
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Maintain existing policy with 40% affordable housing on sites with 10+ dwellings	Option 2: Seek a lower proportion of affordable housing	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective			
Decision Making Criteria			
Climate Change			
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.			
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	n/a	n/a	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	n/a	n/a	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA1	n/a	n/a	
Transport and Accessibility			
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.			
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	n/a	n/a	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA2	n/a	n/a	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.			
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA3	n/a	n/a	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training,			

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative			
Policy H2: Affordable Housing			
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Maintain existing policy with 40% affordable housing on sites with 10+ dwellings	Option 2: Seek a lower proportion of affordable housing	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective			
Decision Making Criteria			
employment and leisure opportunities.			
1. Will it improve access to local services?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	n/a	n/a	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA4	n/a	n/a	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods			
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.			
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA5	n/a	n/a	
Crime and Disorder			
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder			
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA6	n/a	n/a	
Poverty and Deprivation			
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.			
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	++	-	By pursuing Option 1 and seeking to secure 40% affordable housing on residential developments of 10 dwellings or more, the Council will be able to assist in reducing poverty and social exclusion by securing affordable housing. This is considered to have major positive effects.
Overall effects identified SA7	++	-	
Health and Well-being			
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.			
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	n/a	n/a	
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	n/a	n/a	
Housing			

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative			
Policy H2: Affordable Housing			
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Maintain existing policy with 40% affordable housing on sites with 10+ dwellings Option 2: Seek a lower proportion of affordable housing	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>	
Sustainability Appraisal Objective			
Decision Making Criteria			
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.			
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	++	o	Option 1 is likely the key way the Local Plan can address homelessness and increase the range of affordable housing for the community by securing a high level of affordable housing on residential developments. The policy approach of 40% is considered to have major positive effects. While Option 2 with a lower level of affordable housing would also produce benefits it is considered that option 1 presents a viable balance between securing high levels of affordable housing and ensuring developments are viable.
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	++	-	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	+	o	
Overall effects identified SA9	++	o	
Education and Skills			
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.			
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	n/a	
Employment			
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.			
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA11	n/a	n/a	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.			
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	n/a	n/a	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	n/a	n/a	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA12	n/a	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative			
Policy H2: Affordable Housing			
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Maintain existing policy with 40% affordable housing on sites with 10+ dwellings	Option 2: Seek a lower proportion of affordable housing	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective			
Decision Making Criteria			
Economy			
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.			
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	n/a	n/a	
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	n/a	n/a	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	n/a	n/a	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA13	n/a	n/a	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.			
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA14	n/a	n/a	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres			
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.			
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA15	n/a	n/a	
Leisure			
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.			
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA16	n/a	n/a	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.			
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA17	n/a	n/a	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity			

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative			
Policy H2: Affordable Housing			
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Maintain existing policy with 40% affordable housing on sites with 10+ dwellings	Option 2: Seek a lower proportion of affordable housing	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective			
Decision Making Criteria			
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.			
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	n/a	n/a	
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	n/a	n/a	
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA18	n/a	n/a	
Heritage and Design			
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.			
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA19	n/a	n/a	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.			
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA20	n/a	n/a	
Air Quality			
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.			
1. Will it improve air quality?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA21	n/a	n/a	
Use of Energy Resources			
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.			
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA22	n/a	n/a	
Use of Land Resources			
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.			
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	n/a	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative			
Policy H2: Affordable Housing			
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Maintain existing policy with 40% affordable housing on sites with 10+ dwellings	Option 2: Seek a lower proportion of affordable housing	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective			
Decision Making Criteria			
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA23	n/a	n/a	
Water Management			
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.			
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA24	n/a	n/a	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.			
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	n/a	n/a	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	n/a	n/a	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.			
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA26	n/a	n/a	
Natural Resources and Waste Management			
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.			
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	n/a	n/a	

Option 1: Maintain existing policy with 40% affordable housing on sites with 10+ dwellings
Policy H2: Affordable Housing

SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1			n/a				
SA2			n/a				
SA3			n/a				
SA4			n/a				
SA5			n/a				
SA6			n/a				
SA7	++						L
SA8			n/a				
SA9	++						M/L
SA10			n/a				
SA11			n/a				
SA12			n/a				
SA13			n/a				
SA14			n/a				
SA15			n/a				
SA16			n/a				
SA17			n/a				
SA18			n/a				
SA19			n/a				
SA20			n/a				
SA21			n/a				
SA22			n/a				
SA23			n/a				
SA24			n/a				
SA25			n/a				
SA26			n/a				
SA27			n/a				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy H2: Affordable Housing

Preferred option(s)	Option 1: Maintain existing policy with 40% affordable housing on sites with 10+ dwellings
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects. The major positive effects identified include reducing poverty and social exclusion (SA7) and ensuring everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home (SA9).
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. Including this policy in the Local Plan will mean affordable housing can be secured which will offer major benefits, particularly social benefits.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy H2: Affordable Housing

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified

Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

Policy H3: Housing for Older and Vulnerable People

Overview

Policy H3 is a new policy which includes elements previously contained in *Policy LP24: Housing* of the GBLP 2011-2029. Gosport is facing a range of specialist housing needs in the plan period and this Policy seeks to plan for some of the more complex needs arising which are driven primarily by changing demographics and increases in specific illnesses or disabilities. The Policy sets out the quantum of specialist housing for older or disabled people over the plan period, based on the Gosport Borough Council Demographic Projections (GBCDP). The Policy also sets out the Councils positive approach to the specialist residential accommodation for younger people who are vulnerable and/or disabled. Lastly, the policy also sets out criteria for the design of such developments to ensure they provide a carefully considered and inclusive environment to live.

PART 1 – Policy H3: Housing for Older and Vulnerable People

POLICY H3: HOUSING FOR OLDER AND VULNERABLE PEOPLE

- 1. A positive approach will be taken towards housing proposals that seek to meet the needs of an aging population and increased needs for those with disabilities. Provision will be made for the following quantum of specialist housing for older or disabled people:**
 - Up to 500 homes with support (Class C3 sheltered housing or retirement living);
 - Up to 500 homes with care (Class C2 or C3 enhanced sheltered and extra-care housing);
 - Up to 750 residential care bed-spaces (Class C2 nursing care).
- 2. The Council will take a positive approach to the provision of specialist residential accommodation for younger people who are vulnerable and/or disabled.**
- 3. All development for specialist accommodation for older, disabled and vulnerable people should satisfy the following criteria:**
 - a) The site is accessible by residents by public transport;
 - b) Buildings compatible in height, scale and massing with the local townscape character;
 - c) Well-designed and healthy internal living environments with positive use of internal circulation and shared spaces;
 - d) Layouts should maximise of natural light and ventilation;
 - e) Access to private balconies and suitably designed private or semi-private open spaces; and
 - f) Suitable provision for ambulance access, visitor parking and storage.

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The following options are considered for the Local Plan and assessed in Part 3:

Option 1: Allow market forces to determine the mix of accommodation
This is considered the most likely outcome if no policy approach was developed and is therefore considered a viable option for testing.
Option 2: Make provision for the accommodation needs of older and vulnerable people
This option is the Council's preferred option.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy H3: Housing for Older and Vulnerable People

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative			
Policy H3: Housing for Older and Vulnerable People			
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Allow market forces to determine the mix of accommodation Option 2: Make provision for the accommodation needs of older and vulnerable people	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>	
Sustainability Appraisal Objective			
Decision Making Criteria			
Climate Change			
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.			
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	o	+	Option 2 includes specific criteria which should be satisfied by all development for specialist accommodation for older, disabled and vulnerable people. While the policy does not specifically relate to climate change, it includes design criteria which will likely contribute to reducing emissions, supporting the transition to net zero carbon by 2050, and delivering energy efficient buildings. Option 1 is considered neutral.
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	o	+	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	o	+	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	o	o	
Overall effects identified SA1	o	+	
Transport and Accessibility			
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.			
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	o	+	Option 2 seeks to ensure that the site is accessible by residents by public transport. This can result in positive effects to reduce traffic volumes and congestion.
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	o	o	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	o	o	
Overall effects identified SA2	o	o	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.			
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	o	+	It is considered that by pursuing option 2 there will be opportunities to reduce reliance on the private car by providing adequate facilities for

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative			
Policy H3: Housing for Older and Vulnerable People			
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Allow market forces to determine the mix of accommodation Option 2: Make provision for the accommodation needs of older and vulnerable people		Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective			
Decision Making Criteria			
			older and vulnerable people on specific sites.
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	o	o	
Overall effects identified SA3	o	+	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.			
1. Will it improve access to local services?	o	+	Option 2 seeks to ensure all development for specialist accommodation for older, disabled and vulnerable people is accessible by residents by public transport. Additionally, the quantum set out in the policy is largely located in locations which will be accompanied by local services or within proximity to existing facilities.
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	o	+	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	o	+	
Overall effects identified SA4	o	+	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods			
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.			
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	o	+	The approach in Option 2 seeks to create dedicated communities for older, disabled and vulnerable people which are designed to be inclusive and promote engagement in community activities where appropriate. It is considered that the policy approach will contribute to improving neighbourhoods as places to live for all groups in society.
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	o	+	
Overall effects identified SA5	o	+	
Crime and Disorder			
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder			
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA6	n/a	n/a	
Poverty and Deprivation			
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.			
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	o	+?	It is considered that by providing appropriate provision of housing for the populations needs that the policy approach will assist in reducing poverty and social exclusion. For example by taking a positive approach to older persons

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative			
Policy H3: Housing for Older and Vulnerable People			
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Allow market forces to determine the mix of accommodation Option 2: Make provision for the accommodation needs of older and vulnerable people	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects	
Sustainability Appraisal Objective			
Decision Making Criteria			
			housing provision, there will be opportunities to ensure people can get the care they require.
Overall effects identified SA7	o	+?	
Health and Well-being			
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.			
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	-	+	The Borough is due to see large increases in the plan period of people with a range of specialist housing needs. By planning for this provision and setting out design criteria, Option 2 is assessed as resulting in positive effects for improving health and wellbeing, reducing health inequalities and improving health facilities. Option 1 is considered to result in negative effects, particularly in the longer term, as failing to proactively plan for the changing needs of society is considered to exacerbate health inequalities.
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	-	++	
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	-	+	
Overall effects identified SA8	-	+	
Housing			
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.			
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	o	+?	Option 2 will potentially reduce homelessness. While this may not be through the direct provision of specialist housing, by ensuring there is adequate provision, the policy will potentially free-up other types of existing housing within the Borough.
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	-	++	Option 2 specifically seeks to increase the range of housing for different groups in the community and is therefore considered to have major positive effects. This effect will likely result in long term positive effects as planned provision is built.
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	o	+	The policy includes specific criterion to ensure specialist housing is appropriately designed.
Overall effects identified SA9	o	+	
Education and Skills			
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.			
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it improve the qualifications and	n/a	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative			
Policy H3: Housing for Older and Vulnerable People			
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Allow market forces to determine the mix of accommodation Option 2: Make provision for the accommodation needs of older and vulnerable people	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>	
Sustainability Appraisal Objective			
Decision Making Criteria			
skills of the population overall?			
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	n/a	
Employment			
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.			
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA11	n/a	n/a	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.			
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	n/a	n/a	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	n/a	n/a	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA12	n/a	n/a	
Economy			
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.			
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	n/a	n/a	
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	n/a	n/a	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	n/a	n/a	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA13	n/a	n/a	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.			
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA14	n/a	n/a	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres			
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.			
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and	o	o	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative			
Policy H3: Housing for Older and Vulnerable People			
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Allow market forces to determine the mix of accommodation	Option 2: Make provision for the accommodation needs of older and vulnerable people	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective			
Decision Making Criteria			
quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?			
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	o	+	By ensuring older people and those with vulnerabilities or disabilities a better choice of accommodation to suit their changing needs, Option 2 assist in allowing people to live independently for longer. This will have benefits for the Borough's centres.
Overall effects identified SA15	o	+	
Leisure			
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.			
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA16	n/a	n/a	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.			
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA17	n/a	n/a	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity			
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.			
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	n/a	n/a	
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	n/a	n/a	
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA18	n/a	n/a	
Heritage and Design			
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.			
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	n/a	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative			
Policy H3: Housing for Older and Vulnerable People			
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Allow market forces to determine the mix of accommodation Option 2: Make provision for the accommodation needs of older and vulnerable people Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>		
Sustainability Appraisal Objective			
Decision Making Criteria			
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA19	n/a	n/a	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.			
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	o	+	Option 2 includes criterion to ensure that all development for specialist accommodation is compatible with local character and well designed.
Overall effects identified SA20	o	+	
Air Quality			
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.			
1. Will it improve air quality?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA21	n/a	n/a	
Use of Energy Resources			
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.			
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	o	+	Option 2 requires all development for specialist accommodation to incorporate design measures which will assist in reducing energy consumption. Option 2 is therefore assessed as having positive effects in this regard.
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	o	o	
Overall effects identified SA22	o	+	
Use of Land Resources			
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.			
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA23	n/a	n/a	
Water Management			
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.			
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA24	n/a	n/a	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.			
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will development be avoided in flood	n/a	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative			
Policy H3: Housing for Older and Vulnerable People			
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Allow market forces to determine the mix of accommodation	Option 2: Make provision for the accommodation needs of older and vulnerable people	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective			
Decision Making Criteria			
risk areas?			
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	n/a	n/a	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.			
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	o	o	
Overall effects identified SA26	o	o	
Natural Resources and Waste Management			
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.			
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	o	o	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	o	o	
3. Will it increase recycling?	o	o	
Overall effects identified SA27	o	o	

Option 2: Make provision for the accommodation needs of older and vulnerable people
Policy H3: Housing for Older and Vulnerable People

SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1		+					M/L
SA2			o				
SA3		+					M/L
SA4		+					
SA5		+					
SA6			n/a				
SA7		+?					
SA8		+					
SA9		+					M/L
SA10			n/a				
SA11			n/a				
SA12			n/a				
SA13			n/a				
SA14			n/a				
SA15		+					M/L
SA16			n/a				
SA17			n/a				
SA18			n/a				
SA19			n/a				
SA20		+					M/L
SA21			n/a				
SA22		+					M/L
SA23			n/a				
SA24			n/a				
SA25			n/a				
SA26			o				
SA27			o				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy H3: Housing for Older and Vulnerable People

Preferred option(s)	Option 2 - Make provision for the accommodation needs of older and vulnerable people
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects.
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. Including this policy in the Local Plan will ensure that appropriate provision is made for the needs of an ageing population and those with disabilities.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy H3: Housing for Older and Vulnerable People

For **Option 2** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified

Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

Policy H4: Park Homes and Residential Caravans

Overview

This Policy remains largely the same as Policy LP25 in the GBLP 2011-2029. This is a local policy which aims to provide certainty by ensuring that park homes will remain appropriate on existing sites but such areas are not considered suitable for ‘permanent’ dwellings.

PART 1 – Policy H4: Park Homes and Residential Caravans

POLICY H4: PARK HOMES AND RESIDENTIAL CARAVANS

1. Park homes and residential caravans will be permitted in the areas designated on the Policies Map subject to environmental and infrastructure considerations set out in other policies in the Plan.
2. The replacement of park homes or residential caravans in these areas with permanent housing will not be permitted.

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The policy was considered to be in accordance with the NPPF; therefore no further options were required for testing.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy H4: Park Homes and Residential Caravans

The effects over time:					
++ major positive	+ positive	o neutral	? uncertain	- negative	-- major negative
Policy H4: Park Homes and Residential Caravans					
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>			
Sustainability Appraisal Objective					
Decision Making Criteria					
Climate Change					
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.					
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?		n/a			
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?		n/a			
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?		n/a			
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?		n/a			
Overall effects identified SA1		n/a			
Transport and Accessibility					
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.					

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy H4: Park Homes and Residential Caravans		
Sustainability Theme	Policy Option 1: Develop	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	n/a	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA2	n/a	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	n/a	
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA3	n/a	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	n/a	
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	n/a	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA4	n/a	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	n/a	
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA5	n/a	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA6	n/a	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA7	n/a	
Health and Well-being		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy H4: Park Homes and Residential Caravans		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	n/a	
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	n/a	
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	n/a	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	+?	The policy permits park homes and residential caravans within certain areas designated on the Policies Map. This can contribute to the mix of accommodation available to local residents which will have positive effects in relation to housing issues. Overall, there is some uncertainty however, as park homes and residential caravans within the Borough are limited in scale and do not necessarily offer a more affordable form of housing.
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	+?	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	o	
Overall effects identified SA9	+?	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	n/a	
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA11	n/a	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy H4: Park Homes and Residential Caravans		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	n/a	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA12	n/a	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	n/a	
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	n/a	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	n/a	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA13	n/a	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA14	n/a	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA15	n/a	
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA16	n/a	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	n/a	
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy H4: Park Homes and Residential Caravans		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
access?		
Overall effects identified SA17	n/a	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	n/a	
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	n/a	
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	n/a	
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA18	n/a	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA19	n/a	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA20	n/a	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA21	n/a	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	n/a	
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA22	n/a	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy H4: Park Homes and Residential Caravans		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA23	n/a	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA24	n/a	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	n/a	
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	n/a	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	n/a	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA26	n/a	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	n/a	

Option 1: Develop Policy
Policy H4: Park Homes and Residential Caravans

SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1			n/a				
SA2			n/a				
SA3			n/a				
SA4			n/a				
SA5			n/a				
SA6			n/a				
SA7			n/a				
SA8			n/a				
SA9		+					M/L
SA10			n/a				
SA11			n/a				
SA12			n/a				
SA13			n/a				
SA14			n/a				
SA15			n/a				
SA16			n/a				
SA17			n/a				
SA18			n/a				
SA19			n/a				
SA20			n/a				
SA21			n/a				
SA22			n/a				
SA23			n/a				
SA24			n/a				
SA25			n/a				
SA26			n/a				
SA27			n/a				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy H4: Park Homes and Residential Caravans

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Develop policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that one positive effect arises from this policy, with no negative effects. The effect identified relates to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home (SA9). This has been assessed as uncertain/positive as while Park Homes and Residential Caravans clearly provide accommodation, it is not certain that this is necessarily more affordable than other forms of accommodation that could be provided.
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. Including this policy in the Local Plan will ensure that park homes and residential caravans can be permitted in designated areas subject to other considerations.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy H4: Park Homes and Residential Caravans

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified
Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

Policy H5: Gypsies, Travellers, Travelling Showpeople

Overview

This Policy remains largely the same as Policy LP26 in the GBLP 2011-2029. The Policy sets out criteria for sites for gypsies, travellers and travelling show people where a need for such facilities is demonstrated. The Policy also states that planning permission will be granted on land at Fareham Road (as shown on the Policies Map) to provide 1 site for up to 3 caravans for Gypsies and Travellers.

PART 1 – Policy H5: Gypsies, Travellers, Travelling Showpeople

POLICY H5: GYPSIES, TRAVELLERS, TRAVELLING SHOWPEOPLE

- 1. Planning permission will be granted on land at Fareham Road (as shown on the Policies Map) to provide 1 site for up to 3 caravans for Gypsies and Travellers.**
- 2. Additional pitch or plot provision to meet the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople will be permitted where the Borough Council is satisfied there is sufficient evidence to demonstrate there is a need for additional pitches or plots in the Borough. Where this is clearly shown to be the case, such proposals will need to meet all of the following criteria:**
 - a) the site is accessible to local facilities and services and is served or capable of being served by essential utility infrastructure;**
 - b) adequate levels of privacy and residential amenity for site occupiers should be provided;**
 - c) the site is capable of accommodating both the number of caravans/mobile homes proposed and any associated equipment for business activities; and**
 - d) the proposal would not significantly adversely affect the character of the area including natural and built heritage assets and the wider landscape or have unacceptable amenity, traffic or other environmental impacts.**

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The policy was considered to be in accordance with the NPPF and National Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (August 2015); therefore no further options were required for testing.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy H5: Gypsies, Travellers, Travelling Showpeople

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy H5: Gypsies, Travellers, Travelling Showpeople		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	n/a	
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	n/a	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	n/a	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA1	n/a	
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	o	The overall traffic impact is considered to be neutral given the small scale of the allocated site. Any future requirement for new permanent pitches will be assessed as the time and must not have any unacceptable impact on highways.
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	o	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	o	
Overall effects identified SA2	o	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	o	The policy includes criterion to ensure any additional pitch or plot provision is accessible to local facilities and services. This would therefore help to reduce the use of the private car. This is however assessed as neutral as the overall scale of such facilities are likely to be small and the specific impacts would be assessed at the detailed stage.
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA3	o	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	n/a	
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	n/a	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA4	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy H5: Gypsies, Travellers, Travelling Showpeople		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	n/a	
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA5	n/a	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA6	n/a	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA7	n/a	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	n/a	
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	n/a	
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	n/a	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	+?	The policy approach seeks to ensure there is appropriate provision for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople within Gosport Borough by allocating land at Fareham Road to provide 1 permanent site accommodating up to 3 caravans in line with local evidence. While overall the allocation of this provision is considered to offer positive effects in relation to housing, the effects are also uncertain. In addition, given the small scale of required provision, the overall effects are also limited in there scale.
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	+?	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	o	
Overall effects identified SA9	+?	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy H5: Gypsies, Travellers, Travelling Showpeople		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	n/a	
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA11	n/a	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	n/a	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	n/a	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA12	n/a	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	n/a	
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	n/a	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	n/a	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA13	n/a	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA14	n/a	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy H5: Gypsies, Travellers, Travelling Showpeople		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA15	n/a	
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA16	n/a	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	+	
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	+	
Overall effects identified SA17	+	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	n/a	
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	n/a	
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	+	
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	+	
Overall effects identified SA18	+	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA19	n/a	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy H5: Gypsies, Travellers, Travelling Showpeople		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	o	
Overall effects identified SA20	o	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA21	n/a	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	n/a	
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA22	n/a	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA23	n/a	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA24	n/a	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	n/a	
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	n/a	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	n/a	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA26	n/a	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy H5: Gypsies, Travellers, Travelling Showpeople		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	n/a	

Option 1: Develop Policy							
Policy H5: Gypsies, Travellers, Travelling Showpeople							
SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1			n/a				
SA2			o				
SA3			o				
SA4			n/a				
SA5			n/a				
SA6			n/a				
SA7			n/a				
SA8			n/a				
SA9		+					M/L
SA10			n/a				
SA11			n/a				
SA12			n/a				
SA13			n/a				
SA14			n/a				
SA15			n/a				
SA16			n/a				
SA17		+					M/L
SA18		+					M/L
SA19			n/a				
SA20			o				
SA21			n/a				
SA22			n/a				
SA23			n/a				
SA24			n/a				
SA25			n/a				

SA26			n/a				
SA27			n/a				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy H5: Gypsies, Travellers, Travelling Showpeople

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Develop policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects.
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF, National Planning Policy for Traveller Sites and national planning guidance. Including this policy in the Local Plan will ensure appropriate provision is made for gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople and ensure that additional provision can be provided if required.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy H5: Gypsies, Travellers, Travelling Showpeople

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified

Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

SA of General Development Policies: Employment (Policy E1 – E5)

Policy E1: Employment Land

Overview

Policy E1 replaces Policy LP16: Employment Land of the GBLP 2011-2029. The Policy has many elements to it and is key to the Local Plan's overall strategy to maintain and increase employment levels in the Borough. The Policy relates primarily to E(g), B2 and B8 uses but reference is made to alternative uses in parts 5 and 6 of the Policy. The Policy reiterates the overall employment floorspace quantum included in the Spatial Strategy and sets out how new employment land is provided. The Policy also identifies key employment assets of importance to the Borough and sets out how these will be protected and safeguarded for employment purposes. The Policy also sets out certain circumstances where planning permission may be granted for residential development as part of an employment-led mixed use scheme.

PART 1 – Policy E1: Employment Land

POLICY E1: EMPLOYMENT LAND

- 1. The Local Plan will make provision for at least 90,000 sq.m. of net additional employment floorspace (Use Classes E(g), B2 & B8).**
- 2. The Local Plan will ensure that new employment land is provided by identifying:**
 - a) major development sites (as shown on the Policies Map) that have opportunities for significant employment creation including the Harbour Regeneration Area (Policy D3), Daedalus (SS11) and HMS Sultan (SS10); and**
 - b) other employment land allocations (as shown on the Policies Map) (Policy A3).**
- 3. Employment assets such as deep waterfront access, airfield access or specialist on-site facilities will be protected. Specific sites requiring such protection include:**

Marine

- a) deepwater access and associated land at Victoria Quays and Royal Clarence Yard Retained Area;**
- b) Royal Clarence Marina and associated land;**
- c) deepwater access, the boatlifting crane, marine and associated land to serve the Gosport Marina and Endeavour Quay;**
- d) Gosport Boatyard site and associated infrastructure and access;**
- e) Haslar Marina and associated land to serve the marina and marine industries;**
- f) Blockhouse deepwater access, jetties and associated land to develop new marine related employment opportunities;**
- g) specialist marine facilities at the Haslar Marine Technology Park;**
- h) slipway at Daedalus and clear access to the water through the Daedalus site and associated land to develop marine related industries.**

Aviation

i) access to the airfield at Daedalus for aviation-related business.

Other assets

j) other employment assets where evidence is forthcoming that identify the need to protect them for economic activity.

4. Existing employment land (as shown on the Policies Map), will be safeguarded for employment purposes (E(g), B2 and B8). Planning permission for other types of economic development on existing employment land will be granted if it can be demonstrated that:

- a) the use will generate similar or higher levels of employment than the existing use;
- b) the use is compatible with neighbouring uses within the employment site; and
- c) the relevant tests in Policy C1 regarding town centre uses are met.

5. In certain circumstances planning permission may be granted for residential development as part of an employment-led mixed-use scheme provided that:

- a) it is demonstrated that it is not viable to redevelop the whole site for employment uses or other types of economic development; and
- b) the overall proposed development will generate the same or a greater number of jobs than recent levels on the site.

6. Planning permission will be granted to diversify the local economy including the following proposals:

- a) service hubs to support live /work units;
- b) Incubator, Co-working space and a Skills Hub as part of High Street redevelopment plans.

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The following options are considered for the Local Plan and assessed in Part 3:

Option 1: Employment-led, urban regeneration and local jobs approach

Develop enabling policy and identify strategic sites to ensure sufficient suitable employment land is provided to meet the Borough’s identified needs and requirements of the PfSH Spatial Position Statement.

Option 2: Dormitory Town Approach

No further employment sites to be identified and no protection of existing employment sites

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy E1: Employment Land

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative			
Policy E1: Employment Land			
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Employment-led, urban regeneration and local jobs approach	Option 2: Dormitory Town Approach	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective			
Decision Making Criteria			
Climate Change			
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.			
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	+	-	The policy approach in Option 1 seeks to ensure sufficient floorspace is provided within the Borough to meet the needs of businesses. By making the most of the Borough’s employment assets and protecting them, the policy can have major positive long term effects in reducing the need to travel outside the Borough for employment. This can therefore permanently assist in reducing carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions. It will also therefore help to support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050.
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	+	-	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	n/a	n/a	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA1	+	-	
Transport and Accessibility			
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.			
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	++	-	The protection of employment land provided by Option 1 should reduce the need to travel outside the Borough for employment purposes and thereby reduce traffic volumes and congestion, particularly on the Strategic Road Network and the A32. This is assessed as major positive for both the short and long term.
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	?	?	The overall impact of both options in this regard is assessed as uncertain as it is considered that while there could be reduced road traffic accidents, there is significant uncertainty as to how these effects would play out.
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	+	-?	Option 1 should assist in reducing traffic related air and noise pollution by reducing the need to travel for employment purposes. Similarly, option 2 is considered to result in potentially negative effects in this regard as it is considered that people may have to travel outside of the Borough to find employment.

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Policy E1: Employment Land			
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Sustainability Appraisal Objective			
Decision Making Criteria			
			This is however uncertain as such effects may be reduced as vehicles switch to electric or other low emissions technologies.
Overall effects identified SA2	+	-	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.			
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	+	-?	Option 1 will allow for greater opportunities to use non car modes to travel to work. Additionally by protecting and locating employment uses within closer proximity to where people live the policy approach in option 1 will reduce the need to travel by private car.
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	+	o	
Overall effects identified SA3	+		
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.			
1. Will it improve access to local services?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	n/a	n/a	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA4	n/a	n/a	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods			
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.			
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	+	o	The overall approach of Option 1 is considered to have positive effects as the provision of employment floorspace contributes to a sustainable community which can improve the Borough as a place to live.
Overall effects identified SA5	+	o	
Crime and Disorder			
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder			
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	+	o	By making provision for new employment land and thereby providing potential for additional employment opportunities the policy could reduce crime and disorder associated with deprivation.

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Policy E1: Employment Land			
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Sustainability Appraisal Objective			
Decision Making Criteria			
Overall effects identified SA6	+	o	
Poverty and Deprivation			
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.			
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	++	o	Option 1 is considered to have major positive effects in reducing poverty and social exclusion within the Borough. By maximising the use of the employment assets and seeking to promote investment and businesses in the Borough the policy can present opportunities for employment and increased wealth for the Borough's residents. Option 2 is considered to be neutral as it is assumed there is no active intervention by the Borough Council.
Overall effects identified SA7	++	o	
Health and Well-being			
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.			
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	n/a	n/a	
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	n/a	n/a	
Housing			
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.			
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	n/a	n/a	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA9	n/a	n/a	
Education and Skills			
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.			
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	++	-	By identifying new employment land and protecting existing assets, option 1 presents significant opportunities for improving people's qualifications and skills. The policy seeks to ensure land is made available for new and
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	++	-	

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Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Employment-led, urban regeneration and local jobs approach	Option 2: Dormitory Town Approach	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective			
Decision Making Criteria			
			existing business; such businesses will recruit from the local community.
Overall effects identified SA10	++	-	
Employment			
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.			
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	++	-?	The overall employment policy approach seeks to redress longstanding deficiencies in local employment opportunities. The policy seeks to ensure sufficient land for employment floorspace is made available as well as making the best use of key employment assets in order to attract new employment. This is considered to have major positive effects in reducing out-commuting.
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	++	-?	The provision of sufficient employment opportunities within the Borough will create opportunities which are much more accessible by public transport, walking and cycling.
Overall effects identified SA11	++	-?	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.			
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	++?	-	By developing a policy approach which makes provision for additional employment floorspace and all protects existing employment assets that policy is considered to assist in reducing overall unemployment. That said there is some uncertainty as overall unemployment is subject to other external factors such as the national state of the economy. It is considered that without active intervention to protect employment assets, Option 2 may result in increased unemployment as assets are lost to other uses such as residential development.
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	++	-	By protecting and making best use of employment assets such as deep waterfront access, airfield access or specialist on-site facilities, the policy has potential to create employment opportunities which can provide long-term high quality employment opportunities. This will hopefully assist those who are long-term unemployed.

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Policy E1: Employment Land			
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Sustainability Appraisal Objective			
Decision Making Criteria			
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	+	-	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	+	-	
Overall effects identified SA12	++	-	
Economy			
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.			
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	++	o	Option 1 safeguards employment sites and assets that are largely previously developed land. It seeks to ensure they are reused for significant employment creation. The approach is therefore assessed as having major positive effects in increasing investment in Gosport's economy and facilitating the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	++	o	The provision of adequate employment land for business to develop and expand will be provided under Option 1. This is considered to have major positive effects. Additionally the policy includes criterion which allow for some redevelopment on employment sites providing certain tests are met.
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	++	o	Option 1 includes a number of criteria which seek to ensure the policy has sufficient flexibility to allow for a resilient economy. This includes protecting long standing employment assets which can be reused in the future, but also allowing for alternative uses to be considered on protected sites in certain circumstances.
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	++	o	The policy seeks to protect employment assets which are attractive to key sectors and clusters such as marine uses and aviation uses.
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	++	o	Option 1 would make provision for a significant amount of net additional employment floorspace.
Overall effects identified SA13	++	o	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.			
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	+	-	By providing a balanced mixed of uses in the Borough, the approach outlined by Option 1 has the potential to positively contribute to Gosport's image.

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Policy E1: Employment Land			
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Sustainability Appraisal Objective			
Decision Making Criteria			
Overall effects identified SA14	+	-	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres			
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.			
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA15	n/a	n/a	
Leisure			
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.			
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA16	n/a	n/a	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.			
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA17	n/a	n/a	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity			
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.			
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	n/a	n/a	
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	n/a	n/a	
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA18	n/a	n/a	
Heritage and Design			
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.			
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	n/a	n/a	

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Policy E1: Employment Land			
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Sustainability Appraisal Objective			
Decision Making Criteria			
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA19	n/a	n/a	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.			
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA20	n/a	n/a	
Air Quality			
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.			
1. Will it improve air quality?	+	-	By providing employment opportunities within the Borough Option 1 has the potential to lead to long term improvements in air quality, therefore resulting in positive effects.
Overall effects identified SA21	+	-	
Use of Energy Resources			
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.			
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	?	?	
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	?	?	
Overall effects identified SA22	?	?	
Use of Land Resources			
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.			
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	++	o?	The majority of the identified employment land within the Borough is on previously developed land. It is also focussed on former military sites which can have significant amounts of contaminated land.
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	++	o?	
Overall effects identified SA23	++	o?	
Water Management			
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.			
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA24	n/a	n/a	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.			
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	n/a	n/a	

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Sustainability Appraisal Objective			
Decision Making Criteria			
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	n/a	n/a	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.			
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA26	n/a	n/a	
Natural Resources and Waste Management			
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.			
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	n/a	n/a	

Option 1: Employment-led, urban regeneration and local jobs approach

Policy E1: Employment Land

SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1		+					L
SA2		+					L
SA3		+					L
SA4			n/a				
SA5		+					L
SA6		+					L
SA7	++						L
SA8			n/a				
SA9			n/a				
SA10	++						L
SA11	++						L
SA12	++?						L
SA13	++						L
SA14		+					L
SA15			n/a				
SA16			n/a				
SA17			n/a				
SA18			n/a				
SA19			n/a				
SA20			n/a				
SA21		+					L
SA22				?			L
SA23	++						L
SA24			n/a				
SA25			n/a				
SA26			n/a				
SA27			n/a				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy E1: Employment Land

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 - Employment-led, urban regeneration and local jobs approach
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects and one uncertain effect. A large number of major positive effects have been identified given the policies positive impact on the economy and employment. It is considered that by protecting employment land the policy will have major positive effects and help to facilitate economic growth.
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. Including this policy in the Local Plan will contribute to help build a strong, responsive and competitive economy, by ensuring that sufficient land of the right types is available in the right places to support growth, innovation and improved productivity.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy E1: Employment Land

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects	
None identified	
Maximising beneficial effects	
SA10	Policy E2: Skills will also help to facilitate the skills needed to find and remain in work. Policy E2 requires employment and training measures as part of development proposals on appropriate sites. This could help maximise the benefits of this policy by increasing employment opportunities, particularly for local people.

Policy E2: Skills

Overview

Improving skills is considered an important corporate and PfSH priority in order to make the local workforce more competitive. The Policy requires that employment and training measures are secured on larger employment generating sites and includes various measures set out in the justification text. These measures are secured by a Section 106 Agreement. The Borough Council has produced a practice note to accompany this requirement which is currently required and linked to the Gosport Borough Local Plan 2011-2029. This practice note has been subject to public consultation and is based on best practice in the sub-region. This will be linked to the revised Local Plan. Policy E2 replaces Policy LP17 of the GBLP 2011-2029.

PART 1 – Policy E2: Skills

POLICY E2: SKILLS

1. **The Borough Council will require employment and training measures as part of development proposals on appropriate sites.**
2. **Existing specialist training facilities will be protected unless it can be demonstrated that there is no longer a requirement for such facilities.**
3. **New training facilities will be permitted provided they accord with other policies in the Local Plan.**

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The policy was considered to be in accordance with the NPPF and national and local objectives; therefore no further options were required for testing.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy E2: Skills

The effects over time:		
++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy E2: Skills		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	n/a	
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	n/a	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy E2: Skills		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
buildings?		
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA1	n/a	
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	n/a	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA2	n/a	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	n/a	
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA3	n/a	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	n/a	
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	n/a	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA4	n/a	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	n/a	
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA5	n/a	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	+?	Developing a policy which seeks to secure employment and training measures on appropriate sites has the potential to improve local skills, particularly of young people. This has potential to

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Policy E2: Skills		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
		have positive effects in reducing local crime and disorder. There is however uncertainty with this assertion which is reflected in the assessment.
Overall effects identified SA6	+?	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	+	The policy seeks to improve the skills of the local population to allow residents to access job opportunities. Being in employment is likely to have positive effects in reducing poverty and social exclusion.
Overall effects identified SA7	+	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	n/a	
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	n/a	
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	n/a	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	n/a	
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	n/a	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA9	n/a	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	++	The policy seeks to secure employment and training measures as part of development proposals on appropriate sites. This will have a tangible impacts on increasing the opportunities available to young people and the population overall.
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	++	
Overall effects identified SA10	++	
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		

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Policy E2: Skills		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	n/a	
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA11	n/a	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	+	The policy option is considered to have positive effects in terms of reducing unemployment and providing job opportunities for those most in need of employment. By promoting training measures the policy has potential to contribute to improving local skills which will assist those in finding sustainable employment opportunities.
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	+	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	+	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	?	While improved skills has the potential to lead to improved income, it is considered uncertain at this early stage as to the overall impact.
Overall effects identified SA12	+	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	+	By seeking to ensure residents skills are improved, the approach will assist in allowing businesses to develop and be more competitive. Higher levels of skills will also help improve resilience during economic shocks and assist the local economy to become less reliant on individual sectors.
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	+	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	++	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA13	+	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA14	n/a	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA15	n/a	

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Policy E2: Skills		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA16	n/a	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	n/a	
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA17	n/a	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	n/a	
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	n/a	
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	n/a	
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA18	n/a	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA19	n/a	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA20	n/a	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	n/a	

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Policy E2: Skills		
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Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Overall effects identified SA21	n/a	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	n/a	
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA22	n/a	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA23	n/a	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA24	n/a	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	n/a	
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	n/a	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	n/a	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA26	n/a	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	n/a	

Option 1: Develop Policy

Policy E2: Skills

SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1			n/a				
SA2			n/a				
SA3			n/a				
SA4			n/a				
SA5			n/a				
SA6		+					M/L
SA7		+					M/L
SA8			n/a				
SA9			n/a				
SA10	++						M/L
SA11			n/a				
SA12		+					M/L
SA13		+					M/L
SA14			n/a				
SA15			n/a				
SA16			n/a				
SA17			n/a				
SA18			n/a				
SA19			n/a				
SA20			n/a				
SA21			n/a				
SA22			n/a				
SA23			n/a				
SA24			n/a				
SA25			n/a				
SA26			n/a				
SA27			n/a				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy E2: Skills

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Develop policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects. The policy is assessed as having major positive effects for raising education achievement and developing opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work (SA10).
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. Including this policy in the Local Plan will mean employment and training measures can be secured as part of development proposals on appropriate sites.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy E2: Skills

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified
Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

Policy E3: Tourism

Overview

This policy recognises that tourism has a significant role in diversify the local economy and providing new job opportunities. The policy reiterates that a number of hotel and tourism proposals have been included within the Local Plan. These cross-references are included in Policy E3 for completeness to aid the reader by bringing together the key tourism issues and consequently the options for these individual sites are not included in this section of the SA. The sites outside of the Borough’s centres (such as Haslar and Daedalus) are considered to include site specific characteristics which are appropriate for tourism uses and help to regeneration brownfield sites within the urban area. Other sites that arise are required to meet the sequential and impact tests outlined in the NPPF where relevant. The other element of Policy E3 is to protect existing tourism accommodation unless it can be demonstrated that the use is no longer viable and that there have been reasonable attempts to market the property. This is considered necessary to maintain the current limited tourism accommodation in the Borough in order to extend the industry locally whilst providing sufficient flexibility if the use is no longer viable. Policy E3 replaces Policy LP18 of the GBPLP 2011-2029

PART 1 – Policy E3: Tourism

POLICY E3: TOURISM

- 1. Proposals that develop the tourism sector will be supported in the Borough as they can assist in diversifying the local economy, creating additional jobs and providing a wider range of recreational activities.**
- 2. Planning permission will be granted for appropriate tourism and visitor economy proposals in the following locations:**
 - a) within the regeneration areas including the Strategic Development Sites in accordance with Policies SS1-SS11;**
 - b) within other sites allocated for leisure uses including the Gosport Leisure Park in accordance with Policy A3;**
 - c) appropriate proposals to improve and complement existing tourism and visitor attractions and facilities in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan.**

Outside of these areas proposals will need to accord with the sequential test as outlined in the National Planning Policy Framework.

- 3. Planning permission will not be granted for proposals which will result in the loss of existing tourism accommodation with 6 or more tourist bedrooms unless it can be demonstrated that the use is no longer viable in this location and that there have been reasonable attempts to let/sell the property for tourism accommodation.**

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The Council has considered one approach which involves the development of a clear strategy to assist and promote the tourism sector within the Borough.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy E3: Tourism

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy E3: Tourism		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	-?	Overall the promotion of the tourism sector in Gosport Borough is assessed as having negative/uncertain effects in reducing carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions. This is primarily because the attraction of tourists to the Borough is likely to increase travel and potentially going to increase greenhouse gas emissions. However in supporting the transition to net zero carbon by 2050, the policy approach is considered to be neutral as the benefits of tourism in terms of the regeneration of brownfield sites and economic prosperity can also benefit efforts to reduce emissions and transition to net zero by 2050. This depends on the implementation of the policy and wider issues beyond the remit of the Local Plan.
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	o	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	n/a	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA1	o	
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	-	The promotion of the tourism sector may lead to increased traffic volumes and congestion at certain times which is assessed as having negative effects. However, the tourism and visitor economy will result in other positive benefits for the Borough and can be used to leverage further investment in the future. For example, this could be spent on road improvements where required.
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	o	The overall amount of traffic associated with tourism and visitors is currently considered unlikely to be significant and is therefore assessed as neutral.
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	o	
Overall effects identified SA2	o	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy E3: Tourism		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	-	It is considered that tourism is likely to increase movements of private cars into and out of the Borough. That said there is significant potential for movement around the Borough using no car modes. In addition the proximity to Portsmouth Harbour means reaching Gosport Borough by train is a viable travel mode.
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA3	-	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	n/a	
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	n/a	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA4	n/a	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	n/a	
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA5	n/a	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA6	n/a	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	+	The policy seeks to develop the tourism sector to assist in diversifying the local economy, create additional jobs and provide a wider range of activities. This is considered to be beneficial to reducing poverty and social exclusion.
Overall effects identified SA7	+	
Health and Well-being		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy E3: Tourism		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	n/a	
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	n/a	
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	n/a	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	o	
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	-?	As the policy approach seeks to promote Gosport Borough as a destination there is potential for longer term negative effects in relation to the affordability of housing within the Borough. It is considered important that steps are taken to ensure sufficient affordable housing is provided through other Local Plan policies. There is some uncertainty in this assessment as the affordability of housing is affected by many factors beyond tourism however there is potential for the policy approach to result in an impact, particularly in the long term.
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA9	-?	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	+	The tourism industry in Gosport Borough is already a significant economic sector. The provision of more jobs within the sector as promoted by this Option will have positive effects in reducing out-commuting from the Borough. It will also allow for greater accessibility to work.
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	+	
Overall effects identified SA11	+	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy E3: Tourism		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	+	The tourism industry in Gosport Borough already employs over 1,700 jobs. Through the further promotion of the tourism sector there is significant potential to reduce unemployment.
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	+	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	+	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	+?	
Overall effects identified SA12	+	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	+	The policy approach recognises the important of tourism to the local economy and seeks to further develop the tourism sector. This is considered to have positive effects in relation to Gosport's economy and the regeneration of the Borough, with significant benefits for the economy and local businesses.
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	+	
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	+	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	+	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	+	
Overall effects identified SA13	+	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	++	The policy seeks to further develop Gosport's tourism sector and encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.
Overall effects identified SA14	++	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	+	The tourism industry brings in visitors who are likely to shop in the Borough Centres. The policy approach is considered to have positive effects for the Borough's Centres.
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	+	
Overall effects identified SA15	+	
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA16	n/a	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy E3: Tourism		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Borough's network of greenspace?		
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA17	n/a	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	n/a	
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	n/a	
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	o	There can be an increased pressure placed on nature conservation sites by additional visitors and it is important that this impact is well managed. The overall impact of the policy approach is considered to be neutral as the individual impact of proposals will be assessed at the planning application stage.
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	o	
Overall effects identified SA18	o	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	+	The policy includes criterion which relate to the promotion of the tourism and visitor economy within the Borough's regeneration areas. These are predominantly brownfield sites adjacent to the Solent and Portsmouth Harbour which contain many historic assets which can be appropriately re-used for tourism uses.
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	+	
Overall effects identified SA19	+	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA20	n/a	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	o	There is potential for increased air pollution from increased traffic movements to the Borough. It is important that these are assessed as the detailed planning application stage.
Overall effects identified SA21	o	
Use of Energy Resources		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy E3: Tourism		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	o	
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA22	o	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	+	The policy includes criterion which relate to the promotion of the tourism and visitor economy within the Borough's regeneration areas. These are predominantly brownfield sites adjacent to the Solent and Portsmouth Harbour which are previously developed land, often with contamination issues.
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	+	
Overall effects identified SA23	+	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	o	There can be an increased pressure placed on nature conservation sites by additional visitors and it is important that this impact is well managed. The overall impact of the policy approach is considered to be neutral as the individual impact of proposals will be assessed at the planning application stage.
Overall effects identified SA24	o	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	n/a	
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	n/a	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	n/a	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	-	The option could increase water consumption on the site and cumulatively within the Borough.
Overall effects identified SA26	-	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	o	The promotion of the tourism and visitor sector could lead to reduced consumption of materials and

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy E3: Tourism		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
2. Will it reduce household waste?	o	resources and increased amounts of waste.
3. Will it increase recycling?	o	
Overall effects identified SA27	o	

Option 1: Develop Policy Policy E3: Tourism							
SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1			o				
SA2			o				
SA3					-		M/L
SA4			n/a				
SA5			n/a				
SA6			n/a				
SA7		+					M/L
SA8			n/a				
SA9					-?		
SA10			n/a				
SA11		+					M/L
SA12		+					M/L
SA13		+					M/L
SA14	++						M/L
SA15		+					M/L
SA16			n/a				
SA17			n/a				
SA18			o				
SA19		+					M/L
SA20			n/a				
SA21			o				
SA22			o				
SA23		+					M/L
SA24			o				
SA25			n/a				
SA26				-			M/L
SA27			o				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy E3: Tourism

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Develop Policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with two negative effects. The policy is identified as having major positive effects for Gosport’s tourism sector and promoting the Borough as a destination. However increased tourism may lead to more private car use (SA3) and there may potentially be negative effects on the availability and affordability of housing (SA9).
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. Including this policy in the Local Plan will facilitate the development of the tourism sector to diversify the local economy, create additional jobs and provide a wider range of recreational activities.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy E3: Tourism

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects	
SA3	It is difficult to resolve issues relating to increased travel and car use from tourism. Decisions will therefore need to be made as to whether the benefits of increased tourism opportunities are sufficient to outweigh the adverse travel related effects.
SA9	There is potential for increased tourism to increase property prices making it more difficult to afford a home. It is therefore important that Policy H2: Affordable Housing seeks to secure 40% affordable housing on sites over 10 dwellings. It will be important to monitor the impacts of any tourism related activities on the property market, for example the conversion of residential dwellings to tourism accommodation.

Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

Policy E4: Marinas and Moorings

Overview

Marinas can play an important part to the local economy in terms of providing direct and indirect employment opportunities as well as bringing visitors and spending into the Borough. This policy enables new marinas or extensions to be developed providing that a number of criteria are met including the need to consider any potential impacts on internationally important nature conservation sites and the requirements of the Queen's Harbour Master. Policy E4 replaces Policy LP19 of the GBLP 2011-2029.

PART 1 – Policy E4: Marinas and Moorings

POLICY E4: MARINAS AND MOORINGS

- 1. Planning permission will be granted for new marinas and the extension of marinas and mooring areas provided that the development:**
 - a) does not harm important features of internationally and nationally important habitats;**
 - b) is acceptable to the Queen's Harbour Master in that it does not have a detrimental impact on the movement of marine traffic in the Harbour and surrounding waters;**
 - c) is supported by adequate on-shore facilities;**
 - d) does not harm the distinctive landscape and heritage assets of the coastline;**
 - e) incorporates designs that are appropriate to existing and proposed sea defences; and**
 - f) does not constrain further development of the waterfront or access to other sites with the potential for development.**

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The Council is testing an enabling policy that recognises the importance of the marina sector to the Borough's economy. Such a policy sets out the key development considerations including the need to ensure internationally and nationally important habitats are not harmed. It is not considered necessary to test any other options. The option of developing an allocations policy was considered however the Council is not aware of any evidence that supports that this could be delivered. It is considered that should a proposal come forward it would be necessary for the developer to demonstrate that the policy criteria could be met with all the requisite evidence and consultations with stakeholders such as Natural England. The Council therefore considers a criteria-based policy to be the appropriate option rather than an allocations policy.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy E4: Marinas and Moorings

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy E4: Marinas and Moorings		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	o	
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	o	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	n/a	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA1	o	
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	o	There may be some increases in traffic as a result of marina expansion however this is considered to be minimal resulting in an overall neutral effect.
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	o	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	o	
Overall effects identified SA2	o	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	o	
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA3	o	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	n/a	
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	n/a	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA4	n/a	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	n/a	
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy E4: Marinas and Moorings		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
places to live?		
Overall effects identified SA5	n/a	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA6	n/a	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA7	n/a	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	n/a	
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	n/a	
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	n/a	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	n/a	
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	n/a	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA9	n/a	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy E4: Marinas and Moorings		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
the Borough?		
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA11	n/a	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	+	By ensuring new marinas can be built and existing marinas extended the policy can ensure marinas and moorings can expand. This will potentially result in more job opportunities.
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	+	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	?	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	?	
Overall effects identified SA12	+?	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	o	By ensuring new marinas can be built and existing marinas extended the policy seeks to ensure the marine sector can develop and remain competitive.
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	+	
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	+	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	+	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	+	
Overall effects identified SA13	+	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	+	The Solent is an internationally renowned area for sailing and Gosport's proximity to it via the mouth of Portsmouth Harbour has made it an attractive area for marinas and related facilities. The policy approach seeks to ensure this can continue into the future.
Overall effects identified SA14	+	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	+	The Borough's existing marinas are located in close proximity to Gosport Town Centre. Further development of marinas will allow for increased visitors who may spend time within the Town Centre.
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	+	
Overall effects identified SA15	+	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy E4: Marinas and Moorings		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	++	Gosport Borough's marina assets have the capacity to host large sailing vessels and such facilities enable it to host and service major international sailing events. The policy approach seeks to ensure that this can continue at the leisure opportunities within the Borough are enhanced.
Overall effects identified SA16	++	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	n/a	
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	o	
Overall effects identified SA17	o	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	o	The policy includes specific criterion related to ensuring any proposals do not harm important features of internationally and nationally important habitats. The impact of individual proposals will be considered at the planning application stage.
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	o	
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	o	
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	o	
Overall effects identified SA18	o	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	o	The policy approach includes specific criterion related to ensuring the heritage assets are not harmed. The impact of individual proposals will be considered at the planning application stage.
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	o	
Overall effects identified SA19	o	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	o	The policy includes criterion related to ensuring that the design of any proposal is appropriate. This will be assessed in detail at the planning application stage.

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy E4: Marinas and Moorings		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Overall effects identified SA20	o	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	o	
Overall effects identified SA21	o	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	o	
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	o	
Overall effects identified SA22	o	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	o	
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	o	
Overall effects identified SA23	o	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	o	The policy includes specific criterion related to ensuring any proposals do not harm important features of internationally and nationally important habitats. The impact of individual proposals will be considered at the planning application stage.
Overall effects identified SA24	o	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	o	It is important the proposals do not compromise the integrity and continuity of existing sea defences. This will need to be assessed as the planning application stage.
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	o	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	o	
Overall effects identified SA25	o	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	-	There is potential for increased water usage associated with new marinas or extension to existing provision.
Overall effects identified SA26	-	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy E4: Marinas and Moorings		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	-	There is potential for increased consumption of materials and resources, as well as increased production of general waste from new marinas or extension to existing provision.
2. Will it reduce household waste?	-	
3. Will it increase recycling?	o	
Overall effects identified SA27	-	

Option 1: Develop Policy Policy E4: Marinas and Moorings							
SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1			o				
SA2			o				
SA3			o				
SA4			n/a				
SA5			n/a				
SA6			n/a				
SA7			n/a				
SA8			n/a				
SA9			n/a				
SA10			n/a				
SA11			n/a				
SA12		+					
SA13		+					
SA14		+					
SA15		+					
SA16	++						
SA17			o				
SA18			o				
SA19			o				
SA20			o				
SA21			o				
SA22			o				
SA23			o				
SA24			o				
SA25			o				
SA26					-		M/L
SA27					-		M/L

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy E4: Marinas and Moorings

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Develop policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects. In particular, major positive effects have been identified for improving the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough (SA16).
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. Including this policy in the Local Plan will ensure new marinas and the extension of marinas and mooring areas is controlled to maximise the benefits and mitigate any negative effects.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy E4: Marinas and Moorings

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified
Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

Policy E5: Information and Communication Technology

Overview

Information and Communications Technology (ICT) is an important driver in the success of the local economy. Policy E5 is an enabling policy to improve ICT within the Borough. The Policy replaces Policy LP20 of the GBLP 2011-2029.

PART 1 – Policy E5: Information and Communication Technology

POLICY E5: INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

- 1. The Borough Council will work with relevant partners to support advances in Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) including positively promoting the development of ICT embedded sites and premises.**
- 2. Planning permission will be granted for telecommunication installations and equipment provided that:**
 - a) the feasibility of sharing an existing mast or erecting antennae on an existing building or other structure has been investigated and demonstrated to be unsuitable;**
 - b) they do not have an unacceptable adverse impact on the character of the area or the appearance of any building;**
 - c) the proposal does not harm important nature conservation interests;**
 - d) all reasonable measures have been taken in respect of siting, design and landscaping to minimise the impact of the development;**
 - e) they do not cause significant and irremediable interference with other electrical equipment, air traffic services, broadcast or telecommunication services, or instrumentation operated in the national interest.**

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The policy was considered to be in accordance with the NPPF and other national and local objectives; therefore no further options were required for testing.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy E5: Information and Communication Technology

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy E5: Information and Communication Technology		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	n/a	
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	n/a	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	n/a	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA1	n/a	
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	n/a	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA2	n/a	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	n/a	
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA3	n/a	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	n/a	
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	n/a	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA4	n/a	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy E5: Information and Communication Technology		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA5	n/a	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA6	n/a	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA7	n/a	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	n/a	
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	n/a	
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	n/a	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	n/a	
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	n/a	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA9	n/a	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy E5: Information and Communication Technology		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	+	The provision of appropriate ICT infrastructure can assist those who work from home, thereby reducing the need to out-commute.
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA11	+	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	+	The provision of appropriate ICT infrastructure is vital to ensuring the local economy generates employment.
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	+	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	+	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	?	
Overall effects identified SA12	+	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	n/a	The provision of appropriate ICT infrastructure is vital to increasing investment in the local economy and facilitating the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	+	
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	+	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	+	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA13	+	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA14	n/a	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA15	n/a	
Leisure		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy E5: Information and Communication Technology		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA16	n/a	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	n/a	
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA17	n/a	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	n/a	
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	n/a	
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	n/a	
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA18	n/a	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA19	n/a	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA20	n/a	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA21	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy E5: Information and Communication Technology		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	n/a	
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA22	n/a	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA23	n/a	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA24	n/a	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	n/a	
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	n/a	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	n/a	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA26	n/a	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	n/a	

Option 1: Develop Policy
Policy E5: Information and Communication Technology

SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1			n/a				
SA2			n/a				
SA3			n/a				
SA4			n/a				
SA5			n/a				
SA6			n/a				
SA7			n/a				
SA8			n/a				
SA9			n/a				
SA10			n/a				
SA11		+					S/M/L
SA12		+					S/M/L
SA13		+					S/M/L
SA14			n/a				
SA15			n/a				
SA16			n/a				
SA17			n/a				
SA18			n/a				
SA19			n/a				
SA20			n/a				
SA21			n/a				
SA22			n/a				
SA23			n/a				
SA24			n/a				
SA25			n/a				
SA26			n/a				
SA27			n/a				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy E5: Information and Communication Technology

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Develop policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects. The specificity of the policy means for many SA objectives the policy is considered not applicable. However, the policy is considered to bring positive effects on those objectives related to employment and the economy as the provision of high quality ICT infrastructure is key to modern businesses.
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. Including this policy in the Local Plan will ensure proactive engagement with infrastructure providers. It will also ensure that proposals for installations address important criteria to make sure they do not have any unacceptable impacts.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy E5: Information and Communication Technology

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified
Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

SA of General Development Policies: Design (Policy DE1 – DE4)

Policy DE1: Sustainable Construction

Overview

Policy DE1 is a new policy which seeks to ensure that the design of all development contributes to mitigating and adapting to the consequences of climate change. The policy sets out how this should be achieved in all development and references specific principles which proposals should aim to incorporate.

PART 1 – Policy DE1: Sustainable Construction

POLICY DE1: SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION

- 1. The design, construction and lifecycle of all development must contribute to the preservation of resources and the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change. This includes, but is not limited to, improving energy performance, minimising material use and reducing water use. The use of recognised assessment tools or aiming for quality / exemplar standards is expected wherever possible.**
- 2. To achieve this all residential development should aim to:**
 - a) Incorporate Passivhaus principles, or equivalent, to maximise the use of insulation, natural sunlight, solar gain and cooling, and natural ventilation;**
 - b) Achieve a reduction in carbon emissions of at least 19% compared to the Target Emission Rate of Part L of the Building Regulations;**
 - c) Achieve a water efficiency standard of at least 100 litres per person per day; and**
 - d) Be assessed under the Home Quality Mark, or equivalent.**
- 3. Planning permission will be granted for non-residential and multi-residential developments over 500 sq.m. that achieve a BREEAM standard of at least 'Very Good', or equivalent. If the required BREEAM rating is considered to be financially unviable or technically unfeasible, this will need to be demonstrated with appropriate evidence in support of a planning application. In this instance, the applicant will be expected to meet the highest BREEAM score that is viable. An alternative certification process may also be acceptable, where it can be shown to be approximately equivalent in outcomes.**
- 4. Developments that fail to adequately incorporate the principles of sustainable construction will be refused permission.**

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The following options are considered for the Local Plan and assessed in Part 3:

Option 1: Require sustainable construction principles in all development

The Borough Council’s preferred option requires all residential development to aim to incorporate Passivhaus principles, or equivalent, achieve a reduction in carbon emissions of at least 19% compared to the Target Emission Rate of Part L of the Building Regulations, achieve a water efficiency standard of at least 100 litres per person per day; and be assessed under the Home Quality Mark, or equivalent. It is not considered necessary to test any alternative options at this time as it is considered that new developments need to achieve high standards of sustainable design and construction in order to meet local and national carbon reduction and biodiversity gain targets.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy DE1: Sustainable Construction

The effects over time:		
++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy DE1: Sustainable Construction		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Require sustainable construction principles in all development	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	++	The policy requires the design, construction and lifecycle of all development to contribute to the mitigation of, and adaption to, climate change. This includes measures such as improving energy performance, minimising material use and reducing water use. By requiring residential development to aim to incorporate Passivhaus principles (or equivalent), carbon emission reductions etc. the policy can result in major positive effects for addressing climate change and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. While the Council assesses the policy as having major positive effects if implemented in line with the Council’s aspirations, it also recognises that there are limits to what the Council can currently require. The Council will encourage and work with developers to ensure new development incorporates sustainable construction principles.
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	++	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	++	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA1	++	
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	n/a	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy DE1: Sustainable Construction		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Require sustainable construction principles in all development	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Overall effects identified SA2	n/a	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	n/a	
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA3	n/a	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	n/a	
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	n/a	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA4	n/a	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	n/a	
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA5	n/a	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA6	n/a	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	+?	By ensuring all new development achieve high standards in terms of sustainable design and construction it can be ensured that buildings have lower running costs and be built to last. This is assessed as being able to help reduce poverty, particularly energy poverty. There is however some uncertainty in this assessment as it is recognised that poverty and social exclusion extend well beyond just the design of development.

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy DE1: Sustainable Construction		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Require sustainable construction principles in all development	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Overall effects identified SA7	+?	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	++	Requirements such as Passivhaus standard, Home Quality Mark and BREEAM can result in significant benefits for human health and wellbeing. By requiring high standards of design the policy approach is considered to result in major positive effects.
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	++	
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	++	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	n/a	
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	o	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	++	The policy specifically seeks to improve the quality of new homes.
Overall effects identified SA9	++	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	n/a	
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA11	n/a	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	n/a	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy DE1: Sustainable Construction		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Require sustainable construction principles in all development	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA12	n/a	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	n/a	
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	n/a	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	n/a	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA13	n/a	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA14	n/a	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA15	n/a	
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA16	n/a	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	n/a	
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA17	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy DE1: Sustainable Construction		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Require sustainable construction principles in all development	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	n/a	
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	n/a	
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	+	By applying sustainable construction methods, improving energy and water efficiency, the Council's preferred approach can reduce the impact of new development on the environment. The policy is therefore considered to have positive effects in maintaining and enhancing nature conservation sites and conserving and enhancing local habitats and species.
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	+	
Overall effects identified SA18	+	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA19	n/a	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	++	The policy requires high quality design and for developments to incorporate good design principles.
Overall effects identified SA20	++	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	+?	By requiring a reduction in carbon emissions of at least 19% as well as high levels of energy efficiency, the policy is considered to be a significant contribution to reducing air pollution. While the Council considers the policy to result in major positive effects, there is recognised uncertainty as air quality is reliant on other factors beyond the design of new development.
Overall effects identified SA21	+?	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy	++	The policy requires proposals to demonstrate how they have sought to improve a building's energy

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy DE1: Sustainable Construction		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Require sustainable construction principles in all development	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
consumption?		
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	++	performance. It also requires all developments to apply the energy hierarchy which includes reducing the need for energy and maximising low carbon and renewable energy sources. The policy is assessed as resulting in major positive effects and is considered to offer a significant opportunity to reduce energy consumption and increase the amount of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.
Overall effects identified SA22	++	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA23	n/a	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA24	n/a	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	n/a	
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	n/a	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	n/a	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	++	To maintain and improve water quality the policy requires residential developments to achieve Southern Water's water efficiency goal of 'Target 100' which is equivalent to 100 litres of water per person per day drawn from the mains supply.
Overall effects identified SA26	++	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	+	The policy requires the preservation of resources including minimising material use in the design, construction and lifecycle of all development.
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy DE1: Sustainable Construction		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Require sustainable construction principles in all development	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	+	

Option 1: Require sustainable construction principles in all development Policy DE1: Sustainable Construction							
SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1	++						M/L
SA2			n/a				
SA3			n/a				
SA4			n/a				
SA5			n/a				
SA6			n/a				
SA7		??					S/M/L
SA8	++						S/M/L
SA9	++						S/M/L
SA10			n/a				
SA11			n/a				
SA12			n/a				
SA13			n/a				
SA14			n/a				
SA15			n/a				
SA16			n/a				
SA17			n/a				
SA18		+					
SA19			n/a				
SA20	++						S/M/L
SA21		??					S/M/L
SA22	++						S/M/L
SA23			n/a				
SA24			n/a				
SA25			n/a				
SA26	++						M/L
SA27		+					S/M/L

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy DE1: Sustainable Construction

Preferred option(s)	Option 1: Require sustainable construction principles in all development
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects. The policy is assessed as resulting in a number of major positive effects – these relate to climate change (SA1), health and well-being (SA8), housing (SA9), high quality design (SA20), energy efficiency and renewable energy (SA22), and water supply (SA26). By requiring sustainable construction principles in all development the policy can provide a significant contribution to minimising the impact of growth on the environment and resources. This will contribute towards sustainable development.
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance, and other professional best practice. Including this policy in the Local Plan will ensure all development contributes toward the mitigation of, and adaption to, climate change. It will also ensure all development contributes as best as possible towards sustainable development.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy DE1: Sustainable Construction

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified
Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

Policy DE2: Residential Design

Overview

Policy DE2 is designed to be read in conjunction with Policy D8 which provides over-arching design requirements for all developments. Policy DE2 specifically addresses the design requirements in residential proposals in order to ensure all residential development provides a high quality living environment for occupiers and neighbouring residents by setting out specific criteria. Part one of the policy sets out specific criteria which all residential development must meet. Part two of the policy relates to parking solutions and their integration within a development. Part three relates to convenient and secure storage space. Part four relates to the design of extensions and related features and part five sets out that gated communities and exclusive enclaves will be resisted. Policy DE2 includes elements of Policy LP10 of the GBLP 2011-2029.

PART 1 – Policy DE2: Residential Design

POLICY DE2: RESIDENTIAL DESIGN

- 1. All residential development should provide a high quality living environment for occupiers and neighbouring residents by:**
 - a) Providing adequately sized habitable rooms which meet or exceed the nationally described space standards⁴.**
 - b) Providing each dwelling with suitable private outdoor amenity space.**
 - c) Building in adaptability for changing future needs by having:**
 - i) Spaces which are designed to be flexible and adaptable;**
 - ii) At least 15% of all new dwellings achieve Category 2 standard of Part M of the Building Regulations⁵;**
 - iii) On schemes of over 100 dwellings (gross), at least 2% of private housing and 5% of affordable housing achieve wheelchair accessible Category 3 standard of Part M of the Building Regulations.**
- 2. In line with the Council's Parking SPD, residential developments should provide a balanced mix of parking solutions that are integrated into the design and layout without allowing vehicles to become visually dominant.**
- 3. All new residential dwellings should ensure that convenient and secure storage space is provided for refuse, recycling and organic waste, and post and packages, to meet the likely needs of the household and without detriment to the wider street scene.**
- 4. Extensions, parking layouts, boundary treatments and materials should be subservient to the host residential dwelling unless robust justification is provided.**

⁴ Technical housing standards – nationally described space standard (MHCLG, 2015)

⁵ www.gov.uk/government/publications/access-to-and-use-of-buildings-approved-document-m

5. Proposed residential developments comprised of gated communities that fail to improve wider accessibility where this could be reasonably achieved will not be supported.

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The policy was considered to be in accordance with the NPPF and the National Design Guide; therefore no further options were required for testing.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy DE2: Residential Design

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy DE2: Residential Design		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	n/a	
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	n/a	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	n/a	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA1	n/a	
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	n/a	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA2	n/a	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	n/a	
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA3	n/a	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy DE2: Residential Design		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	n/a	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	+	The policy requires new residential development to build in adaptability for changing future needs. This includes provision for wheelchair accessible housing on schemes of over 100 dwellings. The policy is considered to have positive effects for improving access for disabled and or elderly people.
Overall effects identified SA4	+	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	n/a	
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA5	n/a	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	+	By ensuring high quality design in new residential development including the provision of secure storage space the policy can contribute to reducing crime and disorder.
Overall effects identified SA6	+	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	+	The policy seeks to provide a high quality living environment for occupiers and neighbouring residents of new residential development. This can assist in reduce poverty and social exclusion. Additionally the policy does not support gated communities that fail to improve wider accessibility where it can be achieved.
Overall effects identified SA7	+	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	+	The policy seeks to provide high quality living environments, including adequately sized habitable rooms, suitable outdoor amenity space, adaptability for changing future needs and other design requirements. This can provide positive effects for enabling and supporting healthy lifestyles by ensuring the places people live are of high quality.
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	+	
3. Will it improve access to health	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy DE2: Residential Design		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
facilities?		
Overall effects identified SA8	+	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	n/a	
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	n/a	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	++	The policy seeks to provide high quality living environments, including adequately sized habitable rooms, suitable outdoor amenity space, adaptability for changing future needs and other design requirements. This can provide major positive effects in regard to providing decent homes.
Overall effects identified SA9	++	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	n/a	
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA11	n/a	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	n/a	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	n/a	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA12	n/a	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy DE2: Residential Design		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	n/a	
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	n/a	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	n/a	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA13	n/a	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA14	n/a	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA15	n/a	
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA16	n/a	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	n/a	
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA17	n/a	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	n/a	
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy DE2: Residential Design		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
connected multifunctional green infrastructure?		
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	n/a	
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA18	n/a	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA19	n/a	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	++	The policy specifically relates to the design of new residential development. By requiring high quality living environments the policy can play a major role in enhancing the quality of the Borough's townscape. The policy is assessed as resulting in major positive effects.
Overall effects identified SA20	++	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA21	n/a	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	n/a	
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA22	n/a	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy DE2: Residential Design		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Overall effects identified SA23	n/a	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA24	n/a	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	n/a	
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	n/a	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	n/a	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA26	n/a	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	+?	The policy has the potential to increase recycling rates as it requires convenient and secure storage for refuse, recycling and organic waste. This will allow residents to recycle their waste. There is however some uncertainty as recycling rates also depend on other factors beyond the design of new development.
Overall effects identified SA27	+?	

Option 1: Develop Policy
Policy DE2: Residential Design

SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1			n/a				
SA2			n/a				
SA3			n/a				
SA4		+					M/L
SA5			n/a				
SA6		+					M/L
SA7		+					M/L
SA8		+					M/L
SA9	++						M/L
SA10			n/a				
SA11			n/a				
SA12			n/a				
SA13			n/a				
SA14			n/a				
SA15			n/a				
SA16			n/a				
SA17			n/a				
SA18			n/a				
SA19			n/a				
SA20	++						M/L
SA21			n/a				
SA22			n/a				
SA23			n/a				
SA24			n/a				
SA25			n/a				
SA26			n/a				
SA27		+					M/L

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy DE2: Residential Design

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Develop policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects. Major positive effects are identified for the policies impact on high quality housing (SA9) and ensuring a high quality townscape with good design principles for buildings and spaces (SA20).
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. Including this policy in the Local Plan will ensure all residential development provides high quality living environment for occupiers and neighbouring residents. This will contribute to people’s quality of life, the preservation of the environment, and a prosperous economy.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy DE2: Residential Design

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified
Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

Policy DE3: Layout of Sites and Parking

Overview

Policy DE3 includes specific requirements to promote transport choice as part of new developments and reiterates key elements of the NPPF. Further details on parking standards are also include in the Parking Supplementary Planning Document. The Policy includes two additional criteria, one is related to where vehicular access is from a Classified Road and having the ability to enter and leave the road in a forward gear, the other relates to the provision for electric vehicle parking and charging. Policy DE3 replaces Policy LP23 of the GBLP 2011-2029.

PART 1 – Policy DE3: Layout of Sites and Parking

POLICY DE3: LAYOUT OF SITES AND PARKING

Development proposals will be permitted, provided that the layout of the site is designed so that:

- 1. Safe and convenient routes for pedestrians and cyclists which link with the existing network are prioritised.**
- 2. Existing public rights of way are safeguarded or enhanced where appropriate.**
- 3. There is provision for bus access in larger developments with suitably located bus stops.**
- 4. Adequate provision is made for an appropriate range of vehicles to access the site, manoeuvre within it, park, load and unload and turn around in a safe and convenient manner.**
- 5. Where vehicular access is from a Classified Road there is adequate provision made to enable vehicles to enter and leave the road in a forward gear.**
- 6. Sufficient visibility and lighting is provided for the safe and convenient use of the roads, cycle tracks, paths and parking places.**
- 7. Traffic management measures are included, where appropriate, to control the speed of traffic generated by the development, to ensure that the safety and convenience of all highway users including cyclists and pedestrians is maintained or enhanced.**
- 8. Provision is made for parking cars, motorcycles, bicycles and where appropriate, goods vehicles.**
- 9. Provision is made for electric vehicle (EV) parking and charging:**
 - a) For residential developments, each individual dwelling with on-plot car parking must be provided with an electric vehicle charge point;**
 - b) For non-residential developments or any development providing communal**

(non-allocated parking) an electric vehicle chargepoint must be provided at a ratio of at least one chargepoint per 5 parking spaces.

10. Access and parking for people with disabilities is provided in accordance with the relevant current standards.

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The policy was considered to be in accordance with the NPPF; therefore no further options were required for testing.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy DE3: Layout of Sites and Parking

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy DE3: Layout of Sites and Parking		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	+	The policy seeks to ensure that the layout of development proposals provides measures which will promote cycling and walking, public transport, and electric vehicles. This is considered to have positive effects in reducing emissions and will support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050.
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	+	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	o	Electric vehicle charging points within new development will require energy and therefore it is difficult to ascertain the impact on the energy efficiency of buildings. The effect is assessed as neutral as while the charging provision will inevitably use electricity, the cars will not use petrol/diesel.
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	++	The policy specifically requires provision for electric vehicle parking and charging and is therefore assessed as resulting in major positive effects. It is considered that this effect will increase over time as internal combustion vehicles are phased out by 2030 and the uptake of electric vehicles increases.
Overall effects identified SA1	+	
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	+	The policy requires traffic management measures in new development, where appropriate, to control the speed of traffic, and to ensure highway safety. In addition, the policy contains measures to promote non-car modes. While the policy does not specifically seek to reduce traffic volumes and congestion, it is considered that by ensuring effective site design and appropriate parking, the policy can minimise the
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	+	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy DE3: Layout of Sites and Parking		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
		impacts of traffic on the road network. The policy is also considered to have positive effects in reduce road traffic accidents through the requirement for traffic management measures and other requirements such as adequate provision for vehicles to enter and leave a site in forward gear.
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	++	By ensuring provision is made for electric vehicle parking and charging the policy will help facilitate a shift away from the internal combustion engine. This can lead to reductions in air and noise pollution associated with traffic.
Overall effects identified SA2	+	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	++	The policy requires effective site layout and the provision of safe and convenient routes for pedestrians and cyclists which links with the existing network. It also requires provision for bus access in larger development. The policy requires that appropriate provision is made for parking bicycles. These measures will assist in reducing the reliance on the private car and are assessed as having major positive effects.
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	++	
Overall effects identified SA3	++	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	+	The policy seeks to improve accessibility by requiring a good and safe provision of transport infrastructure and parking. The policy is therefore able to improve access to services, make access easier for those without a car and for disabled and or elderly people. The policy includes a specific criterion related to access and parking for people with disabilities.
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	+	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	+	
Overall effects identified SA4	+	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	n/a	
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA5	n/a	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy DE3: Layout of Sites and Parking		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
and disorder?		
Overall effects identified SA6	n/a	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA7	n/a	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	n/a	
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	n/a	
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	n/a	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	n/a	
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	n/a	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA9	n/a	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	n/a	
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA11	n/a	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy DE3: Layout of Sites and Parking		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	n/a	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	n/a	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA12	n/a	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	n/a	
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	n/a	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	n/a	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA13	n/a	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA14	n/a	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA15	n/a	
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA16	n/a	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy DE3: Layout of Sites and Parking		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Borough's network of greenspace?		
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA17	n/a	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	n/a	
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	n/a	
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	n/a	
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA18	n/a	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA19	n/a	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA20	n/a	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	+?	By making provision for electric vehicle charging points the policy can assist in the transition away from the internal combustion engine. This is likely to reduce traffic related air pollution and therefore improve air quality. That said there is some uncertainty in terms of air pollution overall as it depends on where the electricity to charge electric vehicles is sourced from – this is beyond the remit of the policy. This means the policy is assessed as positive/uncertain in this regard.

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy DE3: Layout of Sites and Parking		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Overall effects identified SA21	+?	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	?	The provision of electric vehicle charging points in new development will likely lead to increased electricity consumption. However there is significant complexity in determining the overall impact on energy consumption and greenhouses gases as it is heavily dependent on how energy is produced. This is beyond the remit of this policy and largely outside of the control of the Local Planning Authority. The policy has therefore been assessed as uncertain however given national trends which have seen significant increases in renewable energy generation it is considered likely that over time the effects will become clearer.
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	?	
Overall effects identified SA22	?	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA23	n/a	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA24	n/a	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	n/a	
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	n/a	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	n/a	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA26	n/a	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy DE3: Layout of Sites and Parking		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	n/a	

Option 1: Develop Policy Policy DE3: Layout of Sites and Parking							
SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1		+					M/L
SA2		+					M/L
SA3	++						M/L
SA4		+					M/L
SA5			n/a				
SA6			n/a				
SA7			n/a				
SA8			n/a				
SA9			n/a				
SA10			n/a				
SA11			n/a				
SA12			n/a				
SA13			n/a				
SA14			n/a				
SA15			n/a				
SA16			n/a				
SA17			n/a				
SA18			n/a				
SA19			n/a				
SA20			n/a				
SA21		+					M/L
SA22				?			M/L
SA23			n/a				
SA24			n/a				
SA25			n/a				
SA26			n/a				
SA27			n/a				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy DE3: Layout of Sites and Parking

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Develop policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects. One uncertain effect has been identified which relates to energy efficiency and energy generated from renewable sources (SA22) – this is due to the energy requirements of electric vehicles and the Council’s inability to control where energy is sourced from.
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. Including this policy in the Local Plan will not only ensure the appropriate layout of development sites but also make sure provision is made for electric vehicle parking and charging.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy DE3: Layout of Sites and Parking

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified
Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

Policy DE4: Areas of Special Character

Overview

This policy provides protection to existing Areas of Special Character and allows for the designation of additional Areas of Special Characters where there is appropriate justification. Part two of the policy sets out specific criteria related to the Marine Parade Area of Special Character and references guidance set out in the relevant SPD. Part three of the policy sets out specific criteria related to the Lee West Area of Special Character and references guidance set out in the relevant SPD. Policy DE4 replaces Policy LP14 of the GBLP 2011-2029.

PART 1 – Policy DE4: Areas of Special Character

POLICY DE4: AREAS OF SPECIAL CHARACTER

1. The Borough Council will aim to:

- a) protect the identified qualities of a designated Area of Special Character; and**
- b) identify additional Areas of Special Character where there is appropriate justification.**

2. Within the Marine Parade Area of Special Character (as shown on the Policies Map) development proposals will be permitted subject to the following criteria and the guidance set out in the Marine Parade Area of Special Character SPD:

- a) a high standard of design and layout is achieved that reflects the townscape qualities and visual appearance of the seafront;**
- b) there is proper and adequate protection given to the residential amenities of neighbouring properties; and**
- c) vehicular access is achieved via rear service areas, except where it has been demonstrated that it would be preferable to gain access from Marine Parade provided that:**
 - i. it does not have an adverse impact on road safety;**
 - ii. there would be no harmful increase in traffic flow; and**
 - iii. it would not be detrimental to the overall character and design of the area.**

3. Within the Lee West Area of Special Character (as shown on the Policies Map) development proposals will be permitted subject to the following criteria and the guidance set out in the Lee West Area of Special Character SPD:

- a) A high standard of design and layout is achieved that reflects and where possible, reinstates, the townscape qualities and visual appearance of the area of special character;**
- b) proper and adequate protection given to the residential amenities of neighbouring properties.**

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The policy was considered to be in accordance with the NPPF; therefore no further options were required for testing.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy DE4: Areas of Special Character

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy DE4: Areas of Special Character		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	n/a	
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	n/a	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	n/a	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA1	n/a	
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	n/a	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA2	n/a	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	n/a	
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA3	n/a	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	n/a	
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	n/a	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy DE4: Areas of Special Character		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Overall effects identified SA4	n/a	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	n/a	
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA5	n/a	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA6	n/a	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA7	n/a	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	n/a	
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	n/a	
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	n/a	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	n/a	The policy approach requires a high standard of design and layout to protect the identified qualities of an Area of Special Character. In this regard the policy can therefore facilitate high quality homes.
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	n/a	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	+	
Overall effects identified SA9	+	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the qualifications and	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy DE4: Areas of Special Character		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
skills of the population overall?		
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	n/a	
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA11	n/a	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	n/a	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	n/a	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA12	n/a	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	n/a	
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	n/a	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	n/a	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA13	n/a	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	+	The protection of the special qualities of the Marine Parade Area of Special Character and the Lee West Area of Special Character by this policy will contribute positively to the appearance of these parts of Lee-on-the-Solent. This is considered to have positive effects in the image of Gosport as a destination, particularly as Lee-on-the-Solent is well visited for recreation and leisure purposes by those living in the sub-region.
Overall effects identified SA14	+	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy DE4: Areas of Special Character		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA15	n/a	
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA16	n/a	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	+	The policy approach protects the Marine Parade Area of Special Character. This location provides a significant contribution to the visual appearance of the seafront; its protection is therefore considered to be positive in this regard.
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	+	
Overall effects identified SA17	+	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	n/a	
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	n/a	
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	n/a	
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA18	n/a	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	++	The policy seeks to protect and enhance the identified Areas of Special Character for their particular townscape features which include historic interest. The approach is therefore assessed as having major positive effects.

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy DE4: Areas of Special Character		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	+	There is currently no heritage assets identified as at risk within the Boroughs identified Areas of Special Character. That said, the policy sets out the Borough Council's aim to identified additional Areas of Special Character where there is appropriate justification. In this event, the policy will therefore assist in improving the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk and is assessed as resulting in positive effects.
Overall effects identified SA19	+	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	++	The policy seeks to protect and enhance the identified Areas of Special Character for their particular townscape features such as strong sense of cohesion and sense of place. The approach is therefore assessed as having major positive effects in enhancing the quality of the townscape.
Overall effects identified SA20	++	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA21	n/a	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	n/a	
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA22	n/a	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA23	n/a	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA24	n/a	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy DE4: Areas of Special Character		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	n/a	
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	n/a	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	n/a	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA26	n/a	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	n/a	

Option 1: Develop Policy
Policy DE4: Areas of Special Character

SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1			n/a				
SA2			n/a				
SA3			n/a				
SA4			n/a				
SA5			n/a				
SA6			n/a				
SA7			n/a				
SA8			n/a				
SA9		+					M/L
SA10			n/a				
SA11			n/a				
SA12			n/a				
SA13			n/a				
SA14		+					M/L
SA15			n/a				
SA16			n/a				
SA17		+					M/L
SA18			n/a				
SA19		+					M/L
SA20	++						M/L
SA21			n/a				
SA22			n/a				
SA23			n/a				
SA24			n/a				
SA25			n/a				
SA26			n/a				
SA27			n/a				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy DE4: Areas of Special Character

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Develop policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects. The policy is likely to have major positive effects on the Borough’s townscape (SA20).
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. Including this policy in the Local Plan will allow the Council to protect and enhance the Borough’s townscape where there is appropriate justification.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy DE4: Areas of Special Character

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified

Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

SA of General Development Policies: Centres (Policy C1 – C6)

Policy C1: Centres

Overview

Policy C1 identifies the Borough's centre hierarchy and sets out how these centres will be protected and which uses will be permitted. The Policy outlines the Borough Council's overall approach to support the vitality and viability of these centres and how retail function will be protected while encouraging a diversity of uses in line with National planning policy and guidance. The policy also links to other retail policies such as hot food takeaways. The final part of the policy sets out how proposals for residential development will be dealt with when within a defined centre. Policy C1 replaces Policy LP27 and LP28 from the GBLP 2011-2029.

PART 1 – Policy C1: Centres

POLICY C1: CENTRES

- 1. The vitality and viability of the Borough's centres, as set out in the Table 5, will be maintained and enhanced wherever possible.**
- 2. Planning permission will be granted for appropriate main town centre uses which will support a wide range of activities within the Principal, District and Neighbourhood Centres across the Borough.**
- 3. The existing network of centres will be protected and the following uses will be permitted:**
 - a) Within the frontages of the Principal, District and Neighbourhood centres (as defined in Appendix 4) planning permission will be granted for Class E, F1 and F2 uses as well as pubs and drinking establishments (formerly Class A4); and**
 - b) All uses identified above within these frontages will be required to maintain a shop window display that is appropriate to the building.**
- 4. Hot Food Take-away uses will only be permitted within a centre if the proposal accords with Policy C5.**
- 5. Planning permission will be granted for proposals for residential development in appropriate locations within the Principal, District and Neighbourhood defined centres provided that:**
 - a) they are not within the ground floor frontage;**
 - b) they do not affect the function of the commercial and community units nor prevent the servicing of these units;**
 - c) they do not have a detrimental effect on adjoining uses; and**
 - d) a separate independent and appropriate access can be achieved to serve the residential accommodation.**

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The policy was considered to be in accordance with the NPPF; therefore no further options were required for testing.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy C1: Centres

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy C1: Centres		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	+?	The policy seeks to maintain and enhances the vitality and viability of the Borough’s centres which has the potential to ensure people can access the products and services they need locally, thereby reducing the need to travel and potentially assisting in tackling climate change. There is however significant uncertainty in this assessment.
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	+?	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	n/a	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA1	+?	
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	n/a	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA2	n/a	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	+	Viable shopping centres in the Borough will reduce the need to travel outside of the Borough by car to access shopping facilities.
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA3	+	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	++	The policy recognises that the Borough’s centres are the focus for local services. By protecting and enhancing these Centres the policy will improve access to local services, resulting in major positive effects.
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	+	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	+	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy C1: Centres		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Overall effects identified SA4	+	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	+	The Borough's centres provide the main location for community facilities. By protecting and enhancing the Borough's Centres the policy should allow for increased engagement in community activities.
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	++	Good quality retail provision in the Borough's neighbourhoods will significantly improve neighbourhoods as places to live by enabling people to access the services they need.
Overall effects identified SA5	+	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA6	n/a	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	+	By protecting and enhancing the Borough's centres the policy will increase the number of jobs available to residents, thereby assisting in reducing poverty and social exclusion.
Overall effects identified SA7	+	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	n/a	
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	n/a	
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	n/a	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	+	The policy allows for residential development in appropriate locations within the Borough's centres subject to specific criteria. This will have positive effects upon reducing homelessness and increasing the range and affordability of housing.
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	+	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	?	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy C1: Centres		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Overall effects identified SA9		
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	n/a	
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	+	
Overall effects identified SA11	+	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	+	The policy seeks to ensure that Centres remain vibrant and viable and therefore have successful businesses providing employment opportunities.
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	+	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	+	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	+?	It is considered that the policy has potential to improve people's average earnings, however, it is uncertain and not in the full control of planning, being contingent on wider economic trends.
Overall effects identified SA12	+	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	n/a	Overall the policy approach seeks to improve the vitality and viability of the Borough's centres which is assessed as resulting in positive effects. In addition, the policy allows for diversification of the Centres which should also allow for greater economic resilience and assist in recovering from the pandemic.
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	+	
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	+	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	+	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	+	
Overall effects identified SA13	+	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy C1: Centres		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	+	The provision of good shopping areas should assist both residents and visitors and contribute to improving Gosport as a destination.
Overall effects identified SA14	+	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	++	The policy is in line with National Planning Policy and is assessed as having major positive effects.
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	++	
Overall effects identified SA15	++	
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA16	n/a	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	n/a	
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA17	n/a	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	n/a	
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	n/a	
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	n/a	
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA18	n/a	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy C1: Centres		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
historic environment?		
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA19	n/a	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA20	n/a	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	+?	The protection of the Borough's centres and enhancement of services available should reduce the need to travel to other centres and therefore reduce air pollution. This is however assessed as being uncertain as the potential effects are difficult to predict.
Overall effects identified SA21	+?	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	n/a	
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA22	n/a	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	+	The policy allows for redevelopment within the Borough's centres. This will include previously developed land and contaminated land.
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	+	
Overall effects identified SA23	+	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA24	n/a	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	n/a	
2. Will development be avoided in flood	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy C1: Centres		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
risk areas?		
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	n/a	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA26	n/a	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	n/a	

Policy C1: Centres

SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1		+					L
SA2			n/a				
SA3		+					L
SA4		+					L
SA5		+					L
SA6			n/a				
SA7		+					L
SA8			n/a				
SA9		+					L
SA10			n/a				
SA11		+					L
SA12		+					L
SA13		+					L
SA14		+					L
SA15	++						M/L
SA16			n/a				
SA17			n/a				
SA18			n/a				
SA19			n/a				
SA20			n/a				
SA21		+					L
SA22			n/a				
SA23		+					L
SA24			n/a				
SA25			n/a				
SA26			n/a				
SA27			n/a				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy C1: Centres

Preferred option(s)	Option
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects. The policy has major positive effects for the SA objective to ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's Centres (SA15).
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. Including this policy in the Local Plan will allow the Borough's Centres to be maintained and enhanced while also providing sufficient flexibility to ensure they remain viable.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy C1: Centres

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects

None identified

Maximising beneficial effects

None identified

Policy C2: Town Centre uses Outside of Centres

Overview

Policy C2 aims to ensure that shops that provide a useful service outside designated centres are retained unless there is no viable use for them. This includes ensuring proposals undertake the sequential test in accordance with the latest Government guidance. The policy reflects the NPPF in terms of ensuring out-of-centre proposals do not have a significant adverse impact on centres. Policy C2 replaces Policy LP29 of the GBLP 2011-2029.

PART 1 – Policy C2: Town Centre uses Outside of Centres

POLICY C2: TOWN CENTRE USES OUTSIDE OF CENTRES

1. **Proposals for new retail and other town centre uses outside of a centre will need to undertake:**
 - a) **the sequential test in accordance with the latest Government guidance; and**
 - b) **an impact assessment in accordance with the latest Government guidance and locally set floorspace threshold.**
2. **Planning permission will be refused where an application fails to satisfy the sequential test or is likely to have significant adverse impact on the vitality and viability of a centre.**

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The policy was considered to be in accordance with the NPPF; therefore no further options were required for testing.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy C2: Town Centre uses Outside of Centres

The effects over time:		
++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy C2: Town Centre uses Outside of Centres		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	++	The policy seeks to maintain and enhances the vitality and viability of the Borough’s centres which has the potential to ensure people can access the products and services they need locally, thereby reducing the need to travel and potentially assisting in tackling
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	++	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy C2: Town Centre uses Outside of Centres		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
		climate change. There is however significant uncertainty in this assessment.
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	n/a	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA1	+?	
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	n/a	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA2	n/a	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	+	Viable shopping centres in the Borough will reduce the need to travel outside of the Borough by car to access shopping facilities.
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA3	+	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	++	The policy recognises that the Borough's centres are the focus for local services. By protecting and enhancing these Centres the policy will improve access to local services, resulting in major positive effects.
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	+	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	+	
Overall effects identified SA4	+	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	+	The Borough's centres provide the main location for community facilities. By protecting and enhancing the Borough's Centres the policy should allow for increased engagement in community activities.
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	++	Good quality retail provision in the Borough's neighbourhoods will significantly improve

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy C2: Town Centre uses Outside of Centres		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
		neighbourhoods as places to live by enabling people to access the services they need.
Overall effects identified SA5	+	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA6	n/a	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	+	By protecting and enhancing the Borough's centres the policy will increase the number of jobs available to residents, thereby assisting in reducing poverty and social exclusion.
Overall effects identified SA7	+	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	n/a	
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	n/a	
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	n/a	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	+	The policy allows for residential development in appropriate locations within the Borough's centres subject to specific criteria. This will have positive effects upon reducing homelessness and increasing the range and affordability of housing.
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	+	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	?	
Overall effects identified SA9	+	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy C2: Town Centre uses Outside of Centres		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	n/a	
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	+	
Overall effects identified SA11	+	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	+	The policy seeks to ensure that Centres remain vibrant and viable and therefore have successful businesses providing employment opportunities.
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	+	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	+	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	+?	It is considered that the policy has potential to improve people's average earnings, however, it is uncertain and not in the full control of planning, being contingent on wider economic trends.
Overall effects identified SA12	+	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	+	Overall the policy approach seeks to improve the vitality and viability of the Borough's centres which is assessed as resulting in positive effects. In addition, the policy allows for diversification of the Centres which should also allow for greater economic resilience and assist in recovering from the pandemic.
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	+	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	+	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	+	
Overall effects identified SA13	+	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	+	The provision of good shopping areas should assist both residents and visitors and contribute to improving Gosport as a destination.
Overall effects identified SA14	+	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	++	The policy is in line with National Planning Policy and is assessed as having major positive effects.

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy C2: Town Centre uses Outside of Centres		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	++	
Overall effects identified SA15	++	
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA16	n/a	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	n/a	
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA17	n/a	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	n/a	
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	n/a	
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	n/a	
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA18	n/a	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA19	n/a	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA20	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy C2: Town Centre uses Outside of Centres		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	+?	The protection of the Borough's centres and enhancement of services available should reduce the need to travel to other centres and therefore reduce air pollution. This is however assessed as being uncertain as the potential effects are difficult to predict.
Overall effects identified SA21	+?	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	n/a	
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA22	n/a	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	+	The policy allows for redevelopment within the Borough's centres. This will include previously developed land and contaminated land.
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	+	
Overall effects identified SA23	+	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA24	n/a	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	n/a	
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	n/a	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	n/a	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA26	n/a	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy C2: Town Centre uses Outside of Centres		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	n/a	

Policy C2: Town Centre uses Outside of Centres							
SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1		+					L
SA2			n/a				
SA3		+					L
SA4		+					L
SA5		+					L
SA6			n/a				
SA7		+					L
SA8			n/a				
SA9		+					L
SA10			n/a				
SA11		+					L
SA12		+					L
SA13		+					L
SA14		+					L
SA15	++						M/L
SA16			n/a				
SA17			n/a				
SA18			n/a				
SA19			n/a				
SA20			n/a				
SA21		+					L
SA22			n/a				
SA23		+					L
SA24			n/a				
SA25			n/a				
SA26			n/a				
SA27			n/a				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy C2: Town Centre uses Outside of Centres

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Develop policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects. The policy has major positive effects for the SA objective to ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough’s Centres (SA15).
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. Including this policy in the Local Plan will allow the Borough’s Centres to be maintained and enhanced by directing town centre uses to them in accordance with the sequential test.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy C2: Town Centre uses Outside of Centres

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified

Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

Policy C3: Local Shops

Overview

Policy C3 relates to proposals for changes of use of existing shops outside of defined centres and seeks to grant permission provided they are vacant and reasonable attempts to let/sell them for retail use have been made. Policy C3 replaces Policy LP30 of the GBLP 2011-2029.

PART 1 – Policy C3: Local Shops

POLICY C3: LOCAL SHOPS

Development proposals for changes of use of existing shops (Class E and Class F2) outside of the Principal, District and Neighbourhood centres (as shown on the Policies Map) will be permitted provided they are vacant and there have been reasonable attempts to let/sell them for retail use.

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The policy was considered to be in accordance with the NPPF; therefore no further options were required for testing.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy C3: Local Shops

The effects over time:		
++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy C3: Local Shops		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	n/a	
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	n/a	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	n/a	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA1	n/a	
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	n/a	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy C3: Local Shops		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Overall effects identified SA2	n/a	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	n/a	
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA3	n/a	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	n/a	
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	n/a	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA4	n/a	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	n/a	
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	+?	
Overall effects identified SA5	+?	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA6	n/a	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA7	n/a	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	n/a	
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy C3: Local Shops		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	n/a	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	o	
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	o	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	o	
Overall effects identified SA9	o	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	n/a	
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA11	n/a	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	n/a	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	n/a	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA12	n/a	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it improve business development	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy C3: Local Shops		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
and enhance competitiveness?		
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	n/a	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	n/a	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA13	n/a	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA14	n/a	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	o	
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	+	
Overall effects identified SA15	+	
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA16	n/a	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	n/a	
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA17	n/a	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	n/a	
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	n/a	
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy C3: Local Shops		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
designated for their nature conservation interest?		
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA18	n/a	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA19	n/a	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA20	n/a	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA21	n/a	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	n/a	
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA22	n/a	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	+	The policy allows for the re-use of existing buildings where it is demonstrated that they are no longer viable for use as retail.
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA23	+	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA24	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy C3: Local Shops		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	n/a	
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	n/a	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	n/a	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA26	n/a	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	n/a	

Policy C3: Local Shops

SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1			n/a				
SA2			n/a				
SA3			n/a				
SA4			n/a				
SA5		+					L
SA6			n/a				
SA7			n/a				
SA8			n/a				
SA9			o				
SA10			n/a				
SA11			n/a				
SA12			n/a				
SA13			n/a				
SA14			n/a				
SA15		+					L
SA16			n/a				
SA17			n/a				
SA18			n/a				
SA19			n/a				
SA20			n/a				
SA21			n/a				
SA22			n/a				
SA23		+					L
SA24			n/a				
SA25			n/a				
SA26			n/a				
SA27			n/a				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy C3: Local Shops

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Develop policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects.
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy C3: Local Shops

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified

Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

Policy C4: Commercial Frontages Outside of Centres

Overview

Policy C4 aims to ensure that commercial-led frontages that are located outside of the Borough’s centres are protected due to the important economic role they provide in certain locations. This accords with the NPPF objective to ensure established shops, facilities and services are retained for the benefit of the community. Policy C4 replaces Policy LP31 of the GBLP 2011-2029.

PART 1 – Policy C4: Commercial Frontages Outside of Centres

POLICY C4: COMMERCIAL FRONTAGES OUTSIDE OF CENTRES

Existing important ground floor frontages as shown in Appendix 4 will be protected for commercial purposes (Class E). Planning permission for a change of use or redevelopment of properties on these frontages from commercial uses will only be permitted provided that there have been reasonable attempts to let/sell the property for a commercial use.

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The policy was considered to be in accordance with the NPPF; therefore no further options were required for testing.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy C4: Commercial Frontages Outside of Centres

The effects over time:		
++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy C4: Commercial Frontages Outside of Centres		
Sustainability Theme	Policy Option 1: Develop	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	n/a	
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	n/a	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	n/a	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA1	n/a	
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy C4: Commercial Frontages Outside of Centres		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	n/a	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA2	n/a	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	n/a	
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA3	n/a	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	+	The policy will protect existing important ground floor frontages for commercial purposes.
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	+	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	+	
Overall effects identified SA4	+	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	n/a	
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	+?	The protection of ground floor frontages will provide commercial services for people which has the potential to improve neighbourhoods as place to live.
Overall effects identified SA5	+?	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA6	n/a	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA7	n/a	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy C4: Commercial Frontages Outside of Centres		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	n/a	
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	n/a	
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	n/a	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	o	
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	o	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	o	
Overall effects identified SA9	o	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	n/a	
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA11	n/a	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	n/a	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	n/a	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA12	n/a	
Economy		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy C4: Commercial Frontages Outside of Centres		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	n/a	
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	n/a	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	n/a	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA13	n/a	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	+	The policy protects key frontages such as those as Marine Parade and Royal Clarence Yard which contribute to the visitor offer.
Overall effects identified SA14	+	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	+	The policy specifically relates to commercial uses.
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	+	The specific commercial frontages identified are considered to not affect the vitality and viability of existing centres.
Overall effects identified SA15	+	
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA16	n/a	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	n/a	
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA17	n/a	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy C4: Commercial Frontages Outside of Centres		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	n/a	
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	n/a	
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA18	n/a	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA19	n/a	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA20	n/a	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA21	n/a	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	n/a	
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA22	n/a	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	+	The policy allows for the re-use of existing buildings where it is demonstrated that they are no longer viable for use as retail.
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA23	+	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy C4: Commercial Frontages Outside of Centres		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA24	n/a	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	n/a	
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	n/a	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	n/a	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA26	n/a	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	n/a	

Policy C4: Commercial Frontages Outside of Centres

SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1			n/a				
SA2			n/a				
SA3			n/a				
SA4		+					M/L
SA5		+					L
SA6			n/a				
SA7			n/a				
SA8			n/a				
SA9			o				
SA10			n/a				
SA11			n/a				
SA12			n/a				
SA13			n/a				
SA14		+					M/L
SA15		+					L
SA16			n/a				
SA17			n/a				
SA18			n/a				
SA19			n/a				
SA20			n/a				
SA21			n/a				
SA22			n/a				
SA23		+					L
SA24			n/a				
SA25			n/a				
SA26			n/a				
SA27			n/a				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy C4: Commercial Frontages Outside of Centres

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Develop policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects.
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy C4: Commercial Frontages Outside of Centres

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified

Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

Policy C5: Hot Food Takeaways

Overview

Policy C5 is a new policy which seeks to limit the proliferation of hot food takeaways to assist with meeting both local and national health priorities by requiring any proposal for a new, expansion of existing, or the change of use of a premises to, a hot food takeaway to meet the policy requirements. The policy sets out a series of locational requirements which are underpinned by evidence. The Policy is in line with the NPPF and has emerged from the Government’s recognition of the need for planning policies and decisions to enable and support healthy lifestyles; especially where this would address identified local health and well-being needs. The policy aims to achieve an economically viable balance between hot food takeaways and other retailers across the Borough and to contribute towards reducing levels of obesity and poor health whilst also recognises that the policy needs to accompany a range of other measures to ensure an effective public health approach.

PART 1 – Policy C5: Hot Food Takeaways

POLICY C5: HOT FOOD TAKE AWAYS

- 1. Planning permission will not be granted for hot food takeaways which are located in any of the following locations:**
 - a) Outside a principal, district or neighbourhood centre; or**
 - b) within 400 metres of secondary schools or colleges; or**
 - c) wards where the number of approved hot food takeaways equals or exceeds the Hampshire average per 1,000 population.**

- 2. Proposals for hot food takeaways in suitable locations (as determined by Point 1) will be granted permission provided that:**
 - a) they do not cause significant harm to residential amenity; and**
 - b) external ventilation and extractor systems do not significantly harm the appearance of the building or street scene and the residential amenity of neighbouring properties through noise or odours; and**
 - c) there is adequate provision for the disposal, storage and collection of refuse, and litter bins for use by customers are provided.**

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The following options are considered for the Local Plan and assessed in Part 3:

Option 1: Develop Policy restricting hot food takeaway uses

As allowed by the NPPF this option would restrict hot food takeaways in certain locations.

Option 2: Do nothing

This option assumes that the Borough Council does not limit takeaway uses beyond any restrictions set out in other retail policies.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy C5: Hot Food Takeaways

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative			
Policy C5: Hot Food Takeaways			
Sustainability Theme	uses Option 1: Develop Policy restricting hot food takeaway	nothing Option 2: Do	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective			
Decision Making Criteria			
Climate Change			
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.			
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	n/a	n/a	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	n/a	n/a	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA1	n/a	n/a	
Transport and Accessibility			
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.			
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	n/a	n/a	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA2	n/a	n/a	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.			
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA3	n/a	n/a	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.			
1. Will it improve access to local services?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	n/a	n/a	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA4	n/a	n/a	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods			
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.			
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as	n/a	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative			
Policy C5: Hot Food Takeaways			
Sustainability Theme	uses Option 1: Develop Policy restricting hot food takeaway	nothing Option 2: Do	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective			
Decision Making Criteria			
places to live?			
Overall effects identified SA5	n/a	n/a	
Crime and Disorder			
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder			
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA6	n/a	n/a	
Poverty and Deprivation			
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.			
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA7	n/a	n/a	
Health and Well-being			
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.			
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	+	-	
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	++	-	
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	+	-	
Housing			
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.			
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	n/a	n/a	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA9	n/a	n/a	
Education and Skills			
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.			
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	n/a	
Employment			
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.			
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from	n/a	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative				
Policy C5: Hot Food Takeaways				
Sustainability Theme	uses hot food takeaway	Option 1: Develop Policy restricting hot food takeaway	Option 2: Do nothing	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective				
Decision Making Criteria				
the Borough?				
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	n/a	n/a		
Overall effects identified SA11	n/a	n/a		
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.				
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	o	o		
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	o	o		
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	o	o		
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	n/a	n/a		
Overall effects identified SA12	o	o		
Economy				
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.				
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	n/a	n/a		
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	-?	o		The overall economic impact of the option 1 is considered to be potentially negative as the policy will restrict hot food takeaways and therefore limit the ability of business people to set up such premises in certain locations. There is however uncertainty with this assessment as the overall impact of the policy on wider economic issues in currently considered minimal.
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	-?	o		
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	n/a	n/a		
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	n/a	n/a		
Overall effects identified SA13	n/a	n/a		
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.				
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	n/a	n/a		
Overall effects identified SA14	n/a	n/a		
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres				
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.				
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	+	o		By restricting the proliferation of hot food takeaway uses the policy will ensure that the viability of centres is not impeded. This is considered to offer positive effects for the quality of the Borough's centres. In addition,
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	+?	o		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative			
Policy C5: Hot Food Takeaways			
Sustainability Theme	uses Option 1: Develop Policy restricting hot food takeaway	nothing Option 2: Do	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective			
Decision Making Criteria			
			other factors such as the fact that hot food takeaways are often closed during the day means that limiting their location will ensure centres have improved vitality and viability.
Overall effects identified SA15	+	o	
Leisure			
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.			
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA16	n/a	n/a	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.			
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA17	n/a	n/a	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity			
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.			
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	n/a	n/a	
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	n/a	n/a	
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA18	n/a	n/a	
Heritage and Design			
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.			
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA19	n/a	n/a	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.			
1. Will the design enhance the quality of	+	o	Option 1 would include specific criterion which

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Policy C5: Hot Food Takeaways			
Sustainability Theme	uses Option 1: Develop Policy restricting hot food takeaway	nothing Option 2: Do	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective			
Decision Making Criteria			
the townscape?			seek to reduce the impact of hot food takeaways on residential amenity and include measures to address noise and odour and refuse and litter. This is considered to have positive effects on the Borough's townscape.
Overall effects identified SA20	+	o	
Air Quality			
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.			
1. Will it improve air quality?	+	o	Option 1 includes measures to ensure hot food takeaways include adequate odour extraction.
Overall effects identified SA21	+	o	
Use of Energy Resources			
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.			
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA22	n/a	n/a	
Use of Land Resources			
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.			
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA23	n/a	n/a	
Water Management			
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.			
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA24	n/a	n/a	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.			
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	n/a	n/a	
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	n/a	n/a	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	n/a	n/a	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.			
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	n/a	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA26	n/a	n/a	
Natural Resources and Waste Management			
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and			

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative			
Policy C5: Hot Food Takeaways			
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy restricting hot food takeaway uses	Option 2: Do nothing	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective			
Decision Making Criteria			
management of waste.			
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	o	o	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	+?	o	Because Option 1 includes measures to ensure litter and refuse is appropriately dealt with, there is potential that it will lead to reductions in waste. In addition by limiting hot food takeaway uses the policy will likely result in reduced waste.
3. Will it increase recycling?	o	o	
Overall effects identified SA27	o	o	

Option 1: Develop Policy restricting hot food takeaway uses

Policy C5: Hot Food Takeaways

SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1			n/a				
SA2			n/a				
SA3			n/a				
SA4			n/a				
SA5			n/a				
SA6			n/a				
SA7			n/a				
SA8		+					L
SA9			n/a				
SA10			n/a				
SA11			n/a				
SA12			o				
SA13			n/a				
SA14			n/a				
SA15		+					L
SA16			n/a				
SA17			n/a				
SA18			n/a				
SA19			n/a				
SA20		+					L
SA21		+					L
SA22			n/a				
SA23			n/a				
SA24			n/a				
SA25			n/a				
SA26			n/a				
SA27			o				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy C5: Hot Food Takeaways

Preferred option(s)	Option 1: Develop Policy restricting hot food takeaway uses
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects. Positive effects have been identified for SA objectives related to health and wellbeing (SA8), the vitality and viability of the Borough’s centres (SA15), the townscape (SA20) and improving air quality (SA21).
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. The Government recognises the need for planning policies and decisions to ‘enable and support healthy lifestyles, especially where this would address identified local health and wellbeing needs’. Including this policy in the Local Plan will allow the Council to limit the proliferation of hot food takeaways to assist with meeting both local and national health priorities.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy C5: Hot Food Takeaways

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified

Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

Policy C6: Community, Cultural and Leisure Uses

Overview

Policy C6 aims to ensure facilities are retained for the benefit of the local community as set out in the NPPF. The Policy re-iterates that numerous sites have been allocated for potential community uses with the Regeneration Areas and other allocation sites. The Policy includes a number of criteria to ensure the site is accessible to the local community and aims to secure new facilities in association with new residential development which again is in accordance with national guidance. Policy C6 also aims to protect existing facilities unless it can be demonstrated that alternative provision is made elsewhere and that the building has no further viable community, cultural, sports, recreation or built leisure use following reasonable attempts to sell and let the property.

PART 1 – Policy C6: Community, Cultural and Leisure Uses

POLICY C6: COMMUNITY, CULTURAL AND BUILT LEISURE FACILITIES

- 1. The Borough Council will support the development of new community, cultural and built leisure facilities⁶ including those proposed within the regeneration areas and other proposed sites.**
- 2. Proposals for community, cultural and built leisure facilities not allocated in this Local Plan which are considered to be a main town centre use will need to accord with the latest Government guidance.**
- 3. Planning permission will be granted for community, cultural and built leisure facilities provided that:**
 - a) they have good pedestrian and cycle access;**
 - b) there is good access to public transport services, particularly for facilities serving the whole Borough;**
 - c) they are well-designed; and**
 - d) they have the potential to be used as a multi-use facility.**
- 4. New residential development proposals will need to contribute towards providing high quality and accessible community, cultural, sports recreation and built leisure facilities including:**
 - a) The provision of appropriate on-site facilities in relation to the scale and type of development for which a need has been identified; and/or**
 - b) The use of Developer Contributions in accordance with the latest Borough Council standards.**
- 5. Planning permission will not be granted for development which would result in the loss of the existing community, cultural, sports recreation⁷ and built leisure facilities unless it can be demonstrated that:**

⁶ For the purposes of this policy community, cultural and built leisure facilities relate to those types of facilities or similar listed in paragraph 5.21.1 rather than facilities such as local shops. Cemeteries are dealt with separately by Policy LE2.

- a) An assessment has been carried out which clearly shows the building or buildings are surplus to requirements for that particular purpose; or
- b) The loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; and
- c) It can be demonstrated that there are no other viable community, cultural, sports recreation and built leisure facilities uses for the premises or site and there have been reasonable attempts to sell/let them for these purposes.

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The policy was considered to be in accordance with the NPPF and national guidance and therefore no further options were required for testing.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy C6: Community, Cultural and Leisure Uses

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy C6: Community, Cultural and Leisure Uses		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	+?	The policy seeks to maintain and enhance access to community facilities which has the potential to ensure people can access the facilities and services they need locally, thereby reducing the need to travel and potentially assisting in tackling climate change. There is however significant uncertainty in this assessment.
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	+?	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	n/a	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA1	+?	
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	o	Overall the policy is assessed as neutral in this regard. The policy approach supports the development of new facilities and seeks to protect existing facilities. This therefore could reduce overall travel and associated issues such as traffic accidents and pollution. However the policy also has the potential to
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	o	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	o	

⁷ This policy relates to buildings used for sports rather than sports pitches and other open spaces which are dealt with under Policy LE1.

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy C6: Community, Cultural and Leisure Uses		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
		result in increased travel within the Borough to and from community facilities.
Overall effects identified SA2	o	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	+	The policy seeks to ensure adequate local provision of community, cultural and built leisure facilities which should reduce the need to travel by private car.
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	+	The policy includes specific criterion which seek to ensure new facilities have good pedestrian and cycle access and good access to public transport services.
Overall effects identified SA3	+	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	++	The policy approach seeks to protect existing community facilities and support the development of new facilities and therefore is assessed as having major positive effects in improving access to local services.
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	++	The policy includes specific criterion which seek to ensure new facilities have good pedestrian and cycle access and good access to public transport services.
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	++	
Overall effects identified SA4	++	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	++	The policy specifically seeks to create buildings and spaces that can be used by people to engage in community activities.
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	++	By ensuring adequate community, cultural and built leisure facilities are provided within the Borough the policy can result in major positive effects and improve neighbourhoods as places to live.
Overall effects identified SA5	++	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	+	Community, cultural, sports recreation and built leisure facilities create opportunities to be involved in activities which may reduce crime and disorder.
Overall effects identified SA6	+	
Poverty and Deprivation		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy C6: Community, Cultural and Leisure Uses		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	+	The provision of adequate community facilities etc. provides opportunities for those experiencing poverty and social exclusion to be involved in activities which can assist in reducing the prevalence of these issues.
Overall effects identified SA7	+	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	+	There are well recognised benefits from provision of good quality community services which can enhance the quality of life of local residents and address a number of health and wellbeing issues. The policy is therefore assessed as positive in this regard as it seeks to ensure there is provision of facilities which can be used by existing and new residents.
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	+	
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	+	
Overall effects identified SA8	+	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	?	The policy has the potential to assist in reducing homelessness depending on the type of community facility that is in operation. This is outside of the policies remit and is therefore considered uncertain.
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	n/a	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA9	?	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	+	By supporting community, cultural and built leisure facilities the policy approach can assist in improving qualifications and skills. While this is dependent on the type of facility in operation, overall the potential benefits are assessed as resulting in positive effects.
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	+	
Overall effects identified SA10	+	
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy C6: Community, Cultural and Leisure Uses		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	n/a	
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA11	n/a	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	+	By supporting the development of new facilities the policy has the direct potential to increase the number of job opportunities. Additionally, community facilities may help to improve people's ability to find employment by developing new skills which may assist people in finding a job.
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	+	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	+	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	?	
Overall effects identified SA12	+	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	+	The policy seeks to ensure where development results in the loss of an existing community, cultural, sports recreation and built leisure facility there are strict criteria to ensure these facilities are protected. The policy contains sufficient flexibility to ensure business development and competitiveness is maintained. It will also ensure that where sufficient evidence is provided that land and property is made available for other forms of business development.
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	+	
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	+	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	n/a	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	+	
Overall effects identified SA13	+	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	+	The provision of community facilities can be attractive to potential tourists and provide additional services that people can use.
Overall effects identified SA14	+	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	++	The policy sets out an approach which will ensure that where possible, in order to support town centres, community facilities will be located within or close to existing centres. This should help maintain the vitality and viability of the Borough's Centres.
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	++	
Overall effects identified SA15	++	
Leisure		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy C6: Community, Cultural and Leisure Uses		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	++	The policy relates to the provision of sporting and leisure opportunities.
Overall effects identified SA16	++	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	n/a	
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA17	n/a	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	n/a	
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	n/a	
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	n/a	
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA18	n/a	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA19	n/a	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA20	n/a	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA21	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy C6: Community, Cultural and Leisure Uses		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	n/a	
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA22	n/a	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA23	n/a	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA24	n/a	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	n/a	
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	n/a	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	n/a	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA26	n/a	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	n/a	

Option 1: Develop Policy
Policy C6: Community, Cultural and Leisure Uses

SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1		+					L
SA2			o				
SA3		+					L
SA4	++						L
SA5	++						L
SA6		+					L
SA7		+					L
SA8		+					L
SA9				?			
SA10		+					L
SA11			n/a				
SA12		+					L
SA13		+					L
SA14		+					L
SA15	++						L
SA16	++						L
SA17			n/a				
SA18			n/a				
SA19			n/a				
SA20			n/a				
SA21			n/a				
SA22			n/a				
SA23			n/a				
SA24			n/a				
SA25			n/a				
SA26			n/a				
SA27			n/a				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy C6: Community, Cultural and Leisure Uses

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Develop policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects. One uncertain effect has been identified in relation to homelessness (SA9). The policy is considered to have major positive effects for the provision of community services and facilities (SA4), community interaction and the quality of where people live (SA5)
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. Including this policy in the Local Plan will enable the protection of community, cultural and built leisure facilities for public benefit and ensure new development is accompanied with sufficient social infrastructure to support existing and new communities.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy C6: Community, Cultural and Leisure Uses

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified
Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

SA of General Development Policies: Local Environment (Policy LE1 – LE14)

Policy LE1: Open Spaces

Overview

Policy LE1 restricts development on the Borough's existing open spaces as identified on the Policies Map. The policy provides exceptional circumstances whereby development may be permitted; this includes where redevelopment of a part of a site would retain and enhance existing facilities and where alternative provision of equivalent or greater community benefit is made available. Overall, the policy aims to protect the Borough's open spaces in accordance with the NPPF. The key evidence which underpins the policy is contained in the Open Space Monitoring Report. The Policy also sets out requirements for proposals which create or improve open space and what the appropriate provision is for residential development in the Borough. This Policy replaces Policy LP34 and LP35 of the GBLP 2011-2029.

PART 1 – Policy LE1: Open Spaces

POLICY LE1: OPEN SPACES

- 1. Planning permission will not be granted for development proposals on existing open space identified on the Policies Map, except where:**
 - a) The redevelopment of a part of the site for recreation and/or community facilities would retain and enhance the existing facilities; or
 - b) Alternative provision is made available of equivalent or greater community benefit in terms of quality, quantity and accessibility and that the proposed site cannot be used for an alternative form of open space for which there is an identified need.
- 2. Planning permission will be granted for proposals to create or improve open space provided that:**
 - a) They are designed to achieve the Council's 'good' quality standards;
 - b) They do not have a significant adverse impact on the amenities of local residents;
 - c) They have good access for pedestrians and cyclists from the wider community and the open space is accessible for all;
 - d) They do not have an adverse effect on nature conservation features and incorporate measures to enhance local biodiversity; and
 - e) If the open space serves a Borough-wide catchment it:
 - i. Is appropriately sited in proximity to public transport; and
 - ii. Has adequate vehicular access and parking arrangements including spaces for disabled people.
- 3. Planning permission will be granted for residential development (Use Class C3) provided that appropriate provision is made for public open space facilities in accordance with the standards set out below:**
 - a) For developments of 50 dwellings or more on-site provision of public open

including a 'local park' will be required to a standard of 1.6 ha per 1,000 people and that this open space should be provided to the Borough Council's 'Good' Quality Standard. Developer contributions should also include provision for the long-term management of the open space;

- b) In particular circumstances off-site provision may be considered appropriate for sites of 50 dwellings or more provided a financial contribution is secured through a Section 106 agreement. Contributions will be directly related in scale and in-line to the proposed development to reflect the impact the development has on existing green infrastructure. Such funds will be used to improve an existing facility normally within 800 metres of the development site to achieve the Council's 'Good' quality standard.

For sites of less than 50 dwellings the developer contribution for improving public open space and associated facilities has been calculated as part of the Community Infrastructure Levy and consequently no further contribution is required. However proposals should include green infrastructure elements (see Policy LE8).

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

Only one option is tested as it is considered to provide a balanced approach which sets a general approach seeking to protect all existing open space from development but allows for some development in exceptional circumstances provided a number of tests can be satisfied. It is not considered necessary to test an alternative option as there are identified quantitative and qualitative deficiencies in open space provision within the Borough and the policy is considered to be in line with the NPPF.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy LE1: Open Spaces

The effects over time:		
++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE1: Open Spaces		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	+	Adequate provision of local open space will assist in reducing the need to travel. Open space also provides carbon sequestration.
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	+	The Policy approach will also ensure that where open space cannot be delivered on site, a contribution is sought to improve off-site open space provision within the Borough.
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE1: Open Spaces		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA1	+	
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	+	Providing open space with development proposals should reduce the need to travel long distances to access open space provision. This should contribute to reducing traffic volumes and congestion, particularly on the Strategic Road Network.
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	o?	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	o	This policy is not expected to result in increases in traffic related air and noise pollution.
Overall effects identified SA2	o	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	+	Providing open space within new development and in the Borough should reduce the need to travel by private car. The policy also includes criteria for good access for pedestrians and cyclists.
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	+	New open space provision and improvements to existing open space provides significant opportunities to provide higher quality walking and cycling networks.
Overall effects identified SA3	+	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	+	
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	+	This policy will provide open space within new development and improve existing facilities near to where people live. The policy also seeks to ensure that proposals involving open space have good access for pedestrians and cyclists.
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	+	The policy include specifics requirements to ensure adequate access for disabled and or elderly people. In addition the design of open space provision and improvements to existing facilities will be assessed through the determination of planning applications to ensure it provides access for all in society.
Overall effects identified SA4	+	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE1: Open Spaces		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	+	Open space provides many opportunities for engagement in community activities.
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	+	There are many well recognised benefits of open space which are recognised throughout the Local Plan. This policy seeks to improve neighbourhoods as places to live.
Overall effects identified SA5	+	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	o?	This is assessed as neutral/uncertain as this depends on the design of open space and the level of surveillance.
Overall effects identified SA6	o?	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA7	n/a	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	+	The policy approach should ensure that existing open spaces are protected for the benefit of people's health and new provision is provided. This will provide significant opportunities for exercise and recreation and enable and support healthy lifestyles.
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	++	
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	+	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	n/a	
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	n/a	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA9	n/a	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE1: Open Spaces		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	n/a	
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA11	n/a	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	n/a	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	n/a	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA12	n/a	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	n/a	
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	n/a	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	n/a	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA13	n/a	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	+	Open space will provide recreational benefits for tourists and visitors to the Borough.
Overall effects identified SA14	+	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to,	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE1: Open Spaces		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?		
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA15	n/a	
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	+	This policy will protect and provide suitable areas for recreational activities such as sports.
Overall effects identified SA16	+	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	++	This policy takes an approach which ensures existing open space is retained and enhanced and that new open space is designed to a high standard. Overall the policy will protect and enhance the Borough's network of greenspace.
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	++	Where development proposals are proposed on existing open space this policy includes criterion which allows the Council to negotiate improvements to alternative provision, this could allow the enhancement of areas around the coast.
Overall effects identified SA17	++	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	o	In some instances the provision of open space could be associated with biodiversity net gain, however, this is not certain due to the recreational disturbance created by users.
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	+	The protection and enhancement of existing open space and provision of new open space will contribute to multifunctional green infrastructure throughout the Borough.
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	n/a	
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA18	+o	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE1: Open Spaces		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?		
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA19	n/a	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	+	Open spaces will enhance the Borough's townscape.
Overall effects identified SA20	+	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA21	n/a	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	n/a	
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA22	n/a	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA23	n/a	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA24	n/a	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	+	In some instances, open space can be of benefit to reducing the risk of flooding.
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	o	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	o	
Overall effects identified SA25	o	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE1: Open Spaces		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA26	n/a	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	n/a	

Policy LE1: Open Spaces

SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1		+					L
SA2			o				
SA3		+					L
SA4		+					L
SA5		+					L
SA6			o?				
SA7			n/a				
SA8		+					L
SA9			n/a				
SA10			n/a				
SA11			n/a				
SA12			n/a				
SA13			n/a				
SA14		+					L
SA15			n/a				
SA16		+					L
SA17	++						L
SA18			+o				
SA19			n/a				
SA20		+					L
SA21			n/a				
SA22			n/a				
SA23			n/a				
SA24			n/a				
SA25			o				
SA26			n/a				
SA27			n/a				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy LE1: Open Spaces

Preferred option(s)	Option 1: Develop policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects. A number of neutral effects have been identified. The policy will likely result in major positive effects in relation to protecting and enhancing the quality of public areas and green spaces (SA17).
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. Including this policy in the Local Plan will ensure that open spaces are protected and enhanced and that new development is accompanied with appropriate open space provision.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy LE1: Open Spaces

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified
Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

Policy LE2: Cemetery Provision

Overview

Policy LE2 sets out areas of the Borough which will be protected for existing cemetery uses and sets out criteria for new cemetery facilities. Policy LE2 replaces Policy LP33 of the GBLP 2011-2029.

PART 1 – Policy LE2: Cemetery Provision

POLICY LE2: CEMETERY PROVISION

1. Development proposals for other uses will not be permitted on existing cemeteries as shown on the Policies Map.
2. Proposals for new cemeteries will be permitted provided that they:
 - a) Are in keeping with the character of the surrounding area;
 - b) Do not have an adverse impact on the amenities of local residents;
 - c) Are appropriately sited in proximity to public transport;
 - d) Have adequate vehicular access and parking arrangements with suitable provision for disabled users and electric vehicle charging points;
 - e) Will have no adverse impact on the ecological value of the area and opportunities are taken to enhance biodiversity; and
 - f) Do not have an adverse impact on heritage or archaeological interests.

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The policy was considered to be in accordance with the NPPF and established planning practice, therefore no other options were required for testing.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy LE2: Cemetery Provision

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE2: Cemetery Provision		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	+	The policy requires proposals for new cemeteries to include suitable provision for electric vehicle charging and is therefore considered to contribute towards tackling climate change and other related criteria.
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	+	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	o	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	+	
Overall effects identified SA1	+	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE2: Cemetery Provision		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	o	Overall effects assessed as neutral. While the policy allows for the provision of new cemeteries and therefore may introduce increased traffic volumes, the provision of cemeteries within the Borough reduces the need to travel to other facilities outside of the Borough.
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	o	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	o	
Overall effects identified SA2	o	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	n/a	
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA3	n/a	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	+	The policy protects existing cemeteries and allows for new provision if required and therefore improves access to cemeteries within the Borough.
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	+	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	+	
Overall effects identified SA4	+	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	n/a	
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA5	n/a	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA6	n/a	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE2: Cemetery Provision		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
exclusion in those areas most affected?		
Overall effects identified SA7	n/a	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	n/a	
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	n/a	
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	n/a	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	n/a	
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	n/a	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA9	n/a	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	n/a	
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA11	n/a	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	n/a	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE2: Cemetery Provision		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA12	n/a	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	n/a	
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	n/a	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	n/a	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA13	n/a	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA14	n/a	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA15	n/a	
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA16	n/a	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	n/a	
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA17	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE2: Cemetery Provision		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	n/a	
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	n/a	
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	?	The policy requires proposals to have no adverse impact on the ecological value of the area however there is uncertainty at this stage. The impact of any proposal for a new cemetery will be fully considered at the planning application stage.
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	?	
Overall effects identified SA18	o?	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	+?	The policy requires that proposals for a new cemetery must not have an adverse impact on archaeological interests however there is uncertainty at this stage and the impact of any proposal will be fully considered at the planning application stage.
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA19	+?	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	?	This is uncertain at this stage. The design of any proposal will be fully considered at the planning application stage.
Overall effects identified SA20	?	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA21	n/a	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	?	The policy itself does not set criterion related to emissions and energy. There is uncertainty at this early stage.
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	?	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE2: Cemetery Provision		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Overall effects identified SA22	?	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA23	n/a	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	?	This will be fully assessed at the planning application stage.
Overall effects identified SA24	?	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	n/a	
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	n/a	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	n/a	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA26	n/a	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	n/a	

Policy LE2: Cemetery Provision

SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1		+					M/L
SA2			o				
SA3			n/a				
SA4		+					M/L
SA5			n/a				
SA6			n/a				
SA7			n/a				
SA8			n/a				
SA9			n/a				
SA10			n/a				
SA11			n/a				
SA12			n/a				
SA13			n/a				
SA14			n/a				
SA15			n/a				
SA16			n/a				
SA17			n/a				
SA18				o?			
SA19		+					
SA20				?			
SA21			n/a				
SA22				?			
SA23			n/a				
SA24				?			
SA25			n/a				
SA26			n/a				
SA27			n/a				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy LE2: Cemetery Provision

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Develop policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects. However a number of uncertain effects have been identified and these primarily relate to planning issues which should be satisfactorily addressed at the detailed proposal stage therefore making it difficult to accurately assess at this stage.
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. Including this policy in the Local Plan will ensure existing cemeteries are protected and that any proposals for new cemeteries are in accordance with design, access and environmental criteria.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy LE2: Cemetery Provision

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified

Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

Policy LE3: Allotments

Overview

Policy LE3 seeks to protect the Borough's existing allotment gardens and signposts to a new allotment allocation site in Policy A4. Policy LE3 also sets out criteria for new allotment proposals and associated facilities related to their design, biodiversity, access and parking. There is considerable demand for allotments in the Borough as identified by Borough Council's statistics (presented in the Gosport Profile and Authority Monitoring Report). Policy LE3 replaces Policy LP36 of the GBLP 2011-2029.

PART 1 – Policy LE3: Allotments

POLICY LE3: ALLOTMENTS

- 1. Planning permission will be granted for proposals to create new allotments and associated facilities provided:**
 - a) They are well-designed and accessible and that the layout of plots, associated landscaping, boundary treatments and waste disposal and composting facilities should be designed so they are sympathetic to their surroundings;**
 - b) A net gain in biodiversity is achieved on the site;**
 - c) Appropriate provision is made for site access and car parking (including for people with disabilities) in accordance with Policy DE4 and relevant current standards; and**
 - d) Sites for new allotments should not have a detrimental impact on any of the following:**
 - i. Residential amenity;**
 - ii. Highway safety; or**
 - iii. Any important landscape, biodiversity or heritage features.**
- 2. Planning permission will not be granted for development which would result in the loss of allotment gardens as identified on the Policies Map.**

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The policy was considered to be in accordance with the NPPF and established planning practice, therefore no other options were required for testing.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy LE3: Allotments

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE3: Allotments		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	+	The policy seeks to protect existing allotments and provide new facilities. This will provide residents the opportunity to grow their own food. This could result in many positive effects and will assist in addressing climate change.
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	+	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	n/a	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	+	Proposals for new facilities will be required to provide appropriate provision.
Overall effects identified SA1	+	
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	n/a	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA2	n/a	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	+	The provision of allotments within the Borough should reduce the need to travel by private car.
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA3	+	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	+	
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	+	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	+	
Overall effects identified SA4	+	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	+	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE3: Allotments		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	+	There is a high demand for existing allotments, the policy seeks to protect these facilities and allow for new allotments. It is evident from the high level of demand that residents view allotments as a desirable characteristic of their neighbourhood.
Overall effects identified SA5	+	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA6	n/a	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	+	Allotments should be accessible to all parts of society.
Overall effects identified SA7	+	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	o	
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	+	
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	o+	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	n/a	
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	n/a	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA9	n/a	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE3: Allotments		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	n/a	
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA11	n/a	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	n/a	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	n/a	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA12	n/a	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	n/a	
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	n/a	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	n/a	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA13	n/a	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA14	n/a	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE3: Allotments		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Overall effects identified SA15	n/a	
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA16	n/a	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	n/a	
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA17	n/a	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	o	
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	+	Allotments will form part of the Borough's Green Infrastructure Network.
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	o	
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	o	
Overall effects identified SA18	o	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	+	The policy requires any new allotment proposals to protect and enhance the historic environment. This will be assessed through the determination of planning applications.
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	+	
Overall effects identified SA19	+	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	?	At this stage this is uncertain. The impact of any proposal on the quality of the townscape will be assessed as the planning application stage.
Overall effects identified SA20	?	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE3: Allotments		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA21	n/a	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	+	The provision of allotments allows local food growing which will be likely to reduce how far food needs to travel, thereby reducing energy consumption.
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA22	+	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	n/a	n/a
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	n/a	n/a
Overall effects identified SA23	n/a	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	n/a	n/a
Overall effects identified SA24	n/a	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	n/a	
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	+	New allotment proposals will need to be suitably located so as to avoid flood risk areas.
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	+	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	?	While it is likely that allotments will increase water consumption at a local level. Local food growing is likely to offset the need for residents to buy food from other sources. Therefore it is uncertain whether the policy will increase or reduce overall water consumption.
Overall effects identified SA26	?	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE3: Allotments		
Sustainability Theme	Policy Option 1: Develop	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	n/a	

Policy LE3: Allotments							
SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1		+					L
SA2			n/a				
SA3		+					L
SA4		+					L
SA5		+					L
SA6			n/a				
SA7		+					L
SA8			o+				
SA9			n/a				
SA10			n/a				
SA11			n/a				
SA12			n/a				
SA13			n/a				
SA14			n/a				
SA15			n/a				
SA16			n/a				
SA17			n/a				
SA18			o				
SA19		+					L
SA20				?			
SA21			n/a				
SA22		+					L
SA23			n/a				
SA24			n/a				
SA25		+					
SA26				?			
SA27			n/a				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy LE3: Allotments

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Develop policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects. There are two uncertain effects identified.
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. Including this policy in the Local Plan will ensure that existing allotments are protected and new allotment provision designed to a high standard. The policy can bring about a significant number of social and environmental benefits.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy LE3: Allotments

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified

Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

Policy LE4: Access to the Coast and Countryside

Overview

Policy LE4 aims to retain and improve access along the coast and to the countryside subject to a number of environmental criteria. It has been informed by the PUSH Green Infrastructure Strategy which aims to create a green grid across the sub region as well as Hampshire County Council's Countryside Access Plan for the Solent. The policy sets out one of the Council's strategic priorities for the Borough to have a high quality waterfront environment. Policy LE4 replaces Policy LP37 of the GBLP 2011-2029.

PART 1 – Policy LE4: Access to the Coast and Countryside

POLICY LE4: ACCESS TO THE COAST AND COUNTRYSIDE

- 1. The Borough Council will promote public access to the coast and countryside. Planning permission will be granted for new development provided that:**
 - a) it will protect existing public access to the coast and countryside;**
 - b) public access is incorporated within new proposals where possible, including taking advantage of opportunities to link to and enhance the Borough's existing access network, which includes:**
 - i. public rights of way and permissive routes;**
 - ii. long-distance routes including the Millennium Promenade, Solent Way; England Coast Path; and the National Cycle Network;**
 - iii. public open space such as parks and gardens, Stokes Bay and the Alver Valley Country Park.**
 - c) access does not adversely affect important habitats and species through increased disturbance; and**
 - d) opportunities to create green corridors and achieve biodiversity net gain along access routes are taken, wherever possible.**

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

It was considered necessary to include a policy that maintains and improves public access to the coast and countryside as the Borough is surrounded on three sides by coastline. Given the identified deficiencies in open space within the Borough coastal access will play a key role in improving provision. It was not considered necessary to test an alternative option.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy LE4: Access to the Coast and Countryside

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE4: Access to the Coast and Countryside		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	+	The policy seeks to increase high quality access routes to the coast and countryside which should assist in reducing the need to travel outside of the Borough for recreational activity, thereby reducing emissions.
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	+	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	n/a	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA1	+	
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	+	There is potential for reduced traffic volumes and congestion as by improving access to the Borough's coast and countryside you can reduce the need to travel outside of the Borough to access similar recreational opportunities.
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	n/a	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA2	+	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	+	The policy seeks to provide pedestrian and cycle routes which should reduce the need to travel by car. The policy will also encourages linkages between existing walking and cycling networks and new facilities.
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	+	
Overall effects identified SA3	+	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	n/a	
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	n/a	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA4	n/a	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE4: Access to the Coast and Countryside		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	n/a	
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	+	The policy seeks to improve public access which will offer recreational benefits to residents and improve the Borough as a place to live.
Overall effects identified SA5	+	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA6	n/a	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA7	n/a	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	+	The provision of public access to the coast and countryside will provide multiple benefits to people's health and wellbeing.
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	+	
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	+	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	n/a	
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	n/a	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA9	n/a	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE4: Access to the Coast and Countryside		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	n/a	
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	+	There is potential that good public access to the coast and countryside could improve accessibility to work by non-car modes.
Overall effects identified SA11	+	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	n/a	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	n/a	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA12	n/a	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	n/a	
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	n/a	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	n/a	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA13	n/a	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	+	Good public access as sought by this policy will improve recreational opportunities in the Borough. The policy also seeks to protect existing routes such as routes at Browndown, Stokes Bay and Lee-on-the-Solent.
Overall effects identified SA14	+	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to,	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE4: Access to the Coast and Countryside		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?		
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	+	The provision of good quality access at Gosport Waterfront has the potential to improve Gosport Town Centre as a shopping destination.
Overall effects identified SA15	+	
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	+	
Overall effects identified SA16	+	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	++	The policy will protect and enhance greenspace and the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage. It also directly seeks to maintain and improve public access.
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	++	
Overall effects identified SA17	++	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	+	The policy includes specific criterion which seeks to secure a biodiversity net gain where possible.
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	+	
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	?	The policy does include a specific requirement that access does not adversely affect important habitats and species through increased disturbance. However individual proposals will be assessed as the planning application stage so it is uncertain at this stage.
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	?	
Overall effects identified SA18	+?	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA19	n/a	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE4: Access to the Coast and Countryside		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	+	Good quality access routes have the potential to enhance the Borough's townscape.
Overall effects identified SA20	+	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA21	n/a	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	n/a	
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA22	n/a	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA23	n/a	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA24	n/a	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	+?	There is potential that some access routes may be in areas at risk of flooding however it is presumed this will be dealt with at the planning application stage.
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	+?	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	+?	
Overall effects identified SA25	+?	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA26	n/a	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE4: Access to the Coast and Countryside		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	n/a	

Policy LE4: Access to the Coast and Countryside							
SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1		+					L
SA2		+					L
SA3		+					L
SA4			n/a				
SA5		+					L
SA6			n/a				
SA7			n/a				
SA8		+					L
SA9			n/a				
SA10			n/a				
SA11		+					L
SA12			n/a				
SA13			n/a				
SA14		+					L
SA15		+					L
SA16		+					L
SA17	++						L
SA18		+?					L
SA19			n/a				
SA20		+					L
SA21			n/a				
SA22			n/a				
SA23			n/a				
SA24			n/a				
SA25		+?					L
SA26			n/a				
SA27			n/a				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy LE4: Access to the Coast and Countryside

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Develop policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects.
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. Including this policy in the Local Plan will promote public access to the coast and countryside and ensure that new development does so. The policy can help achieve multiple benefits for recreation, health and wellbeing, and sustainable travel.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy LE4: Access to the Coast and Countryside

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified

Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

Policy LE5: Locally Designated Nature Conservation Sites

Overview

The Borough Council aims to protect locally designated sites such as Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs) and Local Nature Reserves (LNRs) in order to preserve and where possible enhance the local network of biodiversity as set out in national guidance. The SINCs are designated by the Local Sites Panel based on ecological surveys. It is proposed that in future new SINCs that arise will be added to a living list available on the Council’s website. This policy remains unchanged from Policy LP43 of the GBLP 2011-2029.

PART 1 – Policy LE5: Locally Designated Nature Conservation Sites

POLICY LE5: LOCALLY DESIGNATED NATURE CONSERVATION SITES

1. **Locally designated sites such as Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs) and Local Nature Reserves will be appropriately protected and opportunities will be taken to enhance them.**
2. **Planning permission will not be granted on locally designated sites unless it can be clearly demonstrated that the benefits of the proposal outweigh the need to protect the nature conservation value of the site.**
3. **In exceptional circumstances where development is permitted the Local Planning Authority will ensure that any adverse impacts are appropriately mitigated for, with compensatory measures only used as a last resort.**

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

It is made clear in national policy and government guidance that there is a need to protect locally important species and habitats. Consequently, the Borough Council consider it necessary to develop a policy and that no other options are required for testing.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy LE5: Locally Designated Nature Conservation Sites

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE5: Locally Designated Nature Conservation Sites		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	+	The policy seeks to protect areas of land for nature conservation which can assist in addressing climate

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE5: Locally Designated Nature Conservation Sites		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	+	change and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	n/a	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA1	+	
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	o	Overall effects are assessed as neutral as the policy is not considered to have any impact on these issues.
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	o	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	o	
Overall effects identified SA2	o	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	o	
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	o	
Overall effects identified SA3	o	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	o	
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	o	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	o	
Overall effects identified SA4	o	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	+	The protection of local sites may provide for increased engagement with wildlife for local community groups.
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	+	
Overall effects identified SA5	+	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE5: Locally Designated Nature Conservation Sites		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	o	
Overall effects identified SA6	o	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	+?	The protection of local nature conservation sites has the potential to provide increased opportunities for local residents to experience the outdoors which could contribute in reducing social exclusion. This is however uncertain and difficult to predict.
Overall effects identified SA7	+?	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	+	The protection of local nature conservation sites can assist in providing recreational space for people to exercise etc. which can enable and support healthy lifestyles.
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	+	
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	+	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	n/a	
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	n/a	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA9	n/a	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE5: Locally Designated Nature Conservation Sites		
Sustainability Theme	Policy Option 1: Develop	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA11	n/a	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	n/a	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	n/a	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA12	n/a	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	n/a	
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	n/a	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	n/a	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA13	n/a	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	+	
Overall effects identified SA14	+	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA15	n/a	
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE5: Locally Designated Nature Conservation Sites		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Overall effects identified SA16	n/a	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	++	The policy seeks to protect particular assets which form part of the Borough's network of greenspace.
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	++	This policy could also be applicable to the Borough's coast and harbour.
Overall effects identified SA17	++	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	+	
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	++	
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	++	
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	++	The policy is directly seeking to conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species.
Overall effects identified SA18	++	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA19	n/a	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA20	n/a	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA21	n/a	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE5: Locally Designated Nature Conservation Sites		
Sustainability Theme	Policy Option 1: Develop	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	n/a	
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA22	n/a	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA23	n/a	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA24	n/a	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	n/a	
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	n/a	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	n/a	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA26	n/a	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	n/a	

Option 1: Develop Policy
Policy LE5: Locally Designated Nature Conservation Sites

SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1		+					L
SA2			o				
SA3			o				
SA4			o				
SA5		+					L
SA6			o				
SA7		+?					
SA8		+					
SA9			n/a				
SA10			n/a				
SA11			n/a				
SA12			n/a				
SA13			n/a				
SA14		+					
SA15			n/a				
SA16			n/a				
SA17	++						
SA18	++						
SA19			n/a				
SA20			n/a				
SA21			n/a				
SA22			n/a				
SA23			n/a				
SA24			n/a				
SA25			n/a				
SA26			n/a				
SA27			n/a				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy LE5: Locally Designated Nature Conservation Sites

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Develop policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects.
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. Including this policy in the Local Plan will ensure the environment is protected.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy LE5: Locally Designated Nature Conservation Sites

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects	
None identified	

Maximising beneficial effects	
SA18	Policy LE8: Securing Measureable Biodiversity Net Gain will assist in protecting specific and other features of nature conservation importance by securing biodiversity enhancements in the Borough.

Policy LE6: Protecting Species and other Features of Nature Conservation Importance

Overview

This policy sets out the considerations relating to protected species as well as those habitats and species included in the UK List of Priority Habitats and Species and included within Hampshire Biodiversity Action Plans taking into account the relevant legal requirements. It also seeks to protect undesignated features which may be important in both nature conservation and amenity terms and consequently indicates the importance of an ecological assessment on some development sites. Policy LE6 replaces Policy LP44 of the GBLP 2011-2029.

PART 1 – Policy LE6: Protecting Species and other Features of Nature Conservation Importance

POLICY LE6: PROTECTING SPECIES AND OTHER FEATURES OF NATURE CONSERVATION IMPORTANCE

- 1. Planning permission will not be granted on a site that would have an adverse impact on a protected species or its habitat unless it can be clearly demonstrated that there is an overriding need for the development that outweighs the significance of the nature conservation feature. In such instances, the planning authority will impose conditions on the planning permission or require a planning obligation to:
 - a) facilitate the survival of individual members of the species;
 - b) reduce disturbance to a minimum;
 - c) provide alternative habitats to sustain at least the current levels of population of the species; and
 - d) take opportunities to enhance their habitat.**
- 2. Planning permission will not be granted for development which would adversely affect, directly or indirectly, features of nature conservation importance unless it can be demonstrated that the justification for the development outweighs their importance for nature conservation or amenity value.**
- 3. Appropriate management of these features will be secured by the imposition of planning conditions and by entering management agreements with landowners where appropriate. Where such features are lost as part of a development proposal, the Borough Council will use conditions and/or planning obligations to ensure there is a net gain of biodiversity.**

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

This policy seeks to protect and enhance species and important habitats, including species identified in the UK and Hampshire Biodiversity Action Plans and the protection and enhancement of other biodiversity interests. The policy accords with the Governments overall approach, it was therefore considered that no alternative options were required to be assessed.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy LE6: Protecting Species and other Features of Nature Conservation Importance

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE6: Protecting Species and other Features of Nature Conservation Importance		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	+	The policy seeks to species and other features of nature conservation importance which can assist in addressing climate change and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	+	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	n/a	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA1	+	
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	o	Overall effects are assessed as neutral as the policy is not considered to have any impact on these issues.
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	o	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	o	
Overall effects identified SA2	o	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	o	
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	o	
Overall effects identified SA3	o	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	o	
2. Will it make access easier for those	o	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE6: Protecting Species and other Features of Nature Conservation Importance		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
without a car?		
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	o	
Overall effects identified SA4	o	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	+	The protection of species and other features of nature conservation importance may provide for increased engagement with wildlife and the environment for local community groups.
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	+	
Overall effects identified SA5	+	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	o	
Overall effects identified SA6	o	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	+?	The protection of species and other features of nature conservation importance have the potential to provide increased opportunities for local residents to experience the outdoors which could contribute in reducing social exclusion. This is however uncertain and difficult to predict.
Overall effects identified SA7	+?	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	+	The protection of species and other features of nature conservation importance can assist in providing opportunities for people to exercise and experience other beneficial health outcomes associated with the outdoors etc. which can enable and support healthy lifestyles.
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	+	
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	+	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	n/a	
2. Will it increase the range and	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE6: Protecting Species and other Features of Nature Conservation Importance		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
affordability of housing for different groups in the community?		
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA9	n/a	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	n/a	
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA11	n/a	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	n/a	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	n/a	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA12	n/a	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	n/a	
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	n/a	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	n/a	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE6: Protecting Species and other Features of Nature Conservation Importance		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Overall effects identified SA13	n/a	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	+	
Overall effects identified SA14	+	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA15	n/a	
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA16	n/a	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	++	The policy seeks to protect particular assets which form part of the Borough's network of greenspace. This policy could also be applicable to the Borough's coast and harbour.
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	++	
Overall effects identified SA17	++	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	+	
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	++	
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	++	
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	++	The policy is directly seeking to conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species.
Overall effects identified SA18	++	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE6: Protecting Species and other Features of Nature Conservation Importance		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA19	n/a	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA20	n/a	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA21	n/a	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	n/a	
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA22	n/a	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA23	n/a	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA24	n/a	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	n/a	
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	n/a	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE6: Protecting Species and other Features of Nature Conservation Importance		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
account predicted sea level rise?		
Overall effects identified SA25	n/a	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA26	n/a	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	n/a	

Option 1: Develop Policy

Policy LE6: Protecting Species and other Features of Nature Conservation Importance

SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1		+					L
SA2			o				
SA3			o				
SA4			o				
SA5		+					L
SA6			o				
SA7		+?					
SA8		+					
SA9			n/a				
SA10			n/a				
SA11			n/a				
SA12			n/a				
SA13			n/a				
SA14		+					
SA15			n/a				
SA16			n/a				
SA17		++					
SA18		++					
SA19			n/a				
SA20			n/a				
SA21			n/a				
SA22			n/a				
SA23			n/a				
SA24			n/a				
SA25			n/a				
SA26			n/a				
SA27			n/a				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy LE6: Protecting Species and other Features of Nature Conservation Importance

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Develop policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects.
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. Including this policy in the Local Plan will ensure the environment is protected.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy LE6: Protecting Species and other Features of Nature Conservation Importance

For **Option** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified

Maximising beneficial effects	
SA18	Policy LE8: Securing Measureable Biodiversity Net Gain will assist in protecting specific and other features of nature conservation importance by securing biodiversity enhancements in the Borough.

Policy LE7: Protecting and Enhancing Tree, Woodland and Hedge Coverage

Overview

Policy LE7 is a new policy which recognises that trees, woodlands and hedgerows are essential features of the Borough's townscape and landscape and seeks to protect and increase tree and hedge coverage and encourage developers to incorporate street trees in development. The policy not only sets out the general principle that all development should conserve and, where appropriate, enhance tree, hedgerows and woodlands but also states that the felling of protected specimens will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances. The policy also sets out criteria which are applicable to development sites with protected trees.

PART 1 – Policy LE7: Protecting and Enhancing Tree, Woodland and Hedge Coverage

POLICY LE7: PROTECTING AND ENHANCING TREE, WOODLAND AND HEDGE COVERAGE

- 1. Proposals should conserve and, where appropriate, enhance tree, hedgerows and woodlands coverage in the Borough.**
- 2. Development which results in the loss of protected trees (including ancient, and veteran trees) or groups of trees (semi-ancient and ancient woodland) will be refused unless there are wholly exceptional reasons.**

In such exceptional cases a suitable compensation strategy will need to be agreed, prepared by a suitably qualified arboriculturalist (or related profession), which proposes a sufficient number of replacement trees of appropriate species and size within the development or the immediate vicinity.

- 3. A minimum buffer of 15 metres will be required between the development and ancient woodland or ancient and veteran trees;**
- 4. Planning permission for development on sites with unprotected trees will be granted provided:**
 - a) Development does not result in an unacceptable loss of, or damage to existing trees;**
 - b) A comprehensive landscaping plan is agreed, and that suitable opportunities for the restoration, enhancement or planting of trees, woodland, and hedgerows are identified and incorporated within the new development;**
 - c) The loss or damage of non-protected but valued trees, woodland or hedgerows should be avoided, and if demonstrated as being unavoidable, appropriate mitigation measures are provided;**
 - d) Unprotected trees not retained as part of the development are replaced at a ratio of at least 2:1;**
 - e) Development proposals must demonstrate that appropriate protection measures are in place prior to any work on site throughout the development**

process.

Where it is not possible to secure sufficient tree planting within the site developers are required to pay a sum in lieu, allowing the Local Authority to plant trees at a suitable location outside the site. The sum will also need to cover 10 years of maintenance costs.

5. The Council will require developers to incorporate street trees as part of their development to produce a higher quality development.

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The policy was considered to be in accordance with the NPPF and other national guidance; therefore no further options were required for testing.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy LE7: Protecting and Enhancing Tree, Woodland and Hedge Coverage

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE7: Protecting and Enhancing Tree, Woodland and Hedge Coverage		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	++	There are well recognised benefits of trees, woodland and hedge cover for addressing climate change issues. The policy seeks to protect and enhance tree, woodland and hedge coverage and is predicted to have major positive effects.
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	++	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	n/a	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA1	++	
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	n/a	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA2	n/a	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE7: Protecting and Enhancing Tree, Woodland and Hedge Coverage		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
private car?		
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA3	n/a	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	n/a	
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	n/a	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA4	n/a	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	n/a	
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	+	By protecting and enhancing tree, woodland and hedge coverage the policy has the potential to improve neighbourhoods as places to live, resulting in positive effects.
Overall effects identified SA5	+	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA6	n/a	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA7	n/a	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	+?	The policy could potentially assist in this regard however it is accepted that it is uncertain.
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	+?	
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	+?	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE7: Protecting and Enhancing Tree, Woodland and Hedge Coverage		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	n/a	
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	n/a	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA9	n/a	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	n/a	
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA11	n/a	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	n/a	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	n/a	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA12	n/a	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	n/a	
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE7: Protecting and Enhancing Tree, Woodland and Hedge Coverage		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	n/a	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA13	n/a	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	+?	There is potential to improve Gosport's overall image if its trees, woodland and hedge coverage is protected and enhanced.
Overall effects identified SA14	+?	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA15	n/a	
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA16	n/a	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	+	
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	+	
Overall effects identified SA17	+	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	++	The policy resists the loss of trees, woodlands and hedge coverage on development sites and requires their replacement. The policy therefore assists in contributing to achieving biodiversity net gain from development.
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	+	The policy seeks to enhance particular features which contribute to the Borough's green infrastructure.

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE7: Protecting and Enhancing Tree, Woodland and Hedge Coverage		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	+	The policy will protect and enhance features which are often found within or near nature conservation sites and is therefore assessed as resulting in positive effects.
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	+	
Overall effects identified SA18	+	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA19	n/a	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	++	It is considered that trees, woodland and hedges contribute significantly to a high quality townscape resulting in a number of benefits. By seeking to protect and enhance them, it is considered that the policy has major positive effects.
Overall effects identified SA20	++	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	++	
Overall effects identified SA21	++	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	n/a	
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA22	n/a	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA23	n/a	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE7: Protecting and Enhancing Tree, Woodland and Hedge Coverage		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA24	n/a	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	+?	There are recognised benefits of trees to reducing flood risk and it is considered the policy can assist in achieving this. However there is significant uncertainty.
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	n/a	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	+?	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA26	n/a	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	n/a	

Option 1: Develop Policy
Policy LE7: Protecting and Enhancing Tree, Woodland and Hedge Coverage

SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1	++						
SA2			n/a				
SA3			n/a				
SA4			n/a				
SA5		+					
SA6			n/a				
SA7			n/a				
SA8		+					
SA9			n/a				
SA10			n/a				
SA11			n/a				
SA12			n/a				
SA13			n/a				
SA14		+					
SA15			n/a				
SA16			n/a				
SA17		+					
SA18		+					
SA19			n/a				
SA20	++						
SA21	++						
SA22			n/a				
SA23			n/a				
SA24			n/a				
SA25		+					
SA26			n/a				
SA27			n/a				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy LE7: Protecting and Enhancing Tree, Woodland and Hedge Coverage

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Develop policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects.
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. Including this policy in the Local Plan will ensure the protection and enhancement of the Borough’s tree, woodland and hedge coverage.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy LE7: Protecting and Enhancing Tree, Woodland and Hedge Coverage

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified

Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

Policy LE8: Securing Measureable Biodiversity Net Gain

Overview

Policy LE8 is a new policy which pursues opportunities for securing measureable biodiversity net gain in line with national policy and guidance by setting out the requirement for all developments to provide a net gain in on-site biodiversity. Part two of the policy sets thresholds whereby proposals are required to secure a measureable net gain of biodiversity of at least 10%. The policy also includes recognition that planning conditions or obligation will need to be considered to provide appropriate enhancement and site management measures.

PART 1 – Policy LE8: Securing Measureable Biodiversity Net Gain

POLICY LE8: SECURING MEASURABLE BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN

- 1. All developments are expected to provide a net gain in on-site biodiversity and where possible contribute towards the wider Local Ecological Network.**
- 2. Development meeting the thresholds set out below are required to secure a measurable net gain of biodiversity of at least a 10% increase in biodiversity units for the lifetime of the development and contribute towards the wider network of green infrastructure (see Policy D4) and the Local Ecological Network (see Policy D5). The development thresholds are:**
 - a) Development of 10 dwellings or 0.5ha or more (if the number of homes is not known);**
 - b) Development for other buildings of 1,000 square metres or more and a site of 1 hectare or more.**
- 3. Planning conditions or obligations will be considered to provide appropriate enhancement and site management measures. Arrangements for the long-term management of any measures required will need to be appropriately secured.**

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The policy was considered to be in accordance with the NPPF and other emerging National legislation and guidance such as the Environment Bill; therefore no further options were required for testing.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy LE8: Securing Measureable Biodiversity Net Gain

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE8: Securing Measureable Biodiversity Net Gain		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	+	The policy seeks to secure biodiversity net gain which will have benefits to the environment overall and assist in addressing climate change issues.
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	+	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	n/a	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA1	+	
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	n/a	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA2	n/a	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	n/a	
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA3	n/a	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	n/a	
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	n/a	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA4	n/a	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE8: Securing Measureable Biodiversity Net Gain		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
engagement in community activities?		
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	+	By securing biodiversity net gain on development sites the policy has the potential to lead to tangible improvements in the quality of where people live.
Overall effects identified SA5	+	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA6	n/a	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA7	n/a	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	+	There are significant benefits associated with biodiversity and these are recognised by the Government. The policy seeks to secure biodiversity improvements to assist in improving human health and wellbeing.
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	+	
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	+	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	n/a	
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	n/a	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA9	n/a	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE8: Securing Measureable Biodiversity Net Gain		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	n/a	
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA11	n/a	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	n/a	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	n/a	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA12	n/a	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	n/a	
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	n/a	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	n/a	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA13	n/a	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	+	By ensuring new development is accompanied by biodiversity improvements the policy will improve the built environment of the Borough which could improve the Borough as a destination for both residents and visitors.
Overall effects identified SA14	+	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE8: Securing Measureable Biodiversity Net Gain		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA15	n/a	
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA16	n/a	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	+	The policy resists the loss of greenspace and promotes the creation of new landscaping etc. This will also include the protection and enhancement of land around the Borough's coastline. This may not always maintain or improve public access if it is at the detriment of biodiversity interests.
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	+?	
Overall effects identified SA17	+	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	++	This is what the policy specifically seeks to achieve.
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	++	The policy seeks to secure improvements where possible to the wider Local Ecological Network as well as on-site improvements. By securing biodiversity net gain the policy positively contributes towards the Borough's overall green infrastructure, help to maintain and enhance nature conservation sites, important habitats and species.
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	++	
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	++	
Overall effects identified SA18	++	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA19	n/a	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	++	The incorporation of biodiversity net gain measures in development can contribute towards creating a high

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE8: Securing Measureable Biodiversity Net Gain		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
		quality townscape.
Overall effects identified SA20	++	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	+	
Overall effects identified SA21	+	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	n/a	
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA22	n/a	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	+	The policy will ensure that development of PDL and/or contaminated land will result in an overall improvement in biodiversity.
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	+	
Overall effects identified SA23	+	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA24	n/a	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	n/a	
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	n/a	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	n/a	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA26	n/a	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE8: Securing Measureable Biodiversity Net Gain		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
of materials and resources?		
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	n/a	

Option 1: Develop Policy							
Policy LE8: Securing Measureable Biodiversity Net Gain							
SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1		+					
SA2			n/a				
SA3			n/a				
SA4			n/a				
SA5		+					
SA6			n/a				
SA7			n/a				
SA8		+					
SA9			n/a				
SA10			n/a				
SA11			n/a				
SA12			n/a				
SA13			n/a				
SA14		+					
SA15			n/a				
SA16			n/a				
SA17		+					
SA18	++						
SA19			n/a				
SA20	++						
SA21		+					
SA22			n/a				
SA23		+					
SA24		+					
SA25			n/a				
SA26			n/a				
SA27			n/a				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy LE8: Securing Measureable Biodiversity Net Gain

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Develop policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects. Major positive effects have been identified in relation to conserving and enhance biodiversity and enhancing the quality of the townscape.
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. This policy will allow the Council to secure a net gain in on-site biodiversity from development. This will have significant environmental benefits but also wider benefits for society and the sustainability of the economy into the long term.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy LE8: Securing Measureable Biodiversity Net Gain

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified

Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

Policy LE9: Pollution Control

Overview

This policy sets out the key considerations when determining planning applications in relation to air, noise and light pollution. The policy has some minor wording changes from Policy LP46 in the GBLP 2011-2029 although the general aim of the policy remains unchanged. The policy was considered to be in accordance with the NPPF and that no other options were required for testing.

PART 1 – Policy LE9: Pollution Control

POLICY LE9: POLLUTION CONTROL

- 1. Planning permission will be granted for proposals where the projected levels of pollution generated by the development, including air, odour, noise and light pollution, do not have a likely significant effect upon existing and future occupiers, neighbouring occupiers, and the wider environment.**
- 2. Where pollution is a material consideration proposals should submit an appropriate impact assessment. Where impacts are likely to occur during the construction phase a Construction and Environmental Management Plan should be submitted.**
- 3. Development proposals which include provisions to reduce or mitigate existing pollution will be supported.**

Air pollution

- 4. Development proposals will not be permitted when they are likely to:**
 - a) Lead to current national or local standards or objectives being exceeded individually or in-combination with other land uses; or**
 - b) Be adversely affected by existing poor air quality.**

Noise pollution

- 5. Development proposals which are noise-sensitive will not be permitted if the users would be significantly adversely affected by noise from existing or permitted noise-generating uses within the local area.**
- 6. Development proposals which are noise-generating will not be permitted if the noise arising would have a significant adverse impact upon local amenity or sensitive habitats.**

Light pollution

- 7. Development proposals which include external lighting will be permitted provided that there is no significant adverse impact from increased levels of light pollution on the environment or local amenity.**

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The policy was considered to be in accordance with the NPPF and that no other options were required for testing.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy LE9: Pollution Control

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE9: Pollution Control		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	+	The policy does not set specific criterion in relation to carbon dioxide or specific greenhouse gases. However the policy seeks to ensure proposals to not result in air pollution which exceed, individually or in combination, current national or local standards or objectives. It also includes a criterion which seeks to ensure proposals themselves are not adversely affected by existing poor air quality.
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	+?	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	n/a	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA1	+	
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	+?	The policy could potentially result in reduce traffic volumes and congestion were the development proposal to result in unacceptable pollution.
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	o	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	++	The policy is considered to have major positive effects in this regard as it seeks to reduce air and noise pollution.
Overall effects identified SA2	+	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	n/a	
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA3	n/a	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE9: Pollution Control		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	n/a	
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	n/a	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA4	n/a	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	n/a	
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	+	By seeking to reduce various forms of pollution and its negative impacts the policy can have positive effects in improving neighbourhoods as places to live.
Overall effects identified SA5	+	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA6	n/a	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA7	n/a	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	+	The policy seeks to control air, noise and light pollution, all of which can have implications for human health and wellbeing. The policy is therefore assessed as being positive in this regard.
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	+	
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	+	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	n/a	
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	n/a	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE9: Pollution Control		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Overall effects identified SA9	n/a	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	n/a	
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA11	n/a	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	n/a	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	n/a	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA12	n/a	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	n/a	
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	n/a	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	n/a	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA13	n/a	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE9: Pollution Control		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
image of Gosport as a destination?		
Overall effects identified SA14	n/a	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA15	n/a	
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA16	n/a	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	n/a	
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA17	n/a	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	n/a	
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	n/a	
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	+	By controlling pollution the policy aims to ensure both protects habitats and species are protected and enhanced.
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	+	
Overall effects identified SA18	+	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE9: Pollution Control		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?		
Overall effects identified SA19	n/a	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA20	n/a	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	++	The policy includes specific criterion related to air pollution and states that development proposals will not be permitted when they are likely to: a) Lead to current national or local standards or objectives being exceeded individually or in-combination with other land uses; or b) Be adversely affected by existing poor air quality. The policy is therefore considered to result in significant positive effects over time in relation to maintain and improving air quality.
Overall effects identified SA21	++	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	n/a	
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA22	n/a	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA23	n/a	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	+	By seeking to control pollution the policy has the potential to assist in compliance with the WDF.
Overall effects identified SA24	+	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE9: Pollution Control		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	n/a	
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	n/a	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	n/a	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA26	n/a	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	n/a	

Option 1: Develop policy
Policy LE9: Pollution Control

SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1		+					L
SA2		+					L
SA3			n/a				
SA4			n/a				
SA5		+					L
SA6			n/a				
SA7			n/a				
SA8		+					L
SA9			n/a				
SA10			n/a				
SA11			n/a				
SA12			n/a				
SA13			n/a				
SA14			n/a				
SA15			n/a				
SA16			n/a				
SA17			n/a				
SA18		+					L
SA19			n/a				
SA20			n/a				
SA21	++						L
SA22			n/a				
SA23			n/a				
SA24		+					L
SA25			n/a				
SA26			n/a				
SA27			n/a				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy LE9: Pollution Control

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Develop policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects.
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. Including this policy in the Local Plan will ensure that air, noise and light pollution is appropriately addressed by development proposals.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy LE9: Pollution Control

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified

Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

Policy LE10: Contaminated and Unstable Land

Overview

The policy sets out the key considerations when determining planning applications in relation to contaminated and unstable land. This includes the requirement for development proposals on contaminated and/or unstable land to be accompanied by a risk assessment and report of findings. The policy remains very similar to Policy LP47 in the GBLP 2011-2029 although has some minor wording changes. The policy was considered to be in accordance with the NPPF and no other options were required for testing.

PART 1 – Policy LE10: Contaminated and Unstable Land

POLICY LE10: CONTAMINATED AND UNSTABLE LAND

- 1. Where development proposals are submitted on or near a site that is known to be, or may be, contaminated an applicant should carry out a risk assessment and submit a report of the findings in order to establish the nature and extent of the contamination.**
- 2. Development proposals will not be permitted unless practicable and effective measures are proposed to treat, contain or control any contaminants so as not to:**
 - a) expose the future occupiers of the development and neighbouring land uses, including the users of gardens, to unacceptable risk;**
 - b) cause the contamination of adjoining land or allow such contamination to continue; and**
 - c) cause pollution of the water environment including groundwater, the River Alver, Portsmouth Harbour and the Solent.**
- 3. Where development proposals are submitted on land which is either unstable or has the potential to become unstable, the Borough Council must be satisfied that any such instability can be reasonably overcome. In circumstances where unstable land may be present, the developer will be required to submit a stability report at the planning application stage.**

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The policy was considered to be in accordance with the NPPF and no other options were required for testing.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy LE10: Contaminated and Unstable Land

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE10: Contaminated and Unstable Land		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	n/a	
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	n/a	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	n/a	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA1	n/a	
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	n/a	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA2	n/a	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	n/a	
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA3	n/a	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	n/a	
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	n/a	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA4	n/a	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE10: Contaminated and Unstable Land		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	+	The policy contains criteria which require the improvement of contaminated land which is often associated with dilapidated sites. Redevelopment and restoration of such land will provide tangible improvements to the Borough's neighbourhoods.
Overall effects identified SA5	+	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA6	n/a	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA7	n/a	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	+	The policy requires effective measures to treat, contain or control any contaminants which will reduce any exposure of future occupiers and neighbouring uses to any unacceptable risk. This is considered to have positive effects in relation to human health.
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	+	
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	+	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	n/a	
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	n/a	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA9	n/a	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the qualifications and	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE10: Contaminated and Unstable Land		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
skills of the population overall?		
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	n/a	
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA11	n/a	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	n/a	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	n/a	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA12	n/a	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	+	The policy seeks to enable the re-use of contaminated land and requires effective measures to make sites safe so that they can be regenerated.
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	n/a	
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	n/a	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	n/a	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	+	The policy seeks to enable the re-use of contaminated land and requires effective measures to make sites safe so that they can be regenerated. This will make land available for business development, particularly on the Borough's brownfield sites.
Overall effects identified SA13	+	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA14	n/a	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE10: Contaminated and Unstable Land		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA15	n/a	
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA16	n/a	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	+	The policy approach taken should ensure that development proposals on or near the Borough's open spaces and coastline restore land so that is free from contamination. This will positively contribute to protecting and enhancing the quality of the Borough's environment.
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	+	
Overall effects identified SA17	+	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	n/a	
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	+	The policy approach taken should ensure that development proposals restore land affected by contaminated and unstable land. This will result in positive effects and allow the overall protection and enhancement of the Borough's environment. This is particularly relevant in relation to legally protected habitats and species. The policy includes specific criteria related to the water environment and will pertain to protected sites within locations such as Portsmouth Harbour and the Solent.
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	+	
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	+	
Overall effects identified SA18	+	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	+	By ensuring that land contamination is appropriately dealt with the policy will enable redevelopment of historic sites so that they can continue to be viable for future generations. This will contribute to protecting and enhancing the historic environment, resulting in positive effects.
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	+	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE10: Contaminated and Unstable Land		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Overall effects identified SA19	+	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA20	n/a	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	+	While the policy does not directly relate to air pollution, by dealing with contamination the policy has the potential to remediate sources of air pollution.
Overall effects identified SA21	+	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	n/a	
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA22	n/a	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	++	The policy is assessed as resulting in major positive effects in this regard as it seeks to enable the redevelopment of land that may be contaminated or unstable. The policy includes criteria which protect future occupiers and neighbouring uses, thereby assisting in making PDL safe for redevelopment. In addition the policy will ensure that any development proposal on land that is known to be, or may be, contaminated is appropriately assessed and remediated.
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	++	
Overall effects identified SA23	++	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	+	By ensuring contaminated and unstable land is addressed the policy can directly contribute to ensuring water bodies are not polluted. The policy includes specific criteria which require development proposals to not cause pollution of the water environment including groundwater, the River Alver, Portsmouth Harbour and the Solent.

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE10: Contaminated and Unstable Land		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Overall effects identified SA24	+	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	+	The policy requires that development proposals on land which is either unstable or has the potential to become unstable must address instability. In relation to flood risk, this will also ensure that proposals near water bodies or sources of flood risk must address any issues to be successfully developed.
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	n/a	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	+	
Overall effects identified SA25	+	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA26	n/a	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	n/a	

Policy LE10: Contaminated and Unstable Land

SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1			n/a				
SA2			n/a				
SA3			n/a				
SA4			n/a				
SA5		+					M/L
SA6			n/a				
SA7			n/a				
SA8		+					M/L
SA9			n/a				
SA10			n/a				
SA11			n/a				
SA12			n/a				
SA13		+					M/L
SA14			n/a				
SA15			n/a				
SA16			n/a				
SA17		+					M/L
SA18		+					M/L
SA19		+					M/L
SA20			n/a				
SA21		+					M/L
SA22			n/a				
SA23	++						M/L
SA24		+					M/L
SA25		+					M/L
SA26			n/a				
SA27			n/a				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy LE10: Contaminated and Unstable Land

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Develop policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects.
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. Including this policy in the Local Plan will ensure that contamination and land stability considerations are adequately addressed by development proposals.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy LE10: Contaminated and Unstable Land

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified

Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

Policy LE11: Hazardous Substances

Overview

The policy sets out the key considerations when determining planning applications in relation to hazardous substances. The policy remains the same as Policy LP48 of the GBLP 2011-2029. This policy was considered to be in accordance with the NPPF and that no other options were required for testing.

PART 1 – Policy LE11: Hazardous Substances

POLICY LE11: HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

Where development is proposed in locations where hazardous substances may be a consideration the following applies:

1. Planning permission for development involving the use, movement or storage of hazardous substances will not be granted if there is an unacceptable risk to public health and safety, neighbouring land or the environment; and
2. Development within the vicinity of a site known to be used for the storage, use or transport of hazardous substances will not be granted planning permission if there would be an unacceptable risk to public health and safety.

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The policy was considered to be in accordance with the NPPF; therefore no further options were required for testing.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy LE11: Hazardous Substances

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE11: Hazardous Substances		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	o	The policy is assessed as neutral against all these criteria as it is not considered to have any discernible impact on these issues. However, the policy may in certain circumstances impact issues such as greenhouse gas emissions and climate change as the policy could be used to prevent hazardous substances which could impact the environment.
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	o	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	o	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	o	
Overall effects identified SA1	o	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE11: Hazardous Substances		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	n/a	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA2	n/a	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	n/a	
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA3	n/a	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	n/a	
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	n/a	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA4	n/a	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	n/a	
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	+	The control of hazardous substances will ensure neighbourhoods as improved as places to live.
Overall effects identified SA5	+	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA6	n/a	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE11: Hazardous Substances		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Overall effects identified SA7	n/a	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	+	The policy controls hazardous substances to ensure public health and safety is maintained. The policy therefore should result in major positive effects in supporting the health of the Borough's residents.
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	++	
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	+	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	n/a	
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	n/a	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA9	n/a	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	n/a	
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA11	n/a	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	n/a n/a	
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?		
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	n/a	
4. Will it help to improve average	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE11: Hazardous Substances		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
earnings?		
Overall effects identified SA12	n/a	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	n/a	
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	n/a	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	n/a	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA13	n/a	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA14	n/a	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA15	n/a	
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA16	n/a	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	n/a	
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA17	n/a	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE11: Hazardous Substances		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	n/a	
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	n/a	
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	++	The policy seeks to control hazardous substances to protect and enhance the environment. It is therefore considered likely to have major positive effects in relation to nature conservation sites, habitats and species.
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	++	
Overall effects identified SA18	++	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	++	The policy seeks to control hazardous substances to protect and enhance the environment. It is therefore considered likely to have positive effects in protecting and enhancing the historic environment.
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA19	++	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	+	The policy seeks to ensure the local environment and therefore the quality of the townscape is maintained and not subject to unacceptable risk from hazardous substances.
Overall effects identified SA20	+	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	+	The policy seeks to control hazardous substances to protect and enhance the environment. It is therefore considered likely to have positive effects in improving air quality.
Overall effects identified SA21	+	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	n/a	
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE11: Hazardous Substances		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Overall effects identified SA22	n/a	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA23	n/a	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	++	The policy seeks to control hazardous substances to protect and enhance the environment. It is therefore considered likely to have major positive effects on compliance with the Water Framework Directive.
Overall effects identified SA24	++	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	n/a	
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	n/a	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	n/a	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA26	n/a	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	n/a	

Policy LE11: Hazardous Substances

SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1			o				
SA2			n/a				
SA3			n/a				
SA4			n/a				
SA5		+					M/L
SA6			n/a				
SA7			n/a				
SA8		+					M/L
SA9			n/a				
SA10			n/a				
SA11			n/a				
SA12			n/a				
SA13			n/a				
SA14			n/a				
SA15			n/a				
SA16			n/a				
SA17			n/a				
SA18	++						M/L
SA19	++						M/L
SA20		+					M/L
SA21		+					M/L
SA22			n/a				
SA23			n/a				
SA24	++						M/L
SA25			n/a				
SA26			n/a				
SA27			n/a				

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy LE11: Hazardous Substances

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Develop policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects.
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. Including this policy in the Local Plan will ensure that hazardous substances are appropriately dealt with by development proposals and that the safety of current and future occupiers is fully considered.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy LE11: Hazardous Substances

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified

Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

Policy LE12: Safeguarding Zones

Overview

Point one of the policy relates to those areas where the Borough Council is required to consult with the relevant authority (primarily related to defence and aviation) if a planning proposal meets a criteria (mainly height and materials) which could affect the operation of a particular site. Point two of the policy relates to ensuring that new buildings and structures do not interfere with broadcast and telecommunication services in accordance with the NPPF. The policy remains largely the same as Policy LP15 of the GBLP 2011-2029.

PART 1 – Policy LE12: Safeguarding Zones

POLICY LE12: SAFEGUARDING ZONES

Development will be granted for proposals which do no conflict with identified safeguarding zones.

- 1. The Borough Council will consult appropriate organisations before granting planning permission for certain types of development which fall inside identified safeguarding zones.**
- 2. Proposals including the construction of new buildings and structures should not interfere with broadcast and telecommunications services.**

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

No alternative options are considered as the criteria and areas covered by each of the safeguarded areas are determined by another organisation. The requirement to include this policy in a Local Plan is set out in Circular 01/03 Safeguarding Aerodromes, Technical Sites and Military Explosive Storage Sites. Furthermore it is deemed unnecessary to test part two of the policy as it accords with Government policy as set out in the NPPF.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy LE12: Safeguarding Zones

Not applicable

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy LE12: Safeguarding Zones

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Develop policy
Appraisal conclusion	Policy required by Government – not considered necessary to appraise.
Justification	
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy LE12: Safeguarding Zones

Mitigating adverse effects

None identified

Maximising beneficial effects

None identified

Policy LE13: Water Resources

Overview

Policy LE13 is a revised policy which replaces Policy LP39 of the GBLP 2011-2029. The policy sets out a number of water resource issues including water quality, water supply, wastewater, drainage and nutrient neutrality. The policy has been informed by discussions with key partners including the Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH), the Environment Agency, Natural England and Southern Water and consequently considered the best way forward to ensure water resources associated with new development are satisfactorily managed. The policy introduces an additional element relating to nutrient neutrality. Point 5 requires all residential proposals to submit a nutrient budget in line with the latest guidance from Natural England and deliver nutrient neutral development. The policy sets out three key criteria for how suitable mitigation may be secured including achieving a high level of water efficiency of 100 litres per person per day, on-site measures such as green open space and SuDs, and off-site measures which could include land offsetting schemes, the creation of interceptor wetlands and enhancements to wastewater treatment works.

PART 1 – Policy LE13: Water Resources

POLICY LE13: WATER RESOURCES

The Borough Council together with its partners will seek to manage the use of water resources through the following measures:

- 1. Development proposals which would have an adverse effect on the quality of surface, ground or coastal water will not be permitted in accordance with the Water Framework Directive. New development should take opportunities to enhance these resources wherever possible.**
- 2. Development proposals will be permitted provided that the necessary water resources are available. New residential development proposals should include measures that will reduce the consumption of water to 100 litres per person per day (including external water use).**
- 3. Development proposals will be permitted provided that they facilitate the efficient use of new and existing sewerage infrastructure. In cases where these are deficient, development proposals and their occupation should be phased to coincide with the provision of necessary wastewater infrastructure so as to safeguard the environmental qualities of the area. It will also be necessary to:**
 - a) Ensure that existing underground sewers are not built over and future access to the existing sewerage infrastructure must be secured for operational, maintenance and upsizing purposes;**
 - b) Ensure that surface water is separated from existing foul or combined sewers; and**
 - c) Where required, construct on-site and off-site sewers to adoptable standards to ensure they function effectively and that adequate capacity is provided to serve the development.**

4. Development proposals which incorporate, where practical, the use of sustainable drainage systems will be permitted, provided that:

- a) Sewerage, sewage disposal facilities and surface water drainage of adequate capacity and design are available;**
- b) The required capacity will be provided prior to the occupation of the development; and**
- c) Appropriate long-term management arrangements are made for their maintenance.**

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

To accord with legislative requirements at both an international and national level it was considered necessary to produce a policy which sets out specific criteria relating to nutrient neutrality. It was not considered necessary to test any alternative options as the policy is in alignment with the NPPF and national guidance.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy LE13: Water Resources

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE13: Water Resources		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	+	It is considered that the policy encourages the sustainable use of water by new development and therefore can contribute to reducing emissions created by the extraction and treatment of water prior to consumption.
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	+	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	+	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA1	+	
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	n/a	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA2	n/a	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and		

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE13: Water Resources		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	n/a	
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA3	n/a	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	n/a	
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	n/a	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled and or elderly people?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA4	n/a	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	n/a	
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA5	n/a	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA6	n/a	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA7	n/a	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	n/a	
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	+	The policy seeks to ensure that development proposals do not have an adverse effect on water in accordance with the WFD. The policy is considered to be key in ensuring health and wellbeing is enhanced

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE13: Water Resources		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
		by ensuring water quality it maintained.
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	+	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	n/a	
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	n/a	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA9	n/a	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	n/a	
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA11	n/a	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	n/a	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	n/a	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA12	n/a	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE13: Water Resources		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	n/a	
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	n/a	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	n/a	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA13	n/a	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA14	n/a	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses (as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA15	n/a	
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA16	n/a	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	n/a	
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA17	n/a	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	o	The policy does not directly include criterion related to net gain however by maintaining and enhancing water quality the policy can assist in other efforts to increase biodiversity.
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE13: Water Resources		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?		
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	+?	Overall it is considered that by having a policy to manage water resources including wastewater nature conservation sites and their species and habitats will be conserved and enhanced.
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	+?	The policy states that development proposals which would have an adverse effect on the quality of surface, ground or coastal water will not be permitted in accordance with the Water Framework Directive. These SA criterion are however assessed with some uncertainty as the impact on sites cannot be guaranteed wholly by this Local Plan policy as it is also contingent on other factors, for example the effective treatment of sewage by waste water service providers.
Overall effects identified SA18	+?	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA19	n/a	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA20	n/a	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA21	n/a	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	+?	Reduced water usage has the potential reduce energy consumption and therefore the emissions of greenhouse gases. This is however uncertain as the policies remit does not extend to how the water consumed is processed.
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE13: Water Resources		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
of energy needs being met from renewable resources?		
Overall effects identified SA22	++	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA23	n/a	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	++	The policy specifically seeks to address water quality and improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive .
Overall effects identified SA24	++	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	n/a	
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	n/a	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	n/a	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	++	The policy includes a criterion which specifies that water consumption in new residential development should be limited to 100 litres per person per day.
Overall effects identified SA26	++	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	+	In terms of water consumption, the policy seeks to minimise water usage and manage the resource sustainably.
2. Will it reduce household waste?	n/a	
3. Will it increase recycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA27	+	

Option 1: Develop Policy
Policy LE13: Water Resources

SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1		+					L
SA2			n/a				
SA3			n/a				
SA4			n/a				
SA5			n/a				
SA6			n/a				
SA7			n/a				
SA8		+					L
SA9			n/a				
SA10			n/a				
SA11			n/a				
SA12			n/a				
SA13			n/a				
SA14			n/a				
SA15			n/a				
SA16			n/a				
SA17			n/a				
SA18		+					L
SA19			n/a				
SA20			n/a				
SA21			n/a				
SA22		+					L
SA23			n/a				
SA24	++						L
SA25			n/a				
SA26	++						L
SA27		+					L

PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy LE13: Water Resources

Preferred option(s)	Option 1 – Develop policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects. There are some uncertainties with some of the positive effects, for example while the policy is considered to result in positive effects for conserving and enhancing biodiversity (SA18) it is difficult for the local plan policy to have full control over this as the treatment of wastewater is subject to other factors such as the processes used by the waste water provider.
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. Including this policy in the Local Plan will ensure the use of water is managed and reduce. It will also ensure that development proposals comply with the Water Framework Directive.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy LE13: Water Resources

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified
Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

Policy LE14: Waste and Material Resources

Overview

This policy links with the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan (which forms part of the development plan) and outlines particular local issues including setting out development management criteria for the siting of waste facilities. It also requires that new development should use recycled material and local secondary aggregate where possible and seeks to ensure new development makes suitable provision for the storage, re-use and recycling of materials and composting facilities within appropriate development. Policy LE14 replaces Policy LP40 of the GBLP 2011-2029.

PART 1 – Policy LE14: Waste and Material Resources

POLICY LE14: WASTE AND MATERIAL RESOURCES

- 1. The Borough Council will have regard to the latest Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan and associated strategies and guidance when considering new development.**
- 2. Planning permission will be granted for the provision of waste facilities to serve the Borough's needs in accordance with the adopted Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan provided that there are no adverse impacts on:**
 - a) Residential amenity;**
 - b) The highway network;**
 - c) Heritage assets; and**
 - d) Biodiversity interests.**
- 3. Proposals for all new development should use recycled materials and local secondary aggregates in the construction process wherever possible.**
- 4. The layout and design of all new forms of development should provide adequate space to facilitate the storage, re-use and recycling of materials as well as composting facilities where appropriate.**
- 5. Development proposals involving reclamation and/or dredging will not be permitted except for essential maintenance dredging or coastal protection works and subject to the following considerations set out in criteria below. The proposed development will not:**
 - a) Have an individual or cumulative adverse impact on internationally important habitats;**
 - b) Have a detrimental impact on other important biodiversity interests as outlined in the relevant policies of the Local Plan;**
 - c) Harm marine archaeological sites;**
 - d) Have an adverse impact on the hydrology of the area; and**
 - e) Have an adverse impact upon ground stability;**
 - f) Have an adverse impact on the visual amenity of the area.**

PART 2 – Consideration of potential options

The policy was considered to be in accordance with the NPPF and Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan, therefore no other options were required for testing.

PART 3 – Sustainability Appraisal of potential options for Policy LE14: Waste and Material Resources

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE14: Waste and Material Resources		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Climate Change		
SA1 – To address climate change issues through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.		
1. Will it help to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions?	+	The policy requires proposals for all new development to use recycled materials and local aggregates in the construction process wherever possible. This will contribute in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and support the transition to net zero by 2050.
2. Will it support the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?	+	
3. Will it deliver energy efficient buildings?	n/a	
4. Will it support the charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA1	+	
Transport and Accessibility		
SA2 - To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities.		
1. Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce road traffic accidents?	n/a	
3. Will there be an increase in traffic related air and noise pollution?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA2	n/a	
SA3 - To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including walking, cycling and public transport.		
1. Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the private car?	n/a	
2. Will it provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA3	n/a	
SA4 - To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment and leisure opportunities.		
1. Will it improve access to local services?	n/a	
2. Will it make access easier for those without a car?	n/a	
3. Will it make access easier for disabled	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE14: Waste and Material Resources		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
and or elderly people?		
Overall effects identified SA4	n/a	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods		
SA5 - To provide opportunities for community interaction and improve the quality of where people live.		
1. Will it provide opportunities for engagement in community activities?	n/a	
2. Will it improve neighbourhoods as places to live?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA5	n/a	
Crime and Disorder		
SA6 - To reduce crime and disorder		
1. Will it reduce actual levels of crime and disorder?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA6	n/a	
Poverty and Deprivation		
SA7 - To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.		
1. Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA7	n/a	
Health and Well-being		
SA8 - To improve the health and wellbeing of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.		
1. Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	n/a	
2. Will it enable and support healthy lifestyles?	n/a	
3. Will it improve access to health facilities?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA8	n/a	
Housing		
SA9 - To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent and affordable home.		
1. Will it reduce homelessness?	n/a	
2. Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for different groups in the community?	n/a	
3. Will it increase the number of decent homes?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA9	n/a	
Education and Skills		
SA10 - To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.		
1. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people?	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE14: Waste and Material Resources		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
2. Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA10	n/a	
Employment		
SA11 - To provide opportunities for residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby provide greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.		
1. Will it reduce out-commuting from the Borough?	n/a	
2. Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA11	n/a	
SA12 - To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce overall unemployment?	n/a	
2. Will it reduce long-term unemployment?	n/a	
3. Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?	n/a	
4. Will it help to improve average earnings?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA12	n/a	
Economy		
SA13 - To increase investment in Gosport's economy to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.		
1. Will it make more effective use of previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	n/a	
3. Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	n/a	
4. Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	n/a	
5. Will it make land and property available for business development?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA13	n/a	
SA14 - To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.		
1. Will it positively contribute to the local tourism industry and improve the image of Gosport as a destination?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA14	n/a	
Towns and Neighbourhood Centres		
SA15 - To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, and neighbourhood centres.		
1. Will it improve the accessibility to, and quality of, main town centre uses	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE14: Waste and Material Resources		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
(as defined in NPPF Annex 2)?		
2. Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA15	n/a	
Leisure		
SA16 - To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure opportunities within the Borough.		
1. Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA16	n/a	
SA17 - To ensure that the Borough protects and enhances the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.		
1. Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	n/a	
2. Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage and maintain or improve public access?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA17	n/a	
Biodiversity and Geodiversity		
SA18 - To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.		
1. Will it result in a biodiversity net gain?	o	
2. Will it enhance biodiversity through the restoration and creation of well-connected multifunctional green infrastructure?	o	
3. Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	o	
4. Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	o	
Overall effects identified SA18	o	
Heritage and Design		
SA19 - To protect and enhance the historic environment.		
1. Will it protect and enhance the historic environment?	n/a	
2. Will it improve the condition of any heritage asset identified as at risk?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA19	n/a	
SA20 - To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.		
1. Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?	n/a	

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE14: Waste and Material Resources		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	<i>Comments: consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
Overall effects identified SA20	n/a	
Air Quality		
SA21 - To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.		
1. Will it improve air quality?	o	
Overall effects identified SA21	o	
Use of Energy Resources		
SA22 - To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.		
1. Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?	+	The policy encourages the use of recycled materials which may reduce emissions by reducing energy consumption.
2. Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?	o	
Overall effects identified SA22	+	
Use of Land Resources		
SA23 - To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.		
1. Will it re-use previously developed land?	n/a	
2. Will it remediate contaminated land?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA23	n/a	
Water Management		
SA24 - To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.		
1. Will it improve compliance with the Water Framework Directive?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA24	n/a	
SA25 - To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.		
1. Will it minimise the risk of flooding from all sources to people and property?	n/a	
2. Will development be avoided in flood risk areas?	n/a	
3. Can the site be made safe taking into account predicted sea level rise?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA25	n/a	
SA26 - To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.		
1. Will it reduce water consumption?	n/a	
Overall effects identified SA26	n/a	
Natural Resources and Waste Management		
SA27 - To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable consumption of natural resources and management of waste.		
1. Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	+	The policy specifically requires that all new development should use recycled materials and local aggregates where possible during the construction

The effects over time: ++ major positive + positive o neutral ? uncertain - negative -- major negative		
Policy LE14: Waste and Material Resources		
Sustainability Theme	Option 1: Develop Policy	Comments: <i>consideration of likelihood of effect, spatial scale, temporary/permanent effects, short/medium/long term effects and cumulative effects</i>
Sustainability Appraisal Objective		
Decision Making Criteria		
		process. This should reduce the consumption of materials and resources.
2. Will it reduce household waste?	+?	The policy requires that adequate space is provided to facilitate the storage, re-use and recycling of materials as well as composting facilities. Overall this should lead to a reduction in household waste and an increase in recycling. That said, these issues are also contingent on factors beyond the scope of the policy so there is a level of uncertainty.
3. Will it increase recycling?	+?	
Overall effects identified SA27	+?	

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SA Objective	Major positive ++	Positive +	Neutral/not applicable o	Uncertain ?	Negative -	Major negative --	Impact timeframe (short (S), Medium (M), Long (L) term)
SA1		+					
SA2			n/a				
SA3			n/a				
SA4			n/a				
SA5			n/a				
SA6			n/a				
SA7			n/a				
SA8			n/a				
SA9			n/a				
SA10			n/a				
SA11			n/a				
SA12			n/a				
SA13			n/a				
SA14			n/a				
SA15			n/a				
SA16			n/a				
SA17			n/a				
SA18			o				
SA19			n/a				
SA20			n/a				
SA21			o				
SA22		+					
SA23			n/a				
SA24			n/a				
SA25			n/a				
SA26			n/a				
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PART 4 - Preferred options for Policy LE14: Waste and Material Resources

Preferred option(s)	Option 1: Develop policy
Appraisal conclusion	The preferred option has been based on the assessment of options in Part 3 which shows that a number of significant positive effects arise from this policy, with no negative effects.
Justification	The policy is in accordance with the NPPF and national planning guidance. It also links with the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan which forms part of the Borough’s development plan.
Recommendation for Local Plan	Include policy in Local Plan

PART 5 – Mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects for Policy LE14: Waste and Material Resources

For **Option 1** the following mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects measures have been identified.

Mitigating adverse effects
None identified

Maximising beneficial effects
None identified

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