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Sustainability Appraisal including Strategic Environmental Assessment Report

Appendices

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Appendix 1

Plan, Policy and Programme Review

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INTERNATIONAL		
European		
SEA Directive 2001 Directive 2001/42/EC on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment	Provide for a high level of protection of the environment and contribute to the integration of environmental considerations into the preparation and adoption of plans and programmes with a view to promoting sustainable development. The Directive must be applied to plans or programmes whose formal preparation begins after 21 July 2004 and to those already in preparation by that date.	Requirements of the Directive must be met in Sustainability Appraisals. Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive at the national level.
The Industrial Emissions Directive 2010 Directive 2010/75/EU on industrial emissions (integrated pollution prevention and control)	This Directive lays down rules on integrated prevention and control of pollution arising from industrial activities. It also lays down rules designed to prevent or, where that is not practicable, to reduce emissions into air, water and land and to prevent the generation of waste, in order to achieve a high level of protection of the environment taken as a whole. The Directive sets emission limit values for substances that are harmful to air or water.	Include SA objective for reducing pollution. Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.
Energy Performance of Buildings Directive 2010 on the energy performance of buildings 2010/31/EU	The Directive aims to promote the energy performance of buildings and building units. It requests that member states adopt either national or regional methodology for calculating energy performance and minimum requirements for energy performance.	Include SA objective relating to the energy performance/efficiency of existing and proposed buildings. Policies and site allocations should take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.
The Birds Directive 2009 Directive 2009/147/EC is a codified version of Directive 79/409/EEC as amended	The preservation, maintenance, and re-establishment of biotopes and habitats shall include the following measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of protected areas. • Upkeep and management in accordance with the ecological needs of habitats inside and outside the protected zones. • Re-establishment of destroyed biotopes. • Creation of biotopes. 	Include SA objectives for the protection of birds. Allocated sites and develop policies should make sure that the upkeep of recognised habitats is maintained and not damaged from development. Avoid pollution or deterioration of habitats or any other disturbances effecting birds.
The Waste Framework Directive 2008 Directive 2008/98/EC on waste	Prevention or reduction of waste production and its harmfulness. The recovery of waste by means of recycling, re-use or reclamation. Recovery or disposal of waste without endangering human health and without using processes that could harm the environment. Development of clean technology to process waste and promote recycling.	Include SA objectives that minimise waste production as well as promote recycling. Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.
The Floods Directive 2007 Directive 2007/60/EC on the assessment and management of flood risk	Establish a framework for the assessment and management of flood risk, aiming at the reduction of the adverse consequences for human health, the environment, cultural heritage and economic activity associated with floods. Preliminary Flood Risk Assessments to be completed by December 2011.	Include SA objectives that relate to flood management and reduction of risk. Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies

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	Flood Hazard Maps and Flood Risk Maps to be completed by December 2013. Flood Risk Management Plans to be completed by December 2015.	derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.
The Water Framework Directive 2000 Directive 2000/60/EC establishing a framework for community action in the field of water policy	Protection of inland surface waters, transitional waters, coastal waters and groundwaters.	Include SA objectives to protect and minimise the impact on water quality. Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.
The Environmental Noise Directive 2002 Directive 2002/49/EC relating to the assessment and management of environmental noise	Defines a common approach to avoid, prevent and reduce the adverse effects due to the exposure to environmental noise. It also provides a basis for developing European wide measures to deal with noise emitted by road and rail vehicles, infrastructure, aircraft and outdoor, industrial and mobile machinery. Principles of the directive include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring the environmental problems. • Informing and consulting the public. • Addressing local noise issues • Developing a long-term EU strategy. 	Include SA objectives to manage and reduce the impacts of noise. Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.
The Landfill Directive 1999 Directive 99/31/EC on the landfill of waste	Prevent or reduce negative effects on the environment from the landfilling of waste by introducing stringent technical requirements for waste and landfills. Reduce the amount of biodegradable waste sent to landfill to 75% of the 1995 level by 2010. Reduce this to 50% in 2013 and 35% by 2020.	Include SA objectives to increase recycling and reduce the amount of waste. Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.
The Drinking Water Directive 1998 Directive 98/83/EC on the quality of water intended for human consumption	Protect human health from the adverse effects of any contamination of water intended for human consumption by ensuring that it is wholesome and clean. Member States must set values for water intended for human consumption.	Include SA objectives to protect and enhance water quality. Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.
The Air Quality Framework Directive 1996 Directive 96/62/EC on ambient air quality assessment and management	Avoid, prevent and reduce harmful effects of ambient air pollution on human health and the environment.	Include SA objectives to maintain and enhance air quality. Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.
Air Quality Directive 2008 Directive 2008/50/EC on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe	This directive sets legally binding limits for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead • Nitrogen dioxide • Sulphur dioxide • Benzene • Carbon Monoxide 	Include SA objectives to maintain and enhance air quality. Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arsenic • Cadmium • Nickel • Benzo(a)pyrene • Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons • ozone • Particulate matter 	
<p>The Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive 1994 Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste</p>	<p>Harmonise the packaging waste system of Member States. Reduce the environmental impact of packaging waste.</p> <p>By June 2001 at least 50% by weight of packaging waste should have been recovered, at least 25% by weight of the totality of packaging materials contained in packaging waste to be recycled with a minimum of 15% by weight for each packaging material.</p>	<p>Include SA objectives to minimise the environmental impact of waste and promote recycling.</p> <p>Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.</p>
<p>The Habitats Directive 1992 Directive 92/43/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora</p>	<p>Promote the maintenance of biodiversity taking account of economic, social, cultural and regional requirements. Conservation of natural habitats and maintain landscape features of importance to wildlife and fauna.</p>	<p>Include SA objectives to protect and maintain the natural environment and important landscape features.</p> <p>Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF</p>
<p>The Nitrates Directive 1991 Directive 91/676/EEC on nitrates from agricultural sources.</p>	<p>Reduce water pollution caused or induced by nitrates from agricultural sources and prevent further such pollution.</p> <p>Identification of vulnerable areas.</p>	<p>Include SA objectives to reduce water pollution.</p> <p>Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF</p>
<p>The Urban Waste Water Directive 1991 Directive 91/271/EEC concerning urban waste water treatment</p>	<p>Protect the environment from the adverse effects of urban waste water collection, treatment and discharge, and discharge from certain industrial sectors.</p>	<p>Include sustainability objectives to reduce water pollution.</p> <p>Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF</p>
<p>European Spatial Development Perspective (1999)</p>	<p>Economic and social cohesion across the community. Conservation of natural resources and cultural heritage. Balanced competitiveness between different tiers of government.</p>	<p>Include SA objectives to conserve natural resources and cultural heritage.</p> <p>Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF</p>
<p>EU Seventh Environmental Action Plan (2002-2012)</p>	<p>The EU's objectives in implementing the programme are:</p> <p>(a) to protect, conserve and enhance the Union's natural capital;</p> <p>(b) to turn the Union into a resource-efficient, green and competitive low-carbon economy;</p> <p>(c) to safeguard the Union's citizens from environment-related pressures and</p>	<p>Include sustainability objectives to protect and enhance the natural environment and promote energy efficiency.</p> <p>Develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the</p>

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	<p>risks to health and wellbeing;</p> <p>(d) to maximise the benefits of the Union's environment legislation;</p> <p>(e) to improve the evidence base for environment policy;</p> <p>(f) to secure investment for environment and climate policy and get the prices right;</p> <p>(g) to improve environmental integration and policy coherence;</p> <p>(h) to enhance the sustainability of the Union's cities;</p> <p>(i) to increase the Union's effectiveness in confronting regional and global environmental challenges.</p>	Directive contained in the NPPF
European Landscape Convention (Florence, 2002)	The convention promotes landscape protection, management and planning.	<p>Include SA objectives to protect the urban and rural landscape and identify opportunities for enhancement.</p> <p>Ensure that site allocations and policies take account of the Convention.</p>
European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage (Valletta, 1992)	Protection of the archaeological heritage, including any physical evidence of the human past that can be investigated archaeologically both on land and underwater.	<p>Include SA objectives to protect the archaeological heritage.</p> <p>Ensure that site allocations and policies take account of the Convention.</p>
Revision of the 1985 Granada Convention	Creation of archaeological reserves and conservation of excavated sites.	Ensure that site allocations and policies take account of the Convention.
Other International		
Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development (2002)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitment to building a humane, equitable and caring global society aware of the need for human dignity for all. • Renewable energy and energy efficiency. • Accelerate shift towards sustainable consumption and production. • Greater resource efficiency. • New technology for renewable energy. • Increase energy efficiency. 	<p>Include SA objectives to enhance the natural environment, promote renewable energy and energy efficiency and sustainable use of natural resources.</p> <p>Ensure that site allocations and policies take account of the Declaration.</p>
Aarhus Convention (1998)	<p>Established a number of rights of the public with regard to the environment. Local authorities should provide for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The right of everyone to receive environmental information • The right to participate from an early stage in environmental decision making • The right to challenge in a court of law public decisions that have been made without respecting the two rights above or environmental law in general. 	<p>Ensure that public are involved and consulted at all relevant stages of SA production.</p> <p>Ensure that site allocations and policies take account of the Convention.</p>
NATIONAL		
National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (DCLG, 2012)	<p>Presumption in favour of sustainable development.</p> <p>Delivering sustainable development by:</p>	SA should be an integral part of the plan preparation process, and should consider all the likely significant

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		effects on the environment, economic and social factors. Development plan has a statutory status as the starting point for decision making
	Building a strong, competitive economy.	Set out clear economic visions for that particular area. Include a sustainability objective relating to strengthening the economy.
	Ensuring vitality of town centres.	Recognise town centres as the heart of their communities. Include a sustainability objective relating to the vitality of town centres.
	Promoting sustainable transport	To implement sustainable transport modes depending on nature/location of the site, to reduce the need for major road transport infrastructure. Include a sustainability objective relating to sustainable transport.
	Supporting high quality communications infrastructure.	Enhance the provision of local community facilities and services by supporting the expansion of electronic communications networks. Consider the sustainability implications of any new communications infrastructure.
	Delivering a wide choice of high quality homes.	Identify size, type, tenure and range of housing that is required in particular locations. Include a sustainability objective relating to housing availability and quality.
	Requiring good design.	Establish a strong sense of place to live, work and visit. Include a sustainability objective relating to good design.
	Promoting healthy communities.	Promote safe and accessible environments with a high quality of life and community cohesion. Include a sustainability objective relating to health and well-being.

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	Protecting Green Belt Land.	To prevent the coalescence of neighbouring towns. Consider the sustainability implications of any policies which may result in coalescence.
	Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding, and coastal change.	Use opportunities offered by new development to reduce causes/impacts of flooding. Include a sustainability objective relating to climate change mitigation and adaption, to include minimising the risk of flooding.
	Conserving and enhancing the natural environment.	Recognise the wider benefits of biodiversity. Include a sustainability objective relating to the conservation and enhancement of the natural environment.
	Conserving and enhancing the historic environment	Sustain and enhance heritage assets and put them to viable uses consistent with their conservation. A plan may be considered unsound if there has been no proper assessment of the significance of heritage assets in the area, and the plan does not contain a positive strategy for the conservation, enhancement and enjoyment of the historic environment. Include a sustainability objective relating to the conservation and enhancement of heritage assets.
	Facilitating the use of sustainable materials.	Include policies which identify and safeguard mineral resources and associated infrastructure and promote the use of recycled/secondary materials prior to the extraction of primary materials. Include a sustainability objective relating to sustainable use of materials.
National Planning Policy for Waste	Sets out the Government's ambition to work towards a more sustainable and efficient approach to resource use and management. Replaces Planning Policy Statement 10. Delivery of sustainable development and resource efficiency, including provision of modern infrastructure, local employment opportunities and wider climate change benefits, by driving waste management up the waste hierarchy. Ensuring that waste management is considered alongside other spatial planning concerns, such as housing and transport, recognising the positive contribution that waste management can make to the development of sustainable communities. Providing a framework in which communities and businesses are engaged	Include a sustainability objective relating to waste generation and management. The Local Plan should be in conformity with national waste planning policy.

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	<p>with and take more responsibility for their own waste, including by enabling waste to be disposed of or, in the case of mixed municipal waste from households, recovered, in line with the proximity principle.</p> <p>Helping to secure the re-use, recovery or disposal of waste without endangering human health and without harming the environment.</p> <p>Ensuring the design and layout of new residential and commercial development and other infrastructure (such as safe and reliable transport links) complements sustainable waste management, including the provision of appropriate storage and segregation facilities to facilitate high quality collections of waste.</p>	
<p>Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (DCLG, 2015)</p>	<p>This document sets out the Government's planning policy for traveller sites. It sets out the Government's aims in respect of Traveller's sites, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that local planning authorities should make their own assessment of need for the purposes of planning; • to ensure that local planning authorities, working collaboratively, develop fair and effective strategies to meet need through the identification of land for sites; • to encourage local planning authorities to plan for sites over a reasonable timescale; • that plan-making and decision-taking should protect Green Belt from inappropriate development; • to promote more private traveller site provision while recognising that there will always be those travellers who cannot provide their own sites; • that plan-making and decision-taking should aim to reduce the number of unauthorised developments and encampments and make enforcement more effective; • for local planning authorities to ensure that their Local Plan includes fair, realistic and inclusive policies; • to increase the number of traveller sites in appropriate locations with planning permission, to address under provision and maintain an appropriate level of supply; • to reduce tensions between settled and traveller communities in plan-making and planning decisions; • to enable provision of suitable accommodation from which travellers can access education, health, welfare and employment infrastructure; and • for local planning authorities to have due regard to the protection of local amenity and local environment. 	<p>Include a sustainability objective relative to supply of housing available to all.</p> <p>The Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations and policies will need to be in conformity with this document which sets out national policy for planning for Traveller sites.</p>
White Papers		
<p>Natural Environment White Paper, 2011 The Natural Choice: securing the value of</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protecting and improving our natural environment. • Growing a green economy. • Reconnecting people and nature. 	<p>Include a sustainability objective relating to the enhancement of the natural environment and consider the multiple benefits that the natural</p>

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nature (HM Government, 2011)		environment can provide (e.g. health benefits). Ensure that site allocations and policies will protect the intrinsic value of nature and recognise the multiple benefits it could have for communities.
Electricity Market Reform White Paper 2011, Planning our Electric Future: A White Paper for Secure, Affordable and Low-Carbon Electricity (DECC, 2011)	This White Paper sets out the Government's commitment to transform the UK's electricity system to ensure that our future electricity supply is secure, low-carbon and affordable. 15 per cent renewable energy target by 2020 and 80 per cent carbon reduction target by 2050.	Include sustainability objectives to reduce carbon emissions and increase proportion of energy generated from renewable sources. Ensure that site allocations and policies will support renewable energy generation and encourage greater energy efficiency.
Water White Paper, 2011	Objectives of the White Paper are to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paint a clear vision of the future and create the conditions which enable the water sector and water users to prepare for it; • Deliver benefits across society through an ambitious agenda for improving water quality, working with local communities to make early improvements in the health of our rivers by reducing pollution and tackling unsustainable abstraction; • Keep short and longer term affordability for customers at the centre of decision making in the water sector; • Protect the interests of taxpayers in the policy decisions that we take; • Ensure a stable framework for the water sector which remains attractive to investors; • Stimulate cultural change in the water sector by removing barriers to competition, fostering innovation and efficiency, and encouraging new entrants to the market to help improve the range and quality of services offered to customers and cut business costs; • Work with water companies, regulators and other stakeholders to build understanding of the impact personal choices have on the water environment, water resources and costs; and Set out roles and responsibilities – including where Government will take a stronger role in strategic direction setting and assessing resilience to future challenges, as well as clear expectations on the regulators.	Include sustainability objectives that relate to water quality and quantity Ensure that site allocations and policies will support the wise use of water, and improvement of water quality.
The Future of Transport White Paper 2004: A network for 2030 (DfT, 2004)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure we can benefit from mobility and access while minimising the impact on other people and the environment, now and in the future. • Get the best out of our transport system without damaging our overall quality of life. • Develop strategies that recognise that demand for travel will increase in the future. • Work towards a transport network that can meet the challenges of a 	Include sustainability objectives to reduce the need to travel and improve choice and use of sustainable transport modes. Allocate sites that facilitate public transport use rather than increasing reliance on the car, and ensure that policies promote the use of non-car based modes

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	<p>growing economy and the increasing demand for travel but can also achieve the government's environmental objectives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides targets for emission reductions, now superseded by later agreements. Transport is currently responsible for about a quarter of total emissions. 20% reduction in carbon dioxide emissions by 2010 and 60% reduction by 2050. Transport is currently responsible for about a quarter of total emissions 	of transport.
Urban White Paper 2000, Our Towns and Cities: The Future – delivering an urban renaissance (ODPM, 2000)	<p>Provide for new sustainable homes that are attractive, safe and practical. Retain people in urban areas by, for example, making them more desirable places to live. Improve quality of life, opportunity and economic success through tailored solutions in towns and cities.</p> <p>3.8 million more homes needed by 2021. Local strategies needed to meet the needs of local people developed through partnerships. Sets targets for development on brownfield sites and through conversion of existing buildings now superseded by the NPPF.</p>	<p>Include sustainability objectives to ensure that the majority of new development is built on brownfield sites and aim to improve the quality of life of residents in towns and cities.</p> <p>Allocate sites that will effectively deliver better towns and cities taking into account the key aims of the White Paper.</p>
Rural White Paper 2000, Our Countryside: The Future – a fair deal for rural England (ODPM, 2000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate the development of dynamic, competitive and sustainable economies in the countryside. Maintain and stimulate communities and secure access to services for those who live and work in the countryside. Conserve and enhance rural landscapes. Increase opportunities for people to get enjoyment from the countryside. 	<p>Include sustainability objectives that aim to improve the economies of rural areas with minimal impact to the environment.</p> <p>Allocate sites that will increase employment and services in the rural parts of the District whilst conserving the landscape.</p>
Policies and Strategies		
Door to Door: A Strategy for Improving Sustainable Transport Integration (DfT, 2013)	<p>The strategy focuses on four core areas which need to be addressed so that people can be confident in choosing greener modes of transport:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accurate, accessible and reliable information about different transport options Convenient and affordable tickets Regular and straightforward connections at all stages of the journey and between different modes of transport Safe and comfortable transport facilities <p>The strategy also includes details on how the Government is using behaviour change methods to reduce or remove barriers to the use of sustainable transport, and working closely with stakeholders to deliver a better-connected transport system.</p>	<p>Develop policies that take into account their role in addressing the four core areas outlined in the Strategy.</p> <p>Include SA objectives relating to high quality, efficient sustainable transport systems.</p>
Biodiversity 2020: A Strategy for England's Wildlife and Ecosystem Services (DEFRA, 2011)	<p>The aim of the Strategy is to guide conservation efforts in England up to 2020. Moving further on from 2020, the ambition is to move from a net biodiversity loss to gain.</p> <p>The strategy includes 22 priorities which include actions for the following sectors:</p>	<p>Include SA objective relating to the protection and enhancement of the natural environment.</p> <p>Develop policies that promote conservation and enhancements of biodiversity and ensure that site allocations take account of the aims of the strategy.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture • Forestry • Planning and Development • Water Management • Marine Management • Fisheries • Air Pollution • Invasive Non-Native Species <p>The strategy develops ambitious yet achievable goals for 2020 and 2050, based on Aichi Targets set at the Nagoya UN Biodiversity Summit in October 2010.</p>	
Safeguarding our Soils: A Strategy for England (DEFRA, 2009)	<p>The vision is "by 2030, all England's soils will be managed sustainably and degradation threats tackled successfully. This will improve the quality of England's soils and safeguard their ability to provide essential services for future generations".</p> <p>The Strategy highlights the areas for priority including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better protection for agricultural soils. • Protecting and enhancing stores of soil carbon. • Building the resilience of soils to a changing climate. • Preventing soil pollution. • Effective soil protection during construction and development. • Dealing with our legacy of contaminated land. 	<p>Include SA objective which seeks to safeguard and enhance the quality of soil.</p> <p>Ensure that site allocations and policies will help protect and enhance the quality of soils and seek to sustainably manage their quality for future generations.</p>
Delivering Affordable Housing (DCLG, 2006)	<p>The aim of this document is to support local authorities and other key players in delivering more high quality affordable housing within mixed sustainable communities by using all tools available to them.</p>	<p>Develop policies that help deliver high quality affordable housing where there is a need.</p> <p>Include SA objectives that relate to affordable housing provision</p>
Laying the Foundations: A Housing Strategy for England (DCLG, 2011)	<p>Aims to provide support to deliver new homes and improve social mobility.</p>	<p>Include SA objectives that assesses whether housing need is being met.</p> <p>Make appropriate site allocations for the provision of an appropriate supply of new homes.</p>
Securing the Future: Delivering UK Sustainable Development Strategy (DEFRA, 2005)	<p>Enable all people throughout the world to satisfy their basic needs and enjoy a better quality of life without compromising the quality of life for future generations. There are 4 shared priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sustainable consumption and production; • climate change and energy; • natural resource protection and environmental enhancement; and • sustainable communities. <p>Sets out indicators to give an overview of sustainable development and priority areas in the UK. They include 20 of the UK Framework indicators and</p>	<p>Include SA objectives to cover the shared priorities.</p> <p>Ensure that site allocations and policies meet the aims of the Sustainable Development Strategy.</p>

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	a further 48 indicators related to the priority areas.	
Building a Greener Future: Policy Statement (DCLG, 2007)	This Statement confirms the government's intention to achieve 25% more energy efficient homes by 2010, 44% more efficient homes by 2013 and zero carbon (net carbon emissions should be zero per annum) homes by 2016. 25% more energy efficient homes by 2010, 44% more efficient homes by 2013 and zero carbon (net carbon emissions should be zero per annum) homes by 2016.	Include SA objectives which seek to improve the energy efficiency of proposed developments and encourage uptake of renewable energy. Policies should seek to promote zero carbon residential development.
The UK Renewable Energy Strategy (DECC, 2009)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase our use of renewable electricity, heat and transport, and help tackle climate change. • Build the UK low-carbon economy, promote energy security and take action against climate change. • 15% of energy from renewable sources by 2020. • Reducing UK CO₂ emissions by 750 million tonnes by 2030. 	Include SA objectives relating to increasing energy provided from renewable sources. Ensure that site allocations and policies will support renewable energy provision including electricity, heat and transport
Community Energy Strategy (DECC, 2014)	Sets out plans to promote and facilitate the planning and development of decentralised community energy initiatives in four main types of energy activity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generating energy (electricity or heat) • Reducing energy use (saving energy through energy efficiency and behaviour change) • Managing energy (balancing supply and demand) Purchasing energy (collective purchasing or switching to save money on energy)	Ensure that site allocations and policies will support community low carbon and renewable energy provision including electricity, heat and transport. Include a sustainability objective relating to increasing energy provided from decentralised low carbon and renewable sources.
The Energy Efficiency Opportunity in the UK (DECC, 2012)	This is an Energy Efficiency Strategy aiming to realise the wider energy efficiency potential that is available in the UK economy. The Strategy identifies four barriers to energy efficiency which need to be overcome which include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embryonic markets. • Information. • Misaligned financial incentives. • Undervaluing energy efficiency. The Strategy draws attention to maximising the potential of existing dwellings by implementing 21 st century energy management initiatives on 19 th century homes.	Include SA objectives relating to energy efficiency and adaptation of the existing building stock. Policies should seek to address the barriers identified within the Strategy and improve the existing building stock through appropriate adaptation measures.
The National Adaptation Programme – Making the Country Resilient to a Changing Climate (Defra, 2013)	The report sets out visions for the following sectors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Built Environment – “buildings and places and the people who live and work in them are resilient to a changing climate and extreme weather and organisations in the built environment sector have an increased capacity to address the risks and take the opportunities from climate change”. • Infrastructure – “an infrastructure network that is resilient to today’s 	Include SA objectives which seek to promote the implementation of adaptation measures to make Basildon more resilient to a changing climate. Policies should take account of the aims of the Programme.

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	<p>natural hazards and prepared for the future changing climate”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy and resilient communities – “a health service, a public health and social care system which are resilient and adapted to a changing climate. Communities and individuals, including the most vulnerable, are better prepared to cope with severe weather events and other impacts of climate change. Emergency services and local resilience capability take account of and are resilient to, a changing climate”. • Agriculture and Forestry – “profitable and productive agriculture and forestry sectors that take the opportunities from climate change are resilient to its threats and contribute to the resilience of the natural environment by helping maintain ecosystem services and protect and enhance biodiversity”. • Natural Environment – “the natural environment, with diverse and healthy ecosystems, is resilient to climate change, able to accommodate change and valued for the adaptation services it provides”. • Business – “UK businesses are resilient to extreme weather and prepared for future risks and opportunities from climate change”. • Local Government – “Local government plays a central in leading and supporting local places to become more resilient to a range of future risk and to be prepared for the opportunities from a changing climate”. 	
Healthy Lives, Healthy People: our Strategy for public health in England (Department of Health, 2010)	Protect the population from serious health threats; helping people live longer, healthier and more fulfilling lives; and improving the health of the poorest, fastest. Prioritise public health funding from within the overall NHS budget.	<p>Include SA objectives relating to health and well-being.</p> <p>Ensure that site allocations and policies reflect the objectives of the strategy.</p>
The Air Quality Strategy for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland (DEFRA, 2007)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure that everyone can enjoy a level of ambient air quality in public spaces, which poses no significant risk to health or quality of life. • Render polluting emissions harmless. • Sets air quality standards for 13 air pollutants. 	<p>Include SA objectives to protect and improve air quality.</p> <p>Ensure that site allocations and policies will contribute to maintaining and improving air quality</p>
Future Water: The Government’s Water Strategy for England (DEFRA, 2008)	<p>Sets out how the Government want the water sector to look by 2030 and an outline of the steps which need to be taken to get there.</p> <p>The vision for 2030 is one where we, as a country have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “improved the quality of our water environment and the ecology it supports, and continue to maintain high standards of drinking water quality from taps; • Sustainably managed risks from flooding and coastal erosion, with greater understanding and more effective management of surface water; • Ensure a sustainable use of water resources, and implement fair, affordable and cost-reflective water charges; • Cut greenhouse gas emissions; and • Embed continuous adaptation to climate change and other pressures across the water industry and water users”. 	<p>Include SA objectives which seek to protect, manage and enhance the water environment.</p> <p>Policies should aim to contribute to the vision set out in this Strategy</p>

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Water for People and the Environment: Water Resources Strategy for England and Wales (Environment Agency, 2009)	<p>The Strategy vision for water resource "is for there to be enough water for people and the environment, meeting legitimate needs".</p> <p>Its aims include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To manage water resource and protect the water environment from climate change. • Restore, protect, improve and value species and habitats that depend on water. • To contribute to sustainable development through good water management. • People to understand how water and the water environment contribute to their quality of life. 	<p>Include SA objective which seeks to promote water management and efficiency.</p> <p>Policies should reflect the aims of the strategy where relevant</p>
The National Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy for England (Environment Agency, 2011)	<p>This Strategy sets out the national framework for managing the risk of flooding and coastal erosion. It sets out the roles for risk management authorities and communities to help them understand their responsibilities.</p> <p>The strategic aims and objectives of the Strategy are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "manage the risk to people and their property; • Facilitate decision-making and action at the appropriate level – individual, community or local authority, river catchment, coastal cell or national; • Achieve environmental, social and economic benefits, consistent with the principles of sustainable development". 	<p>The SA framework should include objectives/indicators which seek to reduce the risk and manage flooding sustainably.</p> <p>Policies should seek to reduce and manage the risk of all types of flooding.</p>
Waste Strategy for England 2007 (DEFRA, 2007)	<p>Future of waste management – the government commitment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle the amount of waste produced, by breaking the link between economic growth and waste production. • Put waste which is produced to good use through substantial increases in re-use, recycling, composting, and recovery of energy. 	<p>SA objectives should seek to ensure waste is minimised and promote recycling and reuse.</p> <p>Policies should encourage the minimisation of waste production and the maximisation of recycling and re-use of materials.</p>
REGIONAL		
Water for People and the Environment: Water Resources Strategy – Regional Action Plan for Anglian Region (Environment Agency, 2009)	<p>The Strategies vision for water resource "is for there to be enough water for people and the environment".</p> <p>"The management and use of water and land must be shown to be sustainable – environmentally, socially and economically. We require the right amount of good quality water for people, agriculture, commerce and industry and the environment".</p> <p>The Strategy has identified four actions which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protecting the environment. • Driving water efficiency. • Ensuring resilience of water resources. 	<p>Include SA objective which seeks to promote water management and efficiency.</p> <p>Policies within the local plan should reflect the actions identified within the strategy where relevant.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharing and development of water resources. 	
SUB-REGIONAL		
Essex and Southend on Sea Replacement Structure Plan (ECC, 2001)	<p>This Structure Plan provides the development framework for Essex and Southend-on-Sea between 1996-2011. The majority of the Plan has been replaced by other relevant Plans. However, a number of policies have been saved and will remain in force until they are replaced by DPDs adopted by the county and district planning authorities.</p> <p>The saved policies of the Structure Plan include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NR3: Extension of Suffolk Coast/Heaths AONB CC1: Undeveloped Coast – Coastal Protection Belt BIW9: Airport Development LRT6: Coastal Water Recreation EG1: Proposals for New Power Stations T2: Transport Investment Priorities T4: Passenger Transport MIN4: Sterilisation and Safeguarding of Mineral Sites 	<p>The SA framework should include objectives/indicators which consider a range of landscape, ecological, transport, minerals and infrastructure matters.</p> <p>Policies should take account of the saved policies of the Structure Plan.</p>
Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Essex (2007 to 2032) (ECC, 2008)	<p>This Strategy sets out Essex's approach to dealing with municipal waste up to 2032. It sets out a waste hierarchy which follows reduce, re-use, recycle, recover and dispose.</p> <p>The strategy sets out recycling targets which include recycling 60% of household waste by 2020 and reducing the amount of biodegradable waste sent to landfill to 131,386 tonnes by 2020 (386,319 tonnes were sent in the 2002 baseline year).</p>	<p>The SA framework should include objectives/indicators which ensure the amount of waste sent to landfills is reduced and encourage uptake of recycling and reuse of materials.</p> <p>The Basildon Local Plan should seek to implement the waste hierarchy to ensure the amount of municipal waste is reduced.</p>
Essex and Southend-on-Sea Replacement Waste Local Plan	<p>This Plan is currently at Regulation 18 Stage, with plans for adoption in 2016. This Plan will provide sufficient waste management infrastructure in Essex and Southend-on-Sea to meet the existing and forecasted amount of waste expected to arise over the Plan period. The forecast includes allowance for an annually decreasing proportion of London's waste exports to the Plan Area, as informed by the London Plan 2015, which states that Greater London will be working towards managing the equivalent of 100% of waste arising in London inside their Plan area by 2026. The plan will provide the framework for locations of new waste development and determining planning applications for new waste facilities and changes to existing waste facilities.</p>	<p>Include a sustainability objective relating to waste generation and management.</p> <p>The Basildon Local Plan should take account of the framework for locations.</p>
Essex Minerals Local Plan (2014)	<p>This is a positive 'spatial plan' which aims to deliver sustainable development. The Plan has a central role in supporting economic growth in the County through the delivery of land, buildings and infrastructure to meet our future needs. At the same time it ensures positive steps are taken to protect and enhance the County's unique natural, historic and environmental assets and resources. It also has a key role to play in supporting the strong, vibrant and</p>	<p>The SA framework should include objectives which consider the safeguarded sites and areas for future minerals supply.</p> <p>The Basildon Local Plan should take into account the mineral supply hierarchy and ensure mineral supply is not compromised. It should also take account of</p>

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	<p>healthy communities in Essex to make them sustainable for the future.</p> <p>The Plan provides a clear policy framework for all parties involved in future minerals and minerals related development as it provides a picture of how minerals development in the County will place up to 2029, the steps needed to make this happen and the measures necessary to assess progress on the way.</p>	<p>mineral safeguarding areas, new primary extraction facilities and safeguarded existing facilities during the selection of land for development.</p>
<p>A Vision for the Future (Thames Gateway South Essex Partnership, 2001)</p>	<p>This document sets out the vision for the regeneration of the south Essex Thames Gateway which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving skills and opportunities across a range of economic sectors and promoting a competitive business environment. • Leading the way in innovative infrastructure, including sustainable transport. • Securing investment and site development which promote urban regeneration and provide employment opportunities. • Creating high quality sustainable urban and rural environments which enhance the natural assets of the area. • Improving health and wellbeing of communities throughout the Gateway. • Marketing the opportunities for investment and development in the Gateway. <p>The Vision sets out the key objectives for the three hubs identified in the document. For Basildon and Castle Point, the objectives comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "to make Basildon and Castle Point the centre of business excellence in South Essex... • to develop a leasing business support centre in Basildon to serve all of South Essex... • to improve the local transportation network, in particular access to and from Canvey Island and along commuting routes into Basildon, including better rail links". 	<p>The SA framework should include objectives/indicators which consider a range of social, economic and environmental matters.</p> <p>The Basildon Local Plan should seek to promote the regeneration of Basildon in line with the vision set out.</p>
<p>Thames Gateway Delivery Plan (DCLG , 2007)</p>	<p>The Plans sets out programmes of investment around key objectives to boost the economy and improve the quality of life within the Thames Gateway.</p> <p>Objectives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • new jobs; • significant expansion in further and higher education; • substantial increase in affordable housing; • improvements to quality and design; • investment in schools and health services; and • transport improvements. 	<p>The SA framework should include objectives which consider a range of social, economic and environmental matters.</p> <p>The Basildon Local Plan should take into account the key objectives of the Delivery Plan.</p>
<p>Essex Strategy 2008-2018 – Liberating Potential: Fulfilling Lives, Essex Partnership (ECC, Draft April 2008)</p>	<p>The vision of the Essex Partnership is:</p> <p>"To support Essex people to liberate their potential and enjoy the best quality of life in England"</p>	<p>The SA framework should include objectives/indicators which consider a range of social, economic and environmental matters.</p> <p>The Basildon Local Plan should take into account their</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People want to be safe and healthy. • Our ambition is to make Essex the safest place to live in England. • People want to belong. 	role in supporting development which promotes a high quality of life.
Joint Essex Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2013 - 2018 (Essex Health and Wellbeing Board, 2013)	"By 2018 residents and local communities in Essex will have greater choice, control, and responsibility for health and wellbeing services. Life expectancy overall will have increased and the inequalities within and between our communities will have reduced. Every child and adult will be given more opportunities to enjoy better health and wellbeing".	<p>The SA framework should include objectives/indicators which consider a range of social and environmental matters, including health and wellbeing.</p> <p>The Basildon local plan should take into account their role in providing local communities with more opportunities to improve their health and wellbeing and reduced inequality.</p>
Basildon and Brentwood Clinical Commissioning Group Integrated Plan 2013 - 2015 (2013)	<p>"The practices of the CCG [Clinical Commissioning Group] will work closely together to improve patient care, where the needs of patients should be at the very heart of clinical decision making. Members will work together with stakeholders to ensure that commissioned services are of the highest quality, making most effective use of resources bringing care closer to home."</p> <p>The Group identifies three local priorities which comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hypertension and coronary heart disease; • families with complex needs; and • increasing the utilisation of a single point of referral. 	<p>The SA framework should include an objective which seeks to improve to health and wellbeing.</p> <p>The Basildon Local Plan should take into account their role in supporting the mission of the CCG and assisting in tackling the three priority areas.</p>
Essex Police Strategy (2012-2015) and Plan 2012-2013 (Essex Police, 2012)	<p>The Strategy sets out the future direction for policing in Essex and outlines four strategic priorities they seek to tackle between 2012-2015. The priorities comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tackle crime and anti-social behaviour; • protect people from serious harm; • improve satisfaction in policies; and • make best use of their resources. <p>The 2012-2013 Plan sets out a number of key actions to address the priorities outlined in the Strategy.</p>	<p>The SA framework should include an objective which seeks to ensure communities are safe and crime rates are reduced.</p> <p>The Basildon Local Plan should take into account their role in contributing to the priorities outlined in the Strategy and the Plan.</p>
Commissioning School Places in Essex 2012-2017 (ECC, 2013)	<p>The documents sets out how Essex County Council commissions school places by achieving a balance between the number of places available and the number of pupils for whom they are required.</p> <p>It is expected that there will be 15,539 pupils in primary school and 9,983 pupils in secondary school in 2017.</p>	<p>The SA framework should include social objectives/indicators which consider impacts on education including school places.</p> <p>The Basildon Local Plan should take into account the need to provide a balanced number of school places to ensure forecast demand is taken into account.</p>
Thames Gateway South Essex Interim	The vision of the Interim Strategy is to "deliver a sufficient and sustainable supply of quality housing that contributes to a balanced housing and job	Include a sustainability objective relating to housing

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Housing Strategy 2012-2015 (TGSE, 2012)	<p>market”.</p> <p>The priority actions of the Strategy are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “New funding models/viability/evidence base/site development <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enabling the development of high quality and sustainable affordable housing in places where people want to live responding to local need and supporting the economy. • Private sector housing/green belt/decent homes/empty homes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Improving the condition and usage of existing housing across all tenures taking into account social and environmental factors that impact on quality of life. • Planning for older people/extra care/adaptations/under occupation/homeless <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Enabling people to make informed choices about their housing circumstances and enabling them to meet their own housing needs. Develop links between health, well-being, employment and housing to help prevent homelessness and support vulnerable people”. 	<p>availability and quality.</p> <p>The Basildon Local Plan should ensure that they contribute and not hinder the delivery of sustainable homes which meets the housing need in Basildon.</p>
Thames Gateway South Essex Strategic House Market Assessment: Update Report (TGSE, 2015)	<p>This Report provides an update to the Strategic House Market Assessment published in 2010.</p> <p>The report identifies that the recent levels of private and affordable housing delivery is failing to meet demand. Decreased grant funds, a new regulatory system, welfare reform and viability pressures are all contributing to the significant challenge in delivering new affordable housing across South Essex.</p> <p>There is a need for the Local Planning Authority to be proactive in the delivery of affordable housing, whilst recognising that there is a reliance on market housing to help secure its provision, as far as viably possible.</p> <p>The SHMA 2013 recommends that 36% of new housing is required to be affordable. However, the SHMA does not represent Objectively Assessed Needs as required of Local Plans by the NPPF. Instead it provides a view on the minimum requirements for the South Essex Housing Market Area based on an average from a range of household projection scenarios.</p>	<p>Include a sustainability objective relating to the provision of a sufficient amount of homes for all sections of the community,</p> <p>The Basildon Local Plan should take into account its role in addressing the shortfall in housing supply and housing need within Basildon.</p>
Final Water Resources Management Plan 2014 (Essex and Suffolk Water, 2014)	<p>It forecasts water demand for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2040 and documents how the Company plans to meet this demand. The plan includes information on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water supply • Water demand forecasts • Effects of climate change • Water efficiency 	<p>The SA framework should include an objective which seeks to improve water efficiency.</p> <p>Local plan policies should take into account the priorities set out in the Water Resource Management to ensure water resources are sustained.</p>
Essex Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS) (ECC, 2013)	<p>The LFRMS sets out how flood risk will be managed in Essex. The Strategy sets out nine guiding principles to manage flood risk which are:</p>	<p>The SA framework should include objectives/indicators which seek to prevent an</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on reducing disruption from flooding as well as the causes. • Effective flood risk management could reduce the long-term damage caused to properties and impacts on human health and well-being. • Decisions should be based on a sound evidence base and made against clear criteria. • Increase the flood risk knowledge base across all stakeholders. • Public organisations have a duty to inform households of their susceptibility to flooding and advise on what steps they can take to make their property more resilient. • Co-operation among relevant public agencies is essential for long-term comprehensive flood risk management. • New developments should ensure there is no increase in flood risk and seek to reduce the flood risk which already exists. Emerging local plans should direct new development away from areas of flood risk where possible. • Cumulative impact of small developments on flood risk is as significant as impacts from major developments. Both must be managed to ensure the risk of flooding does not increase. • Flood schemes likely to have a significant effect on a European site will only be approved if it can be confirmed the integrity of the designation will not be adversely affected. 	<p>increase in flood risk.</p> <p>Policies should direct new development away from areas at risk of flooding and seek to reduce the risk of flooding overall.</p>
<p>South Essex Surface Water Management Plan (ECC, 2012)</p>	<p>This Plan's aim is to understand the causes of surface water flooding and agree a preferred strategy for the management of surface water flood risk.</p>	<p>Include SA objectives which relates to minimising flood risk from all sources including pluvial.</p> <p>Policies should seek to reduce to the causes of surface water flooding.</p>
<p>South Essex Catchment Flood Management Plan (CFMP) Summary Report (Environment Agency, 2009)</p>	<p>The aim of the CFMP is to "understand the scale and extent of flooding now and in the future, and set policies for managing flood risk within the catchment".</p> <p>The CFMP "should be used to inform planning and decision making by key stakeholders" such as the Environment Agency, regional/local authorities, internal drainage boards, transportation planners, land owners/managers, the public and local businesses.</p> <p>Currently there are 109 properties at risk of flooding in Basildon during a 1% annual probability flood. This rises to 337 in 2,100 taking into account current flood defences.</p>	<p>The SA framework should include objectives/indicators which seek to reduce the risk of flooding.</p> <p>The Basildon Local Plan should seek to minimise the risk of flooding and ensure properties which are at risk of flooding are able to adapt.</p>
<p>North Essex CFMP Summary Report (Environment Agency, 2009)</p>	<p>The aim of the CFMP is to "understand the scale and extent of flooding now and in the future, and set policies for managing flood risk within the catchment".</p> <p>The CFMP "should be used to inform planning and decision-making by key stakeholders" such as the Environment Agency, regional/local authorities, internal drainage boards, transportation planners, land owners/managers, the</p>	<p>The SA framework should include objectives/indicators which seek to reduce the risk of flooding.</p> <p>The Basildon Local Plan should seek to minimise the risk of flooding and ensure properties which are at</p>

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	<p>public and local businesses.</p> <p>Currently there are 2,761 properties at risk of flooding in the North Essex catchment during a 1% annual probability flood. This rises to 3,760 in 2,100 taking into account current flood defences.</p>	<p>risk of flooding are able to adapt.</p>
<p>Essex Transport Strategy: The Local Transport Plan for Essex (ECC, 2011)</p>	<p>This is the third Local Transport Plan and has been produced to respond to the needs of the communities in Essex.</p> <p>The vision of the Plan is "for a transport strategy that supports sustainable economic growth and helps deliver the best quality of life for the residents of Essex".</p> <p>The Plan sets five outcomes which comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Provide connectivity for Essex communities and international gateways to support sustainable economic growth and regeneration. • Reduce carbon dioxide emissions and improve air quality through lifestyle changes, innovation and technology. • Improve safety on the transport network and enhance and promote a safe travelling environment. • Secure and maintain all transport assets to an appropriate standard and ensure that the network is available for use. • Provide sustainable access and travel choice for Essex residents to help create sustainable communities". 	<p>SA objectives/indicators should seek to improve access to sustainable high quality modes of transport, ensure safety on the network is enhanced and reduce congestion.</p> <p>The Basildon Local Plan should take into account the five outcomes of the Plan and ensure they are not compromised.</p>
<p>Draft Essex Cycling Strategy 2015</p>	<p>The Essex Cycling Strategy is a collection of elements and related actions that work together in an integrated way to create cycling facilities and to promote cycling. They are intended to cater for the present and future needs for cycling within the broad context of transport and other related objectives, which the County Council wants to achieve.</p>	<p>Include a sustainability objective that promotes cycling.</p> <p>The Basildon Local Plan should take into account its role in catering for and promoting cycling.</p>
<p>Essex Biodiversity Action Plan 2010 -2020 (Essex Biodiversity Project, 2011)</p>	<p>The overarching aim of Biodiversity Action Plans is to "halt overall biodiversity loss, support healthy well-functioning ecosystems and establish more coherent ecological networks".</p> <p>This Plan delivers a number of action plans which provide guidance for biodiversity works and relate to the 19 Priority Habitats of the Biodiversity 2020 Strategy, as well as the list of Priority Species and Habitats provided for in Section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act. The actions plans are by habitat group and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arable field margins • Hedgerows • Traditional orchards (and Essex specific varieties) • Lowland dry acid grassland • Lowland meadows • Lowland heathland • Ponds • Rivers 	<p>The SA framework should include an objective/indicator which seeks to conserve and enhance the identified habitats and species.</p> <p>The Basildon Local Plan should protect the intrinsic value of the identified habitats and seek to improve them where possible.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floodplain and coastal grazing marsh • Lowland raised bog • Reedbeds • Coastal saltmarsh 	
Green Grid Strategy (Thames Gateway South Essex Partnership, 2005)	<p>The Strategy seeks to develop a functional green space network throughout the Thames Gateway. The Strategy's vision is to achieve "a living system threading through the urban and rural landscape, connecting places that are attractive to people, wildlife, business, and providing clean air, food, water, energy, minerals and materials".</p> <p>The vision seeks to place landscape at the heart of the development process and environmental processes as the key pillar of sustainable development and the economy.</p>	<p>The SA framework should include objectives/indicators which seek to maintain and enhance the green network.</p> <p>The Basildon Local Plan should take into account its role in promoting the green network across the Thames Gateway.</p>
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Basildon Borough Community Strategy 2012 – 2036 (BBC, 2012)	<p>The vision of the Strategy is "to make Basildon Borough a fair and inclusive place, where the community have a healthy, safe place to live and work and to improve the quality of life now and for future generations".</p> <p>The vision has been divided into five objectives and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "To improve the employment prospects, education and skills of local people. • To promote sustainable regeneration and deliver housing growth through high quality, locally distinctive, sustainable development and supporting infrastructure. • To support and promote the growth in local economics and businesses to benefit local people. • To support local people to improve their health and well-being. • To treat the cause of crime, anti-social behaviour and disorder and improve community safety". 	<p>The SA framework should include objectives/indicators which consider a range of social, economic and environmental matters.</p> <p>The Basildon Local Plan should take into account its role in achieving the objectives set out in Basildon's Sustainable Community Strategy.</p>
Basildon District Council Strategic Improvement Plan 2010-2013 (BBC, 2010)	<p>Sets out the "strategic priorities and desired outcomes that the Council will focus on delivering over the next three years to meet its vision 'to improve the quality of life for the people of the [Borough], now and for future generations'".</p> <p>Key themes which the priorities sit within include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build and maintain vibrant town centres. • Renew estates and achieve Decent Homes. • Support and grow the local economy. • Improve sports and leisure infrastructure. • Improve street scenes. • Promote green issues. • Empower communities. • Improve and maintain the profile of the Borough. • Reduce crime and the fear of crime. 	<p>The SA framework should include objectives/indicators which consider a range of social, economic and environmental matters.</p> <p>Policies should take into account their role in addressing the key themes and priorities identified within the Strategic Improvement Plan.</p>

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Basildon Borough Council Corporate Plan 2012-2016 (BBC, 2012)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tackle health inequalities. <p>The overall aim of the corporate plan is to create opportunity for local people. The "ambition is for Basildon to be a good place to live and do business, where local people can enjoy the prosperity and good public services".</p> <p>The Plan's priorities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "To improve the employment prospects, education and skills of local people. To promote sustainable regeneration and deliver housing growth through high quality, locally distinctive, sustainable developments and supporting infrastructure. To support and promote the growth in local economies and businesses to benefit local people. To support local people to improve their health and wellbeing. To treat the cause of crime, anti-social behaviour and disorder and improve community safety". 	<p>The SA framework should include objectives/indicators which consider a range of social, economic and environmental matters.</p> <p>The Basildon Local Plan should seek to promote Basildon as a high quality, safe, sustainable place to live and work.</p>
Basildon District Regeneration Framework 2007-2021 (BBC, 2007)	<p>The vision of the framework is to allow Basildon's community to "flourish in a rejuvenated District with the best access to education and skills, healthcare provision, leisure and cultural services and some of the best green and open space in the region".</p> <p>The regeneration priorities for Basildon are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regeneration of town centres. Quality housing. The economy. Culture and the environment. Health and education. 	<p>The Basildon Local Plan should seek to promote the regeneration of Basildon in line with the vision and priorities set out in the Framework.</p> <p>The SA framework should include objectives/indicators which consider a range of social, economic and environmental matters.</p>
Basildon Community Safety Partnership 2012-2015 (BBC, 2012)	<p>The vision of the Partnership is to "make Basildon a safer place, to reduce the fear of crime and the likelihood of becoming a victim of crime".</p> <p>Priorities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing anti-social behaviour. Reducing crime and re-offending. Preventing and reducing alcohol and drug related crime. Engaging with the community to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour. 	<p>The Basildon Local Plan should ensure measures are secured which enhance community safety and reduce the fear of crime.</p> <p>Include a sustainability objective which seeks to make Basildon a safer place.</p>
Basildon Social Inclusion Strategy 2006-2011 (BBC, 2006)	<p>The vision of this Strategy is to "promote and work toward an inclusive society towards that offers fair and equal life chances for all".</p> <p>There are four key objectives which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tackle exclusion. Break the cycle and tackle the root causes of deprivation. Work in partnership for a multi-faceted approach to social inclusion Create inclusion within the Council. 	<p>The Basildon Local Plan should take into account their role in seeking to tackle exclusion and deprivation and promoting social equality.</p> <p>The SA framework should include objectives/indicators which consider social exclusion and deprivation.</p>
Basildon Local Culture Strategy (BBC,	The Strategy is underpinned by an overarching aim which seeks to enable	The Basildon Local Plan should ensure the benefits of

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2006)	<p>"equal access to high quality cultural facilities and opportunities to participate in a wide range of leisure activities as a way of improving the quality of life for all of the people of Basildon".</p> <p>The Strategy also has six keys aims, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To work with local health groups to ensure that the value of culture to the well-being of the community is integrated within overall health. • To promote a more positive image of Basildon to towns, neighbourhoods and community and engender community pride and well-being. • To work in partnership with the voluntary, commercial and educational sectors to ensure that cultural facilities and services are developed to meet the needs of the community. • To enhance the quality of urban and countryside open space. • To ensure that cultural resources are widely accessible, regardless of age, income, race disability or other factors. • To investigate ways in which culture can positively contribute to the regeneration of the physical and social infrastructure of Basildon. 	<p>Basildon's culture assets are maximised whilst underperforming assets are enhanced.</p> <p>The SA framework should include objectives/indicators which consider the assets of Basildon.</p>
Basildon Town Centre Masterplan (BBC, 2012)	<p>The Masterplan sets out the overall strategy and guidance for how Basildon town centre should be developed. The Plan will also inform any future planning applications submitted within the Masterplan area.</p> <p>The document specifically addresses: drivers for change, overall concept and preferred approach; land uses and quantum of development; key development sites and spaces; design; public realm; access, movement and connectivity; infrastructure (including utilities); phasing; delivery management and risk and monitoring.</p>	<p>The Basildon Local Plan should take into account the existing vision for Basildon and contribute to the regeneration of Basildon town centre.</p> <p>The SA framework should consider regeneration of key areas within Basildon Borough.</p>
Gardiners Lane South SPG (BBC, 2003)	<p>This document provides planning guidance for development management purposes of the redevelopment of the site adjacent to Gardiner Lane South.</p> <p>The vision of the site is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Promote a mixed-use and high quality urban business environment; • Provide opportunities for a development of a wide range of business units; • Include a business support centre; • Provide an environment that is conducive towards innovation, enterprise and sharing of knowledge and skills; • Incorporate good quality landscaping whilst maximising the use of land within the site; • Provide an opportunity for residential development; • Encourage sustainable transport methods; and • Employ the principles of sustainable development". 	<p>The Basildon Local Plan should take into account the existing vision for Gardiners Lane South and contribute to the development of the site.</p> <p>The SA framework should consider regeneration of key areas within Basildon Borough.</p>
Pitsea Town Centre Masterplan (BBC, 2007)	<p>This Masterplan provides the long-term framework to guide the regeneration of Pitsea town centre.</p> <p>The 2022 vision of the town centre is for Pitsea to be "an attractive, thriving, exciting and modern centre serving a diverse and growing community".</p>	<p>The Basildon Local Plan should take into account the existing vision for Pitsea and contribute to the regeneration of Pitsea town centre.</p> <p>The SA framework should consider regeneration of</p>

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		key areas within Basildon Borough.
Wickford Town Centre Masterplan (BBC, 2006)	<p>The key principles for the development of Wickford town centre comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing shopping patterns. • Growth in leisure/recreation. • Changing socio-economic structure (including changing household composition/size) • Emphasis on sustainable, mixed-use development. 	<p>The Basildon Local Plan should take into account the existing vision for Wickford and contribute to the regeneration of Wickford town centre.</p> <p>The SA framework should consider regeneration of key areas within Basildon Borough.</p>
Basildon Housing Tenancy Strategy 2013 (BBC, 2013)	<p>This Strategy's priorities are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Develop additional sustainable high quality homes of all types and tenure throughout the borough delivering a broad and improved housing offer. • Make the best use of existing housing stock. • Enable provision of housing that meets the needs and aspirations of all our residents. • Enable people to make choices and find solutions to their own housing problems. 	<p>The Basildon Local Plan should ensure it provides dwellings which cater for all types and tenures.</p> <p>Include a sustainability objective relating to housing availability and quality.</p>
Basildon District Housing Strategy 2004-2007 (BBC, 2004)	<p>The priorities of the Housing Strategy are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Ensure sustained investment in housing stock and meet the Government's Decent Home Standards using Housing Futures. • Provide more quality housing including affordable housing and ensure better quality temporary accommodation. • Strengthen estate and tenancy management services and improve environment of estates. • Improve targeting of private sector and reduce number of empty homes across the District. • Enhance services and information for older people, leaseholders and potential home owners through delivery of the service. 	<p>The Basildon Local Plan should provide high quality, affordable homes and encourage the refurbishment of empty homes in the borough.</p> <p>SA objectives should improve access to good quality and affordable housing.</p>
Homelessness Prevention Strategy January 2014	<p>This document sets out how the council plans to prevent homelessness in the borough and meet the requirements of the homelessness legislation Part VII of the Housing Act 1996 (as amended by the Homelessness Act 2002), the Localism Act 2011 and Welfare Reform Act 2012.</p> <p>The priorities of the strategy are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop our Housing Options • Support vulnerable people and those in priority need who are homeless or threatened with homelessness • Working with partners and agencies to prevent homelessness • Monitoring the strategy 	<p>The Basildon Local Plan should take into account its role in supplying and safeguarding accommodation for the homeless.</p> <p>SA should consider use of district wide homelessness data as an indicator.</p>
Billericay Conservation Area Management Plan Interim SPDs (BBC, 2011)	<p>"The Billericay Conservation Area Management Plan outlines the special architectural and historic interest of the area and provides an assessment of its character and appearance".</p> <p>The plan outlines the Council's approach to managing future change in the</p>	<p>The Basildon Local Plan should take into account the Billericay Conservation Area Management Plan and the special features of the area.</p> <p>Include a sustainability objective relating to the</p>

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	area.	conservation of historic features.
Great Burstead Conservation Area Management Plan Interim SPDs (BBC, 2011)	<p>"The Great Burstead Conservation Area Management Plan outlines the special architectural and historic interest of the area and provides an assessment of its character and appearance".</p> <p>The plan outlines the Council's approach to managing future change in the area.</p>	<p>The Basildon Local Plan should take into account the Great Burstead Conservation Area Management Plan and the special features of the area.</p> <p>Include a sustainability objective relating to the conservation of historic features.</p>
Little Burstead Conservation Area Management Plan Interim SPDs (BBC, 2011)	<p>"The Little Burstead Conservation Area Management Plan outlines the special architectural and historic interest of the area and provides an assessment of its character and appearance".</p> <p>The plan outlines the Council's approach to managing future change in the area.</p>	<p>The Basildon Local Plan should take into account the Little Burstead Conservation Area Management Plan and the special features of the area.</p> <p>Include a sustainability objective relating to the conservation of historic features.</p>
Noak Bridge Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan Interim SPDs (BBC, 2010)	This document provides an account of planning policies relevant to the management of conservation areas, a brief history of the development of the village, a description of the conservation area and an assessment of its character.	<p>Include a sustainability objective relating to the conservation of historic features.</p> <p>The Basildon local Plan should take into account the Noak Bridge Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan and the special features of the area.</p>
Basildon District Playing Pitch Strategy (BBC, 2005)	<p>The vision of this Strategy is to "protect existing pitches from inappropriate development and seek to improve the quantity and quality of provision" of playing pitches.</p> <p>Strategic objectives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting the needs of small sided, junior, adult and girls' and women's' leagues and competitions. • Developing access and participation initiatives to encourage play at recreational and professional levels. • Facilitating and encouraging the use of pitches by the community which are in education, voluntary or private ownership. • Accommodating the need and demand for playing pitches over the 10 years from the adoption of the Strategy. • Protecting existing pitches from inappropriate development. • Relocating existing pitches/uses on a like for like basis when major developments will result in the loss of such facilities. 	<p>Include a sustainability objective relating to the protection, enhancement, increasing provision of, increasing participation in and improving access to the Borough's sports pitches and facilities.</p> <p>The Basildon Local Plan should take into account its role in protecting formal playing pitches from inappropriate development and ensuring the supply of formal playing pitches meets the demand.</p>
Basildon District Playing Pitch Strategy Technical Addendum 2011 (BBC, 2011)	<p>Sets out Basildon Borough Council's approach for planning applications for new residential development which is likely to increase the demand for playing pitches.</p> <p>The main objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "to determine local standards for pitch provision as specified for the individual sports agreed; 	<p>Include a sustainability objective relating to the provision of and improving access to the Borough's sports pitches and facilities.</p> <p>The Basildon Local Plan should take into account its role in securing additional playing pitches when new residential development comes forward.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to determine where pitch upgrading may be required to meet the agreed local standards identifying indicative capital costs and revenue maintenance cost implications; to advise on thresholds, distribution and costs of provision to assist the Council to determine the calculation of developer contributions for new pitches and associated facilities (for different sport types); to provide capital and revenue costs to deliver individual tasks identified within the Playing Pitch Strategy Review Action Plan; to formulate model policy options for the LDF Core Strategy relevant to the effective delivery of playing pitches, linking these with policies within other supporting documents; and to produce GIS mapping of pitches by sport type to show geographical spread, distribution, catchments (including neighbouring local authority cross-boundary catchments)". 	
Basildon District Habitat and Biodiversity Service Level Agreement (EECOS, 2009)	<p>Set out the service level agreement between Essex Ecology Services Ltd and Basildon Borough Council for the administration of the Local Wildlife Site (LoWS) Network.</p> <p>The Agreement recommends that the network of LWS is reviewed after an interval of no longer than three years. Sites which are perceived to be under threat from development or adverse management could be monitored more frequently.</p> <p>A register of potential LWS should also be maintained for the purposes of planning.</p> <p>All ecological surveys which accompany a planning application should include an assessment against LoWS site selection criteria.</p>	<p>The SA framework should include an objective/indicator which seeks to conserve and enhance natural environment including designated sites such as the LoWS network.</p> <p>The Basildon Local Plan should take into account the need to review LoWS and potential LoWS and ensure ecological surveys include an assessment against the LoWS criteria when they are required to accompany a planning application.</p>
Basildon District Contaminated Land Strategy (BBC, last revised Jan 2013)	<p>This Strategy sets out how Basildon District Council will undertake its statutory duty to identify contaminated land under section 78B of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.</p> <p>Contaminated land should be considered during the local plan process "through the undertaking of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) and statutory Sustainability Appraisals".</p>	<p>The SA framework should include an objective/indicator which considers soils, including the potential for pollution of soils (e.g. from sources of contaminated land).</p> <p>The Basildon Local Plan should ensure that contaminated land is taken into account when selecting sites for development and in consideration of appropriate mitigation.</p>

Appendix 2

Summary of SA Report Consultee Comments and Responses to these

Basildon Borough Council invited representations on the Core Strategy Revised Preferred Options Report (December 2013) and its accompanying SA Report as part of the formal consultation stage under Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The consultation responses relevant to the SA process are summarised in column 1; comments and subsequent actions (if required) are outlined in column 2 (where a response has been provided directly by the Council this is stated explicitly). The contents of this table have been used to inform the latest version of the Local Plan which has been subject to further SA. Any comments made on this latest SA Report will be addressed during the next iteration of the SA and reported in the subsequent version of the SA Report.

Consultee Comment	Response/comment/action (if required)
Historic England (formally English Heritage)	
We have briefly considered the Sustainability Appraisal report and have no comments other than to note the thorough approach taken to considering historic environment issues for proposed sites and policies.	Response from LUC: Noted. No response required.
Natural England	
Objectives 1 – 19 are broadly supported, especially objectives (1), (2) and (3) in respect of the natural environment.	Response from LUC: Noted. No response required.
The approach and methodology of the Sustainability Appraisal is in line with legislation and is therefore acceptable.	Response from LUC: Noted. No response required.
Essex County Council	
There is considerable uncertainty in the potential for the Borough to deliver the full objectively assessed housing need of 16,000 homes given the interim results of transport modelling which suggests that a number of junctions will be over-capacity without mitigation. The issue is likely to be most acute in Billericay and Wickford. Furthermore there may be delays in delivery of housing arising from the need for upgrades to wastewater treatment/foul network/surface water treatment facilities.	Response from LUC: Noted. No response required.
The Plan should make further provision for public transport through the PADCs (to be provided in advance of delivery of the PADCs) in order to promote alternatives to the car and minimise the potential increase in car based emissions. The Council may consider scope for car-free developments where appropriate.	Response from LUC: Noted. No response required.
There should be more consideration given to development design and layout particularly in respect of PADCs 5 and 6 to minimise the likelihood of flood risk being exacerbated.	Response from LUC: Noted. No response required.
It is suggested that reference to 'car free' development be replaced with 'car limited' to take account of the needs for disabled and/or visitor parking.	Response from LUC: Noted. No response required.
H Adcock for D Lewis (Representation on Broad Location 7 also appraised as a Reasonable Alternative to PADC 13 and 14)	
The Council has not provided any justification for its conclusion that the land to the east of Mill Meadows ('the Site') would perform worse than the other reasonable alternatives in terms of ecological impacts. No explanation is provided as to why its proximity to Mill Meadows SSSI would result in negative ecological impacts. This approach is inconsistent with the methodology used by the Council in the SHLAA which " <i>considers that the proximity of a potential development site to an environmentally sensitive site should only inform the need for further assessment rather than totally exclude the site from development</i> ". The Report does not explain why the SHLAA methodology has been departed from. Furthermore, the Council does not set out in the Report the evidence which it relies upon for its conclusion in respect of the Site.	Response from Basildon Borough Council: The land identified by this consultee has been re-considered as strategic site 6 for the purposes of the Local Plan. The emerging evidence concludes that parts of this site could be brought forward for development without causing harm to the purposes of including land within the Green Belt and the landscape. The Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment has been amended, to reflect the fact that proximity to Mill Meadow SSSI does not prevent development of part of this site. (NOTE – now included as policy H26). Response from LUC: H26 - Land East of Greens Farm Lane, Billericay has been appraised as part of this SA Report.

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<p>The Council has failed to take into account representations made by Boyer Planning; its failure to do so has resulted in the Site being assessed on an inaccurate evidential basis which has fundamentally affected the Council's assessment of the likely impacts of the Site. The Site appears to have been assessed on the basis that its entire area (28 hectares) will be developed as opposed to 8 hectares (with the latest proposals for the Site indicating that a 10 to 12 hectare developable area is appropriate). This has led the Council into error in terms of assessing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely landscape and Green Belt impacts should the Site be preferred as an allocation; The potential for ecological mitigation and betterment has not been properly taken into account 	<p>Response from Basildon Borough Council: refer to response above.</p>
<p>The Council's methodology for assessing the potential Green Belt impacts of the reasonable alternatives (including the Site) has been incorrectly applied to the Site. When properly applied, the Site performs better compared to both PAD13 and PAD14. Accordingly, the Council's evidence base in this respect is not reliable and has resulted in the Site being unfavourably compared with its 'competitors'.</p>	<p>Response from Basildon Borough Council: The Green Belt Study has been revised to focus on the purposes of including land within the Green Belt only. The site promoted by this consultee, as a whole, continues to fulfil the purposes of including land within the Green Belt. It is however noted that a smaller element of this site is proposed for development purposes.</p>
<p>The reasonable alternatives have not been assessed on a transparent and comparable basis, for example, issues such as mitigation have been taken into account in the assessment of some options, but not others. Notably, the Site was not taken forward into the Spatial Options Topic Paper for further assessment alongside PAD13 and PAD14. The removal of the Site prior to this level of assessment being carried out is unjustified and based upon a flawed evidence base. With respect to ecological impacts, it appears that mitigation has been taken into account in respect of the likely effects of preferred allocation PAD15. No allowance has been made for the potential for mitigation of ecological impacts at the Site. Furthermore, there is no clear evidence base which supports the Council's conclusion that ecological impacts can be adequately mitigated with respect to PAD15. When properly applied, the Site clearly performs better in terms of ecological benefits compared to its 'competitors'</p>	<p>Response from Basildon Borough Council: This site has been re-considered as strategic site 6 for the purpose of the Local Plan.</p> <p>The site has been subsequently included as policy H29: Land East of Greens Farm Lane, Billericay.</p> <p>Response from LUC: All sites and any reasonable alternatives have been appraised in detail as part of the SA of this Local Plan. The site policies are appraised as drafted (in some instances the policies include built-in mitigation) which is taken into account in the appraisal. The need for additional mitigation is considered once the initial appraisal work is complete. Reasonable alternative sites are assumed to have the same level of built-in mitigation as preferred policies.</p>
<p>The evidence base is inadequate, particularly with respect to flood risk and highways impacts, and it is not therefore possible to understand why the preferred options are considered to be the 'best option':</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crucial information with respect to the risk of surface water flood risk is available, which post-dates the Council's assessments of the reasonable alternatives. This information demonstrates that the preferred allocations present a higher degree of surface water flood risk when compared to the Site. PAD15 does not lie wholly within Flood Risk Zone 1; the Site is wholly within FRZ1 and no explanation is provided in the Report as to why PAD15 has been preferred to the Site in this respect. There is insufficient evidence to assess the likely traffic impacts of preferred allocation PAD15; accordingly, it is not possible to properly understand either the reason for its selection or the reason why it has been preferred to the Site. 	<p>Response from Basildon Borough Council: The Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment has been updated to ensure that each site has been accurately assessed in relation to Flood Risk. The Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment has been informed by the South Essex Surface Water Management Plan and the South Essex Strategic Flood Risk Assessment.</p> <p>Transport Mitigation Modelling has been undertaken to inform the Local Plan.</p> <p>Response from LUC: Updated evidence bases have been used to inform the SA of the Local Plan as relevant.</p>
<p>A Martin for N Painter (Representation on PAD6 – North East Basildon Urban Extension)</p>	

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<p>In respect of PADCG, page 132 of the SA Report seeks mitigation measures in order: to reduce the risk of flooding in the centre of the PADCG, principally along Pound Lane and the south of Burnt Mills Road; to protect the setting and integrity of the Grade II* listed building Church of All Saints on the eastern border of the PADCG; and, to conserve and enhance the Local Wildlife Sites, SSSIs and other designations in the area generally.</p> <p>These are all matters that can and will be mitigated for as part of the masterplanning process.</p>	<p>Noted. No response required.</p>
<p>J Dixon for Gleeson Strategic Land Ltd (Representation on PADCG15 - Billericay West Deferred Area of Search)</p>	
<p>In summary, we consider that the SA is generally sound.</p>	<p>Noted. No response required.</p>
<p>As noted in our comments under Question 5, the Sustainability Appraisal including Strategic Environmental Assessment ('SA') (Land Use Consultants ('LUC'), December 2013) refers at paragraph 4.72 to the PADCG 15 Billericay West deferred 'area of search' being "created as a reasonable alternative to all spatial options", whereas it has in fact been created as a PADCG within Spatial Option 2A; it is in fact not used as 'reasonable alternative' to any of the other proposed PADCGs.</p>	<p>PADCG15 was included in the Core Strategy and was not therefore a reasonable alternative as stated in the SA/SEA.</p> <p>All sites and their reasonable alternatives included in this 2015 Local Plan have been assessed as part of this SA report. The area identified and appraised as PADCG15 in the 2013 SA Report has been broken-up into the following smaller development allocations and reasonable alternatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative Option 3 to Housing Development Site H19 • Housing Development Site H20 • Alternative Option 3 to Housing Development Site H20 • Housing Development Site H21 • Housing Development Site H22 • Housing Development Site H23 • Alternative Option 3 to Housing Development Site H23
<p>The definition of the 'reasonable alternatives' to the proposed PADCGs requires further consideration, especially with regard to the use of Broad Location 7 as a 'reasonable alternative'.</p> <p>The SA notes at paragraph 4.78, that, having selected 15 PADCGs to deliver the preferred Spatial Option, the Council "identified a number of reasonable alternatives to these which have been appraised alongside the preferred PADCGs". No explanation is given as to how these 'reasonable alternatives' were identified, or why only a single reasonable alternative is identified to all three of the proposed PADCGs at Billericay, especially as the alternative identified – Land Adjacent to Mill Meadows (Snails Hall Farm) (which appears to be SA Broad Location 7) – is described earlier in the SA (at paragraph 4.68) as having "constraints that could preclude development" and thus as having been "removed from consideration and not included within any of the spatial groups". It is difficult to see why, or how, a Broad Location that had been dismissed as undevelopable, was, or could, be considered as a 'reasonable alternative' for a PADCG that was considered sufficiently deliverable to be identified in the consultation document.</p>	<p>Response from Basildon Borough Council: For the purposes of current work on the Local Plan, sites or clusters of sites with a capacity of around 200+ homes which were identified as suitable and available in the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment have been identified as strategic sites for consideration for inclusion in the Local Plan. Additionally sites or clusters of sites with a capacity of around 200+ homes which were identified as being available, and were only not suitable due to Green Belt / Landscape reasons were also identified as strategic sites in order to provide reasonable alternatives for site specific assessments. Thus, the consideration of reasonable alternative sites has been approached differently to the 2013 Core Strategy. This is necessary as the Council is now proceeding with a full Local Plan.</p>
<p>With a capacity of 668 dwellings, the reasonable alternative to both PADCG 13 and PADCG 15 is not comparable in scale to either PADCG 13 (180 dwellings) or PADCG 15 (1,400 dwellings) – indeed it can only accommodate half the dwellings proposed for PADCG 15 – the SA itself notes at paragraph 5.193 that "it is uncertain how 1,400 homes ... could be accommodated that the alternative location" and in Appendix 3 that the SHLAA</p>	<p>Response from Basildon Borough Council: The Local Plan will be considering the allocation of specific sites rather than identifying broad locations. Therefore, all reasonable strategic sites are being reconsidered for inclusion in the Local Plan</p>

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<p>capacity of the alternative (assuming it is Broad Location 7) is 668 dwellings.</p>	<p>having regard to the full suite of evidence available. Response from LUC: All reasonable strategic sites are subject to appraisal as part of this 2015 SA.</p>
<p>It is our view that, noting our comments under Question 5 wherein we demonstrate that there is no need for Broad Locations 5 and 6 to be included within the PADC 15 Billericay West deferred 'area of search', Broad Location 6 (with a SHLAA capacity of 200 dwellings) represents a reasonable alternative to PADC 13 (180 dwellings) and Broad Location 5 (654 dwellings) represents a reasonable alternative to PADC 14 (430 dwellings).</p>	<p>Response from Basildon Borough Council: Broad locations 5 and 6 have been re-considered in the process of preparing the Local Plan as strategic sites 7 and 18.</p>
<p>The appraisal methodology could be considered misleading in the way that it is presented. Appendix 5 scores the 'likely effect' of PADCs post assumed mitigation. No post mitigation assessment is carried out in Appendix 4 of any of the Broad Locations and no pre-mitigation assessment is carried out of any of the PADCs. Thus it is impossible to undertake a direct comparison between a Broad Location and a PADC, with all PADCs also consequentially appearing to have less of an effect than any Broad Locations due to mitigation being considered. This has the result of making the PADCs appear 'more sustainable' than any unidentified Broad Location. The scoring of the (likely) effects of the Broad Locations not identified as PADCs and the PADCs should be undertaken in the same manner – i.e. with or without post development mitigation in place, to enable a direct comparison between all Broad Locations and PADCs.</p>	<p>Response from Basildon Borough Council: The Local Plan will be considering the allocation of specific sites rather than identifying broad locations. Therefore, all reasonable strategic sites are being reconsidered for inclusion in the Local Plan having regard to the full suite of evidence available. Response from LUC: All strategic sites and their reasonable alternatives are being appraised as part of this 2015 SA of the Local Plan. The site policies are appraised as drafted (in some instances the policies include built-in mitigation) which is taken into account in the appraisal. The need for additional mitigation is considered once the initial appraisal work is complete. Reasonable alternative sites are assumed to have the same level of built-in mitigation as preferred policies.</p>
<p>In relation to SA objectives 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9, the 'likely effect' of development on each of the 26 Broad Locations has been stated as follows: "The choice of Broad Location is not expected to have an effect on this objective". We consider this to be questionable, particularly with regard to 4, 5 and 6. Whilst the SA argues that the effect of development on economic growth, economic regeneration, promotion of the Borough's town-centres as sustainable locations for a wide range of activities, and on improving education attainment and social exclusion, has no relationship to which Broad Location 'is chosen', we consider that the location of residential development – e.g. whether close to a thriving town-centre or on the periphery of a larger urban area – does have the potential to result in different adverse or positive effects, and it is these effects that the SA should assess; on no other SA objective is a comparison between Broad Locations considered a relevant issue, let alone in the assumptions laid out prior to the assessment being carried out.</p>	<p>Response from Basildon Borough Council: The Local Plan will be considering the allocation of specific sites rather than identifying broad locations. Therefore, all reasonable strategic sites are being reconsidered for inclusion in the Local Plan having regard to the full suite of evidence available. Response from LUC: The effects of strategic development allocations and their reasonable alternatives on SA objective 4, 5 and 6 are appraised as follows: 4 – Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration: In isolation, residential development will likely have a negligible (0) effect on this objective. Professional judgement will be used to consider whether the location, scale or uses of the allocation have minor positive or negative effects. Employment/Mixed Use Sites_capable of providing 20% or more of the total employment land requirements over the plan period (i.e. 10 hectares) are considered to have a significant positive effect (++); those that provide less than 20% are considered to have a minor positive effect (+). 5 – Professional judgement is used to assess their potential to</p>

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	<p>generate both positive (+) and adverse (-) effects on this objective; however, all effects are likely to be uncertain (?). This judgement is informed by the size, location, and uses of development allocations.</p> <p>6 – Essex County Council Education Authority has provided recommendations on how the Strategic Sites should contribute to meeting the education needs they generated. Informed by the capacity of existing primary and secondary schools near the Strategic Sites, these recommendations have been incorporated in to the Plan. Therefore, as all residential developments will construct new schools or contribute to the expansion of existing facilities to accommodate growing demand, all are likely to have a significant positive (++) effect on this objective. Employment/Mixed Use Sites are also likely to have a positive effect by increasing opportunities for work-based training and skills development. The extent of the positive effect will be affected by the size of the Strategic Site as larger sites are likely to offer more opportunities for greater numbers of people.</p>
S Hamilton-Foyn for L Johnson	
<p>The Sustainability Appraisal whilst it provides a comprehensive assessment in terms of how the broad locations meet the objectives, there is no analytical summary for each broad location or each PADC. The SA should provide a comparative assessment of all the broad locations/sites and alternatives.</p>	<p>Response from Basildon Borough Council: The Local Plan will be considering the allocation of specific sites rather than identifying broad locations. Therefore, all reasonable strategic sites are being reconsidered for inclusion in the Local Plan having regard to the full suite of evidence available.</p> <p>Response from LUC: All strategic sites and any reasonable alternatives are appraised as part of this SA Report.</p>
<p>The numbering of the broad locations on the Basildon SA & HRA figure 4.1 Map of Broad Locations uses a different numbering that sites in the Green Belt Study, Landscape Character and Green Belt Study and the SHLAA, which is confusing.</p>	<p>Response from LUC: Noted. No response required.</p>
<p>The scoring system should be simplified i.e. no more than 5 categories. The SA including the SEA Final Report (December 2013) page 14 para 2.18 refers to a key with 7 categories, however, the actual reports uses 12 different scorings.</p>	<p>Response from LUC: Noted. Mixed effects are recorded using a combination of the 7 symbols outlined in paragraph 2.18 of the 2013 SA Report. An explanation for each score can be found in the commentary accompanying each score in the detailed appraisal matrices in the Appendices to the SA Report.</p>
<p>Para 4.53 of the SA Report states that as highway mitigation modelling has yet to occur, no Broad Locations have been removed from future Spatial Options on the grounds of adverse impact on the highway network. The paragraph goes on to state that until the mitigation work is carried out, it is still uncertain as to which broad locations would be unachievable due to the severity of this constraint. Given that the Council is relying on the west of Billericay to deliver 29% of Billericay's growth it is a concern that this work has not</p>	<p>Response from Basildon Borough Council: Highway Mitigation Modelling has now been prepared and has been used to inform the preparation of the Local Plan, including the identification of proposed development locations.</p>

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already been completed.	
G Bowles	
The assessment of Green Belt land around Broomhills Chase and Green Lane concluded that the area met the Green Belt purposes and was therefore unsuitable for development; however, Council representatives have confirmed at a local Council meeting that further consideration will be given to development in the area through the re-assessment of smaller parcels of Green Belt land. This is just sneaking in what the Council wants and does not take in to consideration the Tax Payers and the electorate.	Response from Basildon Borough Council: Noted. Further Green Belt Review work has been undertaken to inform the sustainability appraisal process of the New Local Plan to arrive at the most sustainable pattern of development within the Borough, a pattern which limits harm to the Green Belt.
J & D Daffin	
Having gone through all of these to obtain the results, the underlying research seems to be well thought out.	Response from LUC: Noted. No response required.
Z Jeffers	
Your leaflet gives no information on this.	Response from LUC: A Sustainability Appraisal Report was prepared on behalf of Basildon Borough Council as part of the integrated Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the Basildon Borough Local Plan. The SA Report was published alongside the Core Strategy on-line and hard copies were available at local libraries and discussed at eight public roadshows throughout the Borough. As the Council is now proceeding with a new Local Plan, a new SA Report has been prepared to accompany the Local Plan consultation.
Previous sustainability assessments have been done to back-up plans not to ensure sustainability.	Response from LUC: Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is designed to provide a high level of protection to the environment and to integrate environmental considerations into the preparation and adoption of plans and programmes, with a view to promoting sustainable development. Sustainability Appraisal (SA) is a methodical evaluation that considers the social, economic and environmental effects of certain plans, programmes or proposals. Under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended), LPAs must undertake a SA for each of their Local Plan Documents (LPDs) ¹ . The SA report incorporates the requirements of both statutory assessments. All the requirements must be met for the Local Plan to be found sound.

¹ The Planning Act 2008 amended the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004: SA/SEA is no longer required for Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs).

Appendix 3

SA Assumptions Framework for Development Site Allocations

General Assumptions

1. Judgements of the effects of specific site allocations policies do not consider the mitigating or enhancing effects of relevant local strategic and development management planning policies. Recommendations will be made about how such policies might improve such strategic sites.
2. Development at any of the Strategic Sites is likely to give rise to temporary negative effects from construction, such as effects on noise, air quality, and heavy goods vehicle movements. Temporary effects have not been reflected in the appraisal scores, since the scores have focused on the likely effects once development is completed.
3. All development on strategic sites will be required to meet national energy and water efficiency standards. As these are not locationally specific, these are not reflected in the appraisal scoring.
4. Reference is made to 'easy walking distance' in the appraisal assumptions. There are a number of pieces of research that give a variety of recommended guidance distances for walking. For example, the Institute of Highways and Transportation found that the average length of a walk journey is one kilometre. It categorises distances depending upon location and purpose of the trip, and 'desirable', 'acceptable', and 'preferred maximum':

	Town centres (m)	Commuting/School/Sight-seeing (m)	Elsewhere (m)
Desirable	200	500	400
Acceptable	400	1,000	800
Preferred maximum	800	2,000	1,200

For the purposes of the appraisal, a standard 'easy walking distance' of approximately **600m** has been assumed on the basis that this falls half-way between the 'desirable' and 'acceptable' distance for 'elsewhere' trips, and takes into account that distances in the appraisal are measured from the edge of the Strategic Site to existing services and facilities, and therefore walking distances are often likely to be much greater. It is considered that this is a reasonable approach, and professional judgement has been used when applying these distances to each Strategic Site and the range of services and facilities considered by the appraisal.

SA Objective Assumptions

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<p>1: Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough</p> <p><i>This objective has been assessed in two parts. The first assessment considers the potential impact of a Strategic Site on the landscape, drawing on the findings of the Revised Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study (December, 2014) and the Basildon Outline Landscape Appraisals of Potential Strategic Development Sites (2015)</i></p>	<p>Will it contribute towards achieving qualitative improvement to the landscape and character of the urban and rural area?</p> <p>Will it contribute towards the achievement of high-quality landscapes that reflect local distinctiveness and quality of place?</p>	<p>Where Strategic Sites are wholly located within landscapes which are deemed to have No/Very Low Capacity for Development (Areas within the Borough with the highest landscape sensitivity), as stated in the Revised Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study (December, 2014), it is considered development is likely to have a significant negative (---) effect on this objective.</p> <p>Where Strategic Sites fall within landscapes considered to have a Low/Medium Capacity for development, professional judgement has been used to determine whether a minor or significant adverse effect is appropriate, considering mitigation included within the allocations policy. Strategic Sites within landscapes considered to be of Higher Capacity for Development (areas in the Borough with the lowest landscape sensitivity) are considered to have a (0/?) effect on this objective.</p> <p>All effects are considered to be uncertain (?) due to the lack of knowledge about development design, layout and landscaping.</p> <p>Employment/Mixed Use Sites</p> <p>The Revised Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study make reference to the opportunity for commercial development. These references to commercial development opportunities have been used alongside professional judgement to determine the significance of effect of commercial development on the landscape, countryside and green spaces of Basildon.</p> <p>Evidence used: Draft Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study (December, 2014) & Basildon Outline Landscape Appraisals of Potential Strategic Development Sites (2015)</p>
<p>1: Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough</p>		<p>Strategic Site Allocation policies which are likely to result in a net loss of public open spaces due to their being located on existing open spaces which have not been identified for incorporation within the Strategic Site, relocation or improvement are likely to</p>

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<p><i>This part of the assessment considers the potential impact of a Strategic Site on green spaces through consideration of potential direct impacts on the Borough's open spaces as defined in the PPG17 Open Space Assessment.</i></p>		<p>generate a significant negative effect (--/?) on this objective.</p> <p>Professional judgement will be used to assess the potential for mitigation measures outlined in strategic site allocation policies to reduce adverse effects and enhancement measures to have positive effects (+) or (++).</p> <p>All effects are considered to be uncertain (?) due to the lack of knowledge about the detailed design, layout and landscaping of each development.</p> <p>Evidence used: PPG 17 Open Space Assessment 2010.</p>
<p>2: Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough</p>	<p>Will it protect and/or enhance sites, features, buildings and/or areas of historical, archaeological, landscape and cultural importance?</p>	<p>The appraisal of the effects of designated heritage assets, such as Listed Buildings, Scheduled Monuments or Conservation Areas, is guided by professional judgement, based on factors such as the quantity and location of the heritage assets concerned in relation to the Strategic Site and their significance². Significant negative (--/?) effects are more likely to be recorded where the heritage assets are within the Strategic Site or in such a position with respect to the Strategic Site that significant indirect effect may result (e.g. on setting).</p> <p>Where Strategic Sites are located within archaeological find areas or have recorded sites or find-spots (as per the Basildon Historic Environment Characterisation Assessment 2010) an uncertain minor negative (-/?) effect is likely. The effect on archaeological assets is considered to be permanent.</p> <p>The Basildon Historic Environment Characterisation Assessment defines Character Areas and more detailed Character Zones drawing on the mixture of characteristics, including landscape and the natural environment, which make each place unique. The sensitivity of each of the Borough's Historic Environment Zones to change is considered through a review of the sensitivity to change scores in the Basildon Borough Historic Environment Characterisation Project. This considers the sensitivity of each</p>

² The concept of significance in relation to heritage refers to the value of a heritage asset because of its heritage interest which may be archaeological, architectural, artistic or historic. The setting of a heritage asset can also contribute to its significance (Strategic Environmental Assessment, Sustainability Appraisal and The Historic Environment, Historic England (2013)).

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		<p>zone to medium to large scale development specifically housing expansion (although it remains applicable to all types of development). As stated in the study, the score is an indication of the vulnerability of the historic environment assets within each zone to this type of change. A lack of sensitivity to change should not be taken as an indication that no historic environment mitigation would be required to accommodate development.</p> <p>Strategic Sites within Historic Environment Zones judged as being 'Highly Sensitive to Change' are scored (--/?); Strategic Sites within Historic Environment Zones judged as being 'Sensitive to Change' are scored (-/?); and Strategic Sites within Historic Environment Zones judged as being of 'Limited Sensitivity' are scored (0/?).</p> <p>Professional judgement will be used to assess the potential for mitigation measures outlined in strategic site allocation policies to reduce adverse effects and enhancement measures to have positive effects (+) or (++).</p> <p>All effects are considered to be uncertain (?) due to the lack of knowledge about the detailed design, layout and landscaping of developments.</p> <p>Evidence Used: Basildon Historic Environment Characterisation Project 2010, Archaeological Finds GIS Map, Conservation Areas GIS Map, Historic England Listed Buildings and SAM GIS Maps.</p>
<p>3: Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it</p>	<p>Will it conserve or enhance SSSIs?</p> <p>Will it maintain or enhance Priority Habitats and/or Species?</p> <p>Will it conserve and enhance any other natural/ semi-natural habitats?</p> <p>Will it conserve or enhance Local Wildlife Sites?</p> <p>Will it lead to the creation of new areas of habitat?</p> <p>Will it maintain and enhance woodland cover and/or management?</p>	<p>Assessment of effects has been informed by the buffer distances used for the HELAA work, which have been agreed with stakeholders including Natural England, Essex County Council Ecology teams, and the Wildlife Trust. However, the appraisal applies different levels of significance within each of the buffer zones, to reflect distance from the Strategic Site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SACs/SPAs/Ramsar sites: within Strategic Site or within 2.5km (--), 2.5km to 5km of edge of Strategic Site (-). • SSSIs: within Strategic Site or within 1km (--), 1km to 2km of edge of Strategic Site (-). <p>There are SSSIs which fall within 1km of Strategic Sites, but are</p>

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		<p>separated by existing built up areas, roads or other physical infrastructure. In these instances, professional judgement has been used to determine whether significant adverse effects are likely in practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LNRs/Ancient woodland/local wildlife site/BAP priority habitat: within Strategic Site (--), within 100m of edge of Strategic Site (-). • Protected Special Alert Area: within Strategic Site (-). <p>Professional judgement will be used to assess the potential for mitigation measures outlined in strategic site allocation policies to reduce adverse effects and enhancement measures to have positive effects (+) or (++).</p> <p>All effects are considered to be uncertain (?) due to the lack of knowledge about the detailed design, layout and landscaping of developments.</p> <p>Evidence Used: Essex BAP, Local Wildlife Sites 2009 GIS Map, SSSI GIS Map, Protected Species Alert GIS Map and UK BAP Priority Habitat 2009 GIS Map.</p>
<p>4: Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration</p>	<p>Will it improve business development and enhance the competitiveness of the Borough?</p> <p>Will it improve the resilience of the Borough's businesses and the wider economy?</p> <p>Will it generate new jobs for the Borough?</p> <p>Will it create or contribute to the creation of high-skilled jobs in the Borough?</p> <p>Will it encourage inward investment?</p> <p>Will it improve economic performance in both advantaged and disadvantaged areas?</p> <p>Will it reduce unemployment?</p> <p>Will it help to improve average earnings?</p> <p>Will it encourage the diversification of the workforce?</p> <p>Will it contribute towards the improvement of local</p>	<p>In isolation, residential development is considered to have a negligible (0) effect on this objective; however, professional judgement will be used to assess the potential for accompanying infrastructure, services and facilities to contribute to sustainable levels of prosperity and economic regeneration both positively (+) and negatively (-). This judgement will be informed by the size, location, and uses of development allocations.</p> <p>Employment/Mixed Use Sites</p> <p>The employment land requirement for the plan period is likely to be in the order of 50 hectares. Strategic Sites that are capable of providing 20% or more of the total land requirement (i.e. 10 hectares) are considered to have a significant positive effect (++) on this objective. Strategic Sites contributing less than 20% of the total land requirement are considered to have a minor positive effect (+).</p>

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	people's skills? Will it help ensure more people can enjoy a better standard of living?	Evidence Used: Basildon Employment Land and Premises Study (July 2013)
5: Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	Will it encourage uses in town centres to diversify? Will it make land in town centres available for housing, retail, leisure and related commercial development? Will it help encourage community spirit and civic pride? Will it ensure that through sequential testing, the most appropriate location can be considered for development?	Additional development could give rise to increased demand for town centre uses, goods and services. Conversely, major developments some distance from the town centres could compete for and displace jobs/consumers. Informed by the size, location, and uses of new Strategic Sites, professional judgement will be used to assess their potential to generate both positive (+) and adverse (-) effects on this objective; however, all effects are likely to be uncertain (?).
6: Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	Will it help reduce poverty and social exclusion? Will it result in capacity issues, in for example, local schools? Will it improve the qualifications, skills and therefore employability of young people? Will it improve the quality and diversity of learning and training opportunities?	Essex County Council Education Authority has provided recommendations on how the Strategic Sites should contribute to meeting the education needs they generated. Informed by the capacity of existing primary and secondary schools near the Strategic Sites, these recommendations have been incorporated in to the Plan. As all Strategic Sites will construct new schools or contribute to the expansion of existing facilities to accommodate growing demand, all Strategic Sites are likely to have a either a minor positive (+) or significant positive (++) effect on this objective. Employment/Mixed Use Sites The effect of employment development on this objective is likely to be positive as it should result in improved opportunities for work-based training and skills development. The extent of the positive effect will be affected by the size of the Strategic Site as larger sites are likely to offer more opportunities for higher numbers of people to access training opportunities and develop new skills. The employment land requirement for the plan period is likely to be in the order of 50 hectares. Strategic Sites that are capable of providing 20% or more of the total land requirement (i.e. 10 hectares) are considered to have a significant positive effect (++)

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		<p>on this objective. Strategic Sites contributing less than 20% of the total land requirement are considered to have a minor positive effect (+).</p> <p>It is unlikely that employment developments will have a direct effect on social inclusion.</p> <p>Evidence Used: Basildon Employment Land and Premises Study (July 2013).</p>
<p>7: Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally</p>	<p>Will it contribute to the reduction of the number of unfit homes?</p> <p>Will it contribute towards increasing the opportunities for people forced to live in temporary accommodation?</p> <p>Will it increase the provision of more affordable housing for all social groups, including key workers?</p> <p>Will it increase the provision of authorised sites for gypsies & travellers and travelling showpeople?</p> <p>Will it increase the net availability of new homes in the Borough?</p> <p>Will it reduce the number of households living in fuel poverty?</p>	<p>Large Strategic Sites containing new residential dwellings will provide opportunities for developing a greater number of new private and affordable homes and therefore making a significant contribution to meeting the housing needs of the Borough. Given that housing need over the plan period is likely to be of the order of 16,000 dwellings, it has been considered that 800 dwellings (5% of the 16,000) would lead to a significant positive effect (++) , given that they are also likely to provide a range of types and tenure of home. The threshold for 'strategic' development in terms of planning applications in Basildon Borough is 100 dwellings, therefore between 100 and 800 dwellings in a Strategic Site is assumed to have a minor positive effect (+). Strategic Sites that would deliver less than 100 dwellings would have a negligible (0) effect.</p> <p>Evidence used: Basildon Borough Council Strategic Sites 2015 GIS Layer.</p>
<p>8: Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment</p>	<p>Will it reduce health inequalities?</p> <p>Will it contribute to the reduction of mortality rates?</p> <p>Will it improve access to high quality health facilities?</p> <p>Will it encourage healthier lifestyles?</p> <p>Will it increase access to recreation facilities and open space?</p>	<p>All of the site options are likely to have at least a minor positive (+) effect on this SA objective, as it is assumed that all of the Strategic Sites would include the provision of new healthcare facilities to support the growing population, or the expansion of existing facilities, as well as new green infrastructure including walking and cycle routes, which should have a positive effect in</p>

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	<p>Will it improve air, water or environmental quality?</p> <p>Will it reduce the number of households living in fuel poverty?</p>	<p>relation to encouraging more active lifestyles.</p> <p>Sites that are within easy walking distance (600m) of a doctor's surgery or a hospital and at least one formal open space³, footpath or cycle route may have a significant positive (++) effect because of the potential to use these facilities and recreational areas as well as the new ones. With respect to the health services and facilities it may also be easier and more resource/cost efficient to expand those existing facilities to accommodate new residents as required, rather than providing new ones within the Strategic Sites. However, this effect is uncertain due to a lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand those services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Employment/Mixed Use Sites</p> <p>All employment development is expected to have a minor positive (+) effect on this objective as it is considered that the provision of employment can have indirect health benefits.</p> <p>Strategic Sites that create new long-term jobs will also be able to influence healthier lifestyles through easy walking access to health and recreation facilities and open space which employees could access during lunch breaks and before and after work.</p> <p>Evidence Used: Watch Out For Health: A Checklist for Assessing the Health Impact of Planning Proposals (Healthy Urban Development Unit, 2009).</p>
<p>9: Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced</p>	<p>Will it help encourage community spirit and civic pride?</p> <p>Will it help the development of community level activities and organisations?</p> <p>Will it contribute to increasing participation in community activities?</p> <p>Will it help to improve the satisfaction people have with their neighbourhoods as places to live?</p>	<p>The effects of Strategic Sites on safety, crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the inclusion of naturally surveyed open space and lighting or the implementation of initiatives such as the shared street. However, this will only be determined through the detailed proposals for each Strategic Site.</p> <p>The location of development is not likely to influence people's participation in community activities or the development of community spirit/civic pride or community</p>

³ Formal open spaces include Outdoor Sports Facilities; Allotments, Community Gardens and City Farms; Churchyards and Cemeteries; Outdoor Sports Facilities; Parks and/or Gardens; and Educational Fields and Children's Equipped Playspace.

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	<p>Will it help to reduce crime rates?</p> <p>Will it help to address people's fear of crime?</p> <p>Will it improve the safety of the built or natural environment?</p> <p>Will it improve road safety to road users?</p> <p>Will it improve the safety of roads to other users?</p> <p>Will it help to reduce inequality within the Borough (e.g. between different groups or urban and rural areas) and wider afield (e.g. between the East of England region and more disadvantaged parts of the country or world)?</p> <p>Will it contribute to a high quality, well designed, living environment?</p>	<p>organisations/activities. Proximity to existing community facilities is considered in objective 11.</p> <p>Therefore, it is considered the effects of all Strategic Sites on this objective will be negligible (0).</p>
<p>10: Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough</p>	<p>Will it improve the quality of life for people living in the Borough?</p> <p>Will it improve the quality of the local housing stock?</p> <p>Will it improve the local environment?</p> <p>Will it improve job prospects for local people?</p> <p>Will it contribute to a high quality, well-designed, living environment?</p> <p>Will it contribute towards any regeneration initiatives, or benefit any deprived areas?</p>	<p>If a Strategic Site is located within an existing deprived area (i.e. 0-50% of the Indices of Multiple Deprivation), it may have the potential to improve the area, with minor positive (+) effects on this objective.</p> <p><u>Employment/Mixed Use Sites</u></p> <p>Strategic Sites containing employment uses which are in easy walking distance (600m) of an existing deprived area may have the potential to improve the area remotely by generating employment opportunities in the immediate vicinity, with minor positive effects against this objective (+).</p> <p>Evidence used: IMD GIS Map.</p>
<p>11: Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities</p>	<p>Will it improve the accessibility for all to key local services (schools, Hospitals, health centres, leisure and sports facilities etc.)?</p> <p>Will it improve accessibility for all to shopping facilities?</p> <p>Will it encourage journeys to be taken by more walking, cycling and/or using of public transport?</p>	<p>The effects of new development on this objective will depend on the capacity and location of local services and facilities to serve the growing population. It is assumed that all Strategic Sites would meet growing need through the incorporation of new facilities and services on site or the expansion of existing facilities to accommodate growing demand.</p> <p>Where Strategic Sites are within easy walking distance of community services and facilities, residents will be more easily able to access these facilities. Good public transport links will also</p>

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		<p>be beneficial as they will enable residents to access services and facilities that are further away without having to rely on the use of private cars.</p> <p>Strategic Sites that are within easy walking distance (600m) of the following existing or planned⁴ services and facilities: formal open spaces⁵, a doctor's surgery or hospital, primary and secondary schools/higher education centres, a town centre and/or local centres and sustainable transport infrastructure⁶ are likely to have a significant positive (++) effect on this objective.</p> <p>Strategic Sites that are within easy walking distance of the following existing or planned services and facilities including at least one formal open space, a health centre, a primary school and a town centre or local centre are likely to have a minor positive (+) effect on this objective regardless of their proximity to sustainable transport infrastructure.</p> <p>Strategic Sites that are not within easy walking distance of a formal open space, a health centre, a primary school and a town or local centre but are within easy walking distance of sustainable transport infrastructure will have a minor negative (-) effect on this objective.</p> <p>Strategic Sites that are not located within easy walking distance of any community services/facilities, or any sustainable transport infrastructure will have a significant negative (--) effect on this objective.</p> <p>When assessing Strategic Sites, obstructions effecting access to community services/facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure, such as major roads or railway lines have been taken into account and have affected the score accordingly.</p> <p>All effects are uncertain (?) due to a lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if</p>

⁴ Planned services and facilities only include those within the Strategic Site under assessment.

⁵ Formal open spaces include Outdoor Sports Facilities; Allotments, Community Gardens and City Farms; Churchyards and Cemeteries; Outdoor Sports Facilities; Parks and/or Gardens; and Educational Fields and Children's Equipped Playspace.

⁶ Sustainable transport infrastructure includes Public Rights of Way (PRoW), bus stops and railway stations.

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		<p>required.</p> <p>Evidence Used: Definitive Footpaths GIS Map, Open Space Areas and Buffers GIS Map, PRoW non statutory 2012 GIS Map, hospitals and health centres GIS Map, Secondary Schools GIS Map, Primary Schools GIS Map, Higher Education GIS Map, Transport GIS Map, Town Centres GIS Map and Local Centres GIS Map, Indoor Sports and Recreation Study 2011.</p>
<p>12: Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings</p>	<p>Will it reduce the amount of derelict, degraded and underused land in the Borough?</p> <p>Will it encourage development on Previously Developed Land?</p> <p>Will it encourage the repair and re-use of buildings?</p> <p>Will it minimise the loss or damage to soils from development?</p> <p>Will it lead to more appropriate or efficient uses of land?</p> <p>Will it minimise development on Grade 3a agricultural land?</p> <p>Will it involve development of areas designated as Mineral Safeguarding Areas?</p>	<p>The location of Strategic Sites can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sites that are mainly or entirely on greenfield land which is classed as being of Grade 1 or Grade 2 agricultural quality would have a significant negative (--) effect. Sites that are mainly or entirely on greenfield land that is classed as Grade 3 are likely to have a significant negative effect (--) as such land could be identified as best and most versatile land; however, the distribution of such the Borough's best and most versatile land is unknown. Therefore this effect is uncertain (?). Sites that are mainly or entirely on greenfield land that is classed as Grade 4, Grade 5 or urban land would have a minor negative (-) effect. Sites that are mainly (but not entirely) on brownfield land could have a minor positive (+?) effect although this is uncertain depending on the quality of land in the rest of the site. <p>Sites that are entirely on brownfield land would have a significant positive (++) effect.</p> <p>Evidence Used: Agricultural Land Classification GIS Map.</p>
<p>13: Minimise the risk of flooding</p>	<p>Will it take account of and mitigate against the potential</p>	<p>All Strategic Sites containing land designated as Flood Risk Zone</p>

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<p>and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring</p>	<p>impacts of flooding, and more storms?</p> <p>Will it reduce the risk of damage to property and health from flooding and storm events?</p> <p>Will it lead to development in lower flood risk areas?</p>	<p>3b (the functional flood plain) are likely to have a significant negative effect (--) on this objective. Flood Zone 3b may include flood storage areas.</p> <p>Strategic Sites planned for residential dwellings and containing land designated as Flood Risk Zone 3a (high probability of flood risk) are also assumed to have a significant negative effect (--) as residential dwellings are classified in DCLG Technical Guidance on flood risk (March 2012) as being a 'more vulnerable use' which should only be included in Flood Risk Zone 3a if the Exception Test is passed.</p> <p>Strategic Sites planned solely for employment uses and containing land designated as Flood Zone 3a (high probability of flood risk) are assumed to have a minor negative effect (-) as employment uses are classified in DCLG Technical Guidance on flood risk (March 2012) as being a 'less vulnerable use'.</p> <p>All Strategic Sites containing land designated as Flood Risk Zone 2 are likely to have a minor negative effect (-) on this objective.</p> <p>All Strategic Sites that sit partially or wholly within 'Critical Drainage Areas' (CDAs) or with 1/3 or more of their total area covered in land known to be susceptible to groundwater or surface water flooding are assumed to have a minor negative effect (-) on this objective.</p> <p>Professional judgement will be used to assess the potential for mitigation measures outlined in strategic site allocation policies to reduce adverse effects and enhancement measures to have positive effects (+) or (++).</p> <p>Evidence Used: South Essex Surface Water Management Plan, 2012, Flood GIS Map, Level 1 and 2, Surface Water Flooding & Ground Water Flooding GIS Maps and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment.</p>
<p>14: Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases,</p>	<p>Will it reduce traffic volumes?</p> <p>Will it increase the proportion of journeys using alternative transport modes to private vehicles?</p>	<p>The close proximity of Strategic Sites to community services/facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure will play a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions emitted from</p>

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<p>improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels</p>	<p>Will it improve the accessibility to key local services?</p> <p>Will it ensure buildings are designed so that they use and waste less energy?</p> <p>Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable sources?</p> <p>Will it reduce the burden on natural resources during the construction and operation of developments?</p>	<p>private cars. Therefore, the score assigned to Objective 11: Improve Accessibility to and Enhance Local Services and Facilities will be reviewed in this regard.</p> <p>Professional judgement will be used to assess the potential for mitigation measures outlined in strategic site allocation policies to reduce adverse effects and enhancement measures to have positive effects (+) or (++).</p> <p>Evidence Used: Definitive Footpaths GIS Map, Open Space Areas and Buffers GIS Map, PRoW non statutory 2012 GIS Map, hospitals and health centres GIS Map, Secondary Schools GIS Map, Primary Schools GIS Map, Higher Education GIS Map, Transport GIS Map, Town Centres GIS Map and Local Centre GIS Map.</p>
<p>15: Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures</p>	<p>Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases and other air-borne pollutants?</p> <p>Will it improve air quality?</p> <p>Will it reduce noise levels, including those from roads and transport?</p> <p>Will it maintain and enhance soil quality?</p>	<p>The proximity of Strategic Sites to community services/facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure will play a key role in reducing air pollution from private cars. Therefore, the score assigned to Objective 11: Improve Accessibility to and Enhance Local Services and Facilities will be reviewed in this regard.</p> <p>Professional judgement will be used to assess the potential for mitigation measures outlined in strategic site allocation policies to reduce adverse effects and enhancement measures to have positive effects (+) or (++).</p> <p>Employment/Mixed Use Sites</p> <p>Strategic Sites containing employment uses that are poorly situated with respect to the strategic road network⁷ could give rise to minor negative effects arising from noise and disturbance from heavy goods vehicles, although this will depend upon the type of employment use (-).</p> <p>Evidence used: Definitive Footpaths GIS Map, Open Space Areas and Buffers GIS Map, PRoW non statutory 2012 GIS Map, hospitals and health centres GIS Map, Secondary Schools GIS Map, Primary Schools GIS Map, Higher Education GIS Map,</p>

⁷ The Strategic Road Network is defined as motorways and A-roads.

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<p>16: Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management</p>	<p>Will it improve river quality?</p> <p>Will it contribute towards the reduction of water consumption?</p> <p>Will it encourage water efficiency, including recycling and re-use?</p>	<p>Transport GIS Map, Town Centres GIS Map, Local Centre GIS.</p> <p>There is potential for adverse effects where Strategic Sites cause capacity issues on the waste water network; however, the capacity of the water network has been taken into consideration in the drafting of strategic site allocation policies. Where capacity issues have been identified, policies include plans to upgrade the waste water network. Therefore, a negligible effect (0) is likely where the site is not in close proximity to a watercourse, aquifer or groundwater vulnerability zone.</p> <p>Strategic Sites in close proximity to watercourses and aquifers have the potential to pollute local water sources, most notably during their construction with minor negative effects (-) against this objective. However, this effect is recorded solely as uncertain (?), recognising that standard construction practices should mitigate such adverse effects.</p> <p>A minor negative effect (-) is recorded where a Strategic Site sits partially or wholly within a Groundwater Vulnerability Zone. Basildon Borough does not contain any Source Protection Zones.</p> <p>Professional judgement will be used to assess the potential for mitigation measures outlined in strategic site allocation policies to reduce adverse effects and enhancement measures to have positive effects (+) or (++).</p> <p>Evidence used: Environment Agency Groundwater designation maps, South Essex Water Cycle Study 2011, Main River GIS Map, Groundwater Vuln Drift GIS Map,</p>
<p>17: Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change</p>	<p>Has it taken account of potential effects brought about by climate change (e.g. flooding, higher temperatures, more storms)?</p> <p>Will it encourage the use of Sustainable Drainage Systems?</p> <p>Will it encourage green infrastructure, (such as green roofs) and the planting of trees?</p> <p>Will it provide shelter in the public realm from adverse</p>	<p>The effect of new development on this objective will depend largely on factors which are not influenced by the location of Strategic Sites, such as detailed design, layout and landscaping which incorporates technologies and initiatives which help adapt to the effects of climate change. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that all Strategic Sites will have an uncertain (?) effect on this objective.</p>

SA Objectives	Key Prompt Questions	SA Assumptions
	weather conditions?	Professional judgement will be used to assess the potential for mitigation and enhancement measures outlined in strategic site allocation policies to have positive effects (+/++) against this objective.
18: Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	<p>Will it contribute towards the reduction in the consumption of materials and resources?</p> <p>Will it contribute towards the reduction of waste sent to household & commercial waste?</p> <p>Will it contribute towards the reduction of household, construction and demolition waste going to landfill?</p> <p>Will it contribute towards the increase of waste recovery and recycling?</p> <p>Will it encourage the re-use or recycling of products and packaging?</p> <p>Will it make use of, or increase the demand for, recycled materials?</p> <p>Will it reduce the generation of hazardous waste?</p>	<p>The location of Strategic Sites is not likely to influence the consumption of materials or resources, volumes of waste produced including the generation of hazardous waste, or the construction/demolition waste going to landfill. Nor is the location of Strategic Sites likely to have an effect on the recovery, re-use or recycling of waste materials, or the demand for recycled materials. These details will be promoted and secured through the detailed design proposals for each Strategic Site at the planning application stage and strategic policies. Therefore, all Strategic Sites are likely to have an uncertain effect (?) on this objective.</p> <p>Professional judgement will be used to assess the potential for mitigation measures outlined in strategic site allocation policies to reduce adverse effects and enhancement measures to have positive effects (+) or (++).</p>
19: Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	<p>Will it contribute towards the reduction of traffic volumes?</p> <p>Will it contribute towards the reduction of traffic congestion?</p> <p>Will it increase the proportion of journeys made using alternative transport modes to private vehicles?</p> <p>Will it encourage more journeys to be made by walking, cycling or travelling by bus or train?</p> <p>Will it contribute towards the improvement of air quality?</p> <p>Will it contribute towards the reduction of distances people need to travel to access work and other lifestyle pursuits?</p> <p>Will it reduce the need to travel?</p>	<p>The effects of new development on this objective will depend on the capacity of the highway network to accommodate more vehicles and provide local services and facilities which can be accessed via sustainable modes of transport – walking, cycling and public transport. It is assumed that all Strategic Sites would meet growing need through appropriate highway mitigation measures, the incorporation of new facilities and services on site or the expansion of existing facilities in close proximity the site.</p> <p>Strategic Sites which are within easy walking distance (600m) of community services/facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure will provide more opportunities for residents and employees to access services and facilities in a sustainable manner (i.e. on foot, bicycle or public transport), reducing the need for residents to travel by private car. The score assigned to Objective 11: Improve Accessibility to and Enhance Local</p>

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		<p>Services and Facilities will be reviewed in this regard.</p> <p>Strategic Sites which have the potential to adversely affect the highway network will have a significant negative (--) effect on this objective.</p> <p><u>Employment/Mixed Use Sites</u></p> <p>Strategic Sites with planned employment uses could give rise to minor negative effects on traffic movements when not located in close proximity to the strategic road network⁸, although this will depend upon the type of employment use (-).</p> <p>The proximity of Strategic Sites with planned employment uses to sustainable transport infrastructure and sources of workers (i.e. within easy walking distance of existing residential development) could help to play a positive role in minimising congestion by encouraging people to use alternatives to the private car to commute, with minor positive effects, although this is uncertain (+/?).</p> <p>Professional judgement will be used to assess the potential for mitigation measures outlined in strategic site allocation policies to reduce adverse effects and enhancement measures to have positive effects (+) or (++).</p> <p>Evidence used: Definitive Footpaths GIS Map, Open Space Areas and Buffers GIS Map, PRoW non statutory 2012 GIS Map, hospitals and health centres GIS Map, Secondary Schools GIS Map, Primary Schools GIS Map, Higher Education GIS Map, Transport GIS Map, Town Centres GIS Map, Transport Evidence Base (modelling and mitigation).</p>

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Appendix 4
SA Matrices of Preferred Policies and Alternatives

Chapter 6 – Achieving a Sustainable Development Policies

SA Objectives	Chapter 6 – Achieving Sustainable Development		
	SD1	SD2	SD3
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough.	--/+/?	--/+/?	+
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough.	--/?	--/+/?	+
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it.	--/?	--/?	+
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration.	++	++	+
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development.	++	++	+
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough.	+/?	?	+
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally.	++/?	++	+
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment.	+/?	?	+
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced.	++	++/-/?	+
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough.	+	++	+
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities.	+/?	++	+
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings.	+/--	++/--	+
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring.	+/--	--/?	+

SA Objectives	Chapter 6 – Achieving Sustainable Development		
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels.	+/-/?	+/?	+
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures.	-/+	-/+	+
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management.	?	?	+
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the effects of climate change.	0	0	+
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used.	-	-	+
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations.	?	+/?	+

Policy SD1 – Strategic Approach to Sustainable Development

Recommendations:

Reword criterion 5 of the policy as follows:

In order to ensure that the local people and the economy can thrive, growth will be phased, aligned with the provision of the **SERVICES** and infrastructure needed to keep people and businesses connected and moving, and enabling local residents to stay healthy and fulfil their potential.

Also define what is meant by 'services' and 'infrastructure' in the supporting text.

Option 1: No Policy. The NPPF expects local planning authorities to devise a Local Plan which achieves positive outcomes across the three dimensions of sustainable development. To not include a policy setting out a strategic approach to sustainable development would not therefore be a reasonable alternative, as the plan would be inconsistent with the NPPF. Consequently, this has not been appraised further.

Option 2: No Development in the Green Belt.

Option 3: Accommodating more urban development to reduce Green Belt Loss.

Option 4: Accommodate Housing Growth at the higher end of the OAN range.

SA Objectives	SD1	Alternative				Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	--/+/?		- / + /?	-- / + /?	-- / + /?	<p>The Council is seeking to meet its minimum objectively assessed development needs of 15,260 homes and 49ha of employment land, a significant proportion of which will be developed in the Green Belt as approximately only 6,500-7,000 homes and 35-38ha of industrial land can be accommodated in the urban area.</p> <p>The Plan has been supported by a Green Belt review seeking to ensure that the purpose of the wider Green Belt is maintained and that those parts of the Green Belt of high landscape value are protected and enhanced where possible.</p> <p>Development in the Green Belt will include urban extensions and strategic sites.</p> <p>Development has been directed to areas of higher landscape capacity as far as possible, however, there will still be areas of higher landscape sensitivity affected.</p> <p>An overall significant adverse, mixed, uncertain effect is predicted recognising that the Council has sought to optimise the use of previously developed land; however, there will still be a need for a significant proportion of development in the Green Belt, which is likely to impact significantly negatively on the Borough's landscape and open countryside.</p> <p>Option 2 would result in no development in the Green Belt, however, there are still</p>

SA Objectives	SD1	Alternative				Justification
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						<p>predicted to be adverse impacts through development of greenfield sites in the urban areas. An overall mixed, uncertain effect is predicted.</p> <p>Option 3 would involve accommodating more urban development to reduce Green Belt loss. However, evidence suggests that there is a finite supply of suitable, available and achievable land within the urban areas. Consequently, meeting the objectively assessed development needs would require greater development densities to be adopted and/or considering whether other land (e.g. open space) could be used to meet development needs. This could significantly change the character of the urban landscape, through taller developments potentially with less open space available locally to meet needs. An overall mixed, significant adverse, uncertain effect is predicted.</p> <p>Option 4 would accommodate growth at the higher end of the OAN range (16,740 homes) over the plan period. This alternative would have similar effects to the preferred policy outlined in SD1, although the magnitude of the effects on the landscape and countryside would be likely to be even greater, especially as it is probable that more greenfield land would need to be developed.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	--/?		- /?	-- /?	-- /?	<p>The Borough has a number of designated heritage assets including Scheduled Monuments (in Billericay and Basildon), four Conservation Areas and Grade I, Grade II* and Grade II Listed Buildings.</p> <p>The Historic Environment Characterisation Study for the Borough notes that the parts of the Borough are of a 'high sensitivity' to change and could be adversely affected by new development either through impacts on the setting of designated assets or removal of underground archaeology.</p> <p>Policy SD1 seeks to meet its minimum objectively assessed development needs for the Borough. This would require some 6,500-7,000 homes and 35-38ha of industrial land to be delivered in the urban areas with the remained being accommodated in the Green Belt.</p> <p>Development in the Borough's town centres may adversely affect the setting of listed buildings.</p> <p>Development in the Green Belt may adversely affect the setting of cultural heritage features, particularly to the West of the Borough (including assets outside the Borough boundary such as Thorndon Hall Registered Park and Garden), East Basildon and to the West and North East of Wickford.</p>

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						<p>An overall significant adverse, uncertain effect is predicted recognising the scale of change anticipated to the Borough.</p> <p>Option 2 would result in no development in the Green Belt, however, there are still predicted to be adverse impacts through the large-scale development predicted in the urban area (6,500-7,000 homes and 35-38ha of employment land).</p> <p>Option 3 would involve accommodating more urban development to reduce Green Belt loss. However, evidence suggests that there is a finite supply of suitable, available and achievable land within the urban areas. Consequently, meeting the objectively assessed development needs would require greater development densities to be adopted and/or considering whether other land (e.g. open space) could be used to meet development needs. Accommodating all development within the urban areas could significantly adversely impact on the character and local distinctiveness of the Borough by requiring high density, tall developments which would be out of keeping with the existing scale and type of development. An overall significant adverse, uncertain effect is predicted.</p> <p>Option 4 would accommodate growth at the higher end of the OAN range (16,740 homes) over the plan period. This alternative would have similar effects to the preferred policy outlined in SD1, although the magnitude of the effects on the borough's heritage interest would be likely to be even greater, especially as it is probable that more greenfield land would need to be developed.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	--/?		- /?	- /?	-- /?	<p>SD1 seeks to meet its minimum objectively assessed development needs for the borough. This involves up to 7,000 homes and 38ha of employment land in urban areas and the remainder in the in the Green Belt.</p> <p>Direct impacts on SSSIs and ancient woodland are not likely (impacts on the internationally designated nature conservation sites outside the Borough is considered in full through the HRA). However, in order to accommodate all the growth in the Borough, indirect and direct impacts on Local Wildlife Sites, protected species and BAP priority (as well as locally important) habitats is predicted. There will a loss of biodiversity from greenfield and brownfield sites which will be difficult to mitigate completely.</p> <p>An overall significant adverse, uncertain effect is predicted.</p> <p>Option 2 would result in no development in the Green Belt, however, there are still</p>

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						<p>predicted to be adverse impacts through the large-scale development predicted in the urban area (6,500-7,000 homes and 35-38ha of employment land). An overall minor adverse, uncertain effect is predicted.</p> <p>Option 3 would involve accommodating more urban development to reduce Green Belt loss. Due to limitations on suitable, available and achievable urban land, it would be necessary for developers to build up to meet the objectively assessed need for housing. This could result in less land take than under policy SD1. Minor adverse, uncertain effects are still predicted recognising there will a loss of brownfield and greenfield biodiversity in the urban areas.</p> <p>Option 4 would accommodate growth at the higher end of the OAN range (16,740 homes) over the plan period. This alternative would have similar effects to the preferred policy outlined in SD1, although the magnitude of the effects on biodiversity could even greater, especially as it is probable that more greenfield land would need to be developed.</p>
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	++		--	+ /- /?	+	<p>SD1 seeks to deliver sufficient employment land to provide jobs to accommodate the Borough's objectively assessed housing need. This includes 35-38ha in the Borough's urban area and 11-14ha in the Green Belt.</p> <p>Criterion 4 of policy SD1 states that <i>".. In order to ensure that economic growth benefits local residents and builds on opportunities arising from a changing economy, provision of new jobs will be focused on high skilled jobs in the scientific and technology sectors and new economic opportunities will be created through the regeneration of town centres and enterprise parks.."</i></p> <p>Criterion 5. states that <i>".. In order to ensure that the local people and the local economy can thrive, growth will be phased, aligned with the provision of the infrastructure needs to keep people and businesses connected and moving..."</i></p> <p>An overall significant positive effect is predicted, although the quantum of housing is less than the 16,000 dwellings used to identify the need for 49 ha of B class employment land, suggesting a slight under-provision in housing compared to employment land to be delivered.</p> <p>Option 2 would result in no development in the Green Belt. Development would still be provided in the Borough's urban areas, however, the full objectively assessed development needs would not be met. An overall significant adverse effect is predicted.</p>

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						<p>Option 3 would involve accommodating more urban development to reduce Green Belt loss. However, evidence suggests that there is a finite supply of suitable, available and achievable land within the urban areas. Consequently, meeting the objectively assessed development needs would require greater development densities to be adopted and/or considering whether other land (e.g. open space) could be used to meet development needs. This option is expected to score overall mixed effects – positive as objectively assessed would still be met; negative impacts could result from the potential impact on the Borough’s town centres (e.g. change to character) and through the potential for the type of housing to be more focused on delivery of flats (due the higher density development) and less on family housing – this could impact on employee retention.</p> <p>Option 4 would accommodate growth at the higher end of the OAN range (16,740 homes) over the plan period. This alternative would have similar effects to the preferred policy outlined in SD1, but the amount of housing would be in excess of the 16,000 dwellings scenario that was used to identify the need for 49 ha of B class employment land, suggesting a possible slight imbalance.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough’s Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	++		+	+ / -	+	<p>SD1 seeks to meet the minimum objectively assessed need for 15,260 homes and 49ha of employment land. This includes delivery of 6,500-7,000 homes and 35-38ha of employment land in the urban areas. Development in the Borough’s urban areas will support development and regeneration of the Borough’s town centres. An overall significant positive effect is predicted.</p> <p>Option 2 would result in no development in the Green Belt. Development would still be provided in the Borough’s urban areas and this is assumed to include development and regeneration of the Borough’s town centres. An overall significant positive effect is predicted.</p> <p>Option 3 would involve accommodating more urban development to reduce Green Belt loss. However, evidence suggests that there is a finite supply of suitable, available and achievable land within the urban areas. Consequently, meeting the objectively assessed development needs would require greater development densities to be adopted and/or considering whether other land (e.g. open space) could be used to meet development needs. This could impact on the overall sustainability of the Borough’s town centres – impacting on character, potentially increasing overcrowding and pressure for services and facilities and affecting the overall quality of life for residents in the borough’s centres. A mixed, significant adverse effect is predicted recognising that development would still be</p>

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						<p>directed to the Borough's centres, however, the scale of change would be large.</p> <p>Option 4 would accommodate growth at the higher end of the OAN range (16,740 homes) over the plan period. This alternative would have similar effects to the preferred policy outlined in SD1.</p>
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+/?		+/?	-/?	+/?	<p>Policy SD1 sets out the Borough's strategy to meet the minimum objectively assessed need for 15,260 homes and 49ha of employment land. Criterion 5. of the policy states that <i>"..in order to ensure that the local people and the local economy can thrive, growth will be phased, aligned with the provision of the infrastructure needed to keep people and businesses connected and moving and enabling local residents to stay healthy and fulfil their potential.."</i> This infrastructure is assumed to include educational facilities.</p> <p>An Infrastructure Delivery Plan has been prepared to support the Local Plan supported by assessments and discussions with service providers including Essex County Council Education Commissioning Body. Essex County Council provided a number of recommendations in respect of the educational requirements in order to meet the needs arising from the homes needed in the borough. It is assumed that these have been taken on board accordingly by Basildon Borough. An overall minor positive, uncertain effect is predicted</p> <p>Option 2 would result in no development in the Green Belt. Development would still be provided in the Borough's urban areas. Option 2 is expected to score similarly to policy SD1.</p> <p>Option 3 would involve accommodating more urban development to reduce Green Belt loss. However, evidence suggests that there is a finite supply of suitable, available and achievable land within the urban areas. Consequently, meeting the objectively assessed development needs would require greater development densities to be adopted and/or considering whether other land (e.g. open space) could be used to meet development needs. This could place greater pressure on the availability of urban areas to accommodate new educational facilities to meet the growth requirements. An overall minor adverse, uncertain effect is predicted.</p> <p>Option 4 would accommodate growth at the higher end of the OAN range (16,740 homes) over the plan period. This alternative would have similar effects to the preferred policy outlined in SD1.</p>
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and	++/?		--	+/-	+	<p>The SHMA 2015 concludes that the Borough's Objectively Assessed Need is between 15,260 and 16,740 homes over the plan period 2014 to 2034. Policy SD1 sets out the</p>

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increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally				/?	/?	<p>Borough's strategy to meet the minimum objectively assessed need of 15,260 homes. As such, there is expected to be a significant positive effect against this objective in relation to policy SD1. Although the housing to be provided as the lowest end of the range, it allows for more housing to be delivered by inclusion of the clause "at least...".</p> <p>There is uncertainty as to whether the upper range can be fully met within the Borough itself, although the policy notes that "Where it is not possible to meet any specific development need within Basildon Borough, the Council will cooperate with neighbouring authorities for that need to be met as close to the Borough as possible."</p> <p>Finally, it may be difficult to deliver the required rate of houses per year given past delivery rates e.g. 119 homes were delivered between 1st April 2014 and 31st March 2015 (achievement of a minimum of 15,260 homes would require delivery of 700+ houses per annum).</p> <p>Option 2 would result in no development in the Green Belt. Housing would still be provided in the Borough's urban areas and this is assumed to include development and regeneration of the Borough's town centres. However, this option is unlikely to deliver the Borough's full objectively assessed need for housing. As such a significant adverse impact is predicted.</p> <p>Option 3 would involve accommodating more urban development to reduce Green Belt loss. However, evidence suggests that there is a finite supply of suitable, available and achievable land within the urban areas. Consequently, meeting the objectively assessed development needs would require greater development densities to be adopted and/or considering whether other land (e.g. open space) could be used to meet development needs. It may be difficult to deliver a mix of housing types under Option 3 (particularly family housing) given the limited land available and there may be difficulties in meeting other accommodation needs in the Borough e.g. specialist housing for older people and housing for gypsies and travellers and travelling showpeople. An overall mixed, uncertain effect is predicted.</p> <p>Option 4 would accommodate growth at the higher end of the OAN range (16,740 homes) over the plan period. This alternative would have similar effects to the preferred policy outlined in SD1.</p>
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to	+/?		+ /?	- /?	+ /?	<p>Policy SD1 sets out the Borough's strategy to meet the minimum objectively assessed need of 15,260 homes and 49ha of employment land. Criterion 5. of the policy states that "...in order to ensure that the local people and the local economy can thrive, growth will be phased, aligned with the provision of the infrastructure needed to keep people and</p>

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development and the environment						<p><i>businesses connected and moving and enabling local residents to stay healthy and fulfil their potential..”</i> This infrastructure is assumed to include health facilities.</p> <p>An Infrastructure Delivery Plan has been prepared to support the Local Plan supported by assessments and discussions with service providers including NHS England, Basildon and Thurrock University Hospital and the local Clinical Commissioning Group. . It is assumed that recommendations raised have been taken on board by Basildon Borough. An overall minor positive, uncertain effect is predicted</p> <p>Option 2 would result in no development in the Green Belt. Development would still be provided in the Borough’s urban areas. Option 2 is expected to score similarly to policy SD1.</p> <p>Option 3 would involve accommodating more urban development to reduce Green Belt loss. However, evidence suggests that there is a finite supply of suitable, available and achievable land within the urban areas. Consequently, meeting the objectively assessed development needs would require greater development densities to be adopted and/or considering whether other land (e.g. open space) could be used to meet development needs. This could place greater pressure on the availability of urban areas to accommodate new health facilities to meet the growth requirements. An overall minor adverse, uncertain effect is predicted.</p> <p>Option 4 would accommodate growth at the higher end of the OAN range (16,740 homes) over the plan period. This alternative would have similar effects to the preferred policy outlined in SD1.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	++		+	+ /- - /?	+	<p>SD1 seeks to meet the minimum objectively assessed need for 15,260 homes and 49ha of employment land. This includes delivery of 6,500-7,000 homes and 35-38ha of employment land in the urban areas. Criterion 5 of the policy states that growth will be phased, aligned with the provision of infrastructure needed to keep people and businesses connected and moving and enabling local residents to stay healthy and fulfil their potential. Delivery of new housing and employment land (supporting the provision of new jobs) and ensuring development is adequately phased should help create and sustain vibrant communities. An overall significant positive effect is predicted.</p> <p>Option 2 would result in no development in the Green Belt. Development would still be provided in the Borough’s urban areas and this is assumed to include development and regeneration of the Borough’s town centres. An overall significant positive effect is predicted.</p>

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						<p>Option 3 would involve accommodating more urban development to reduce Green Belt loss. However, evidence suggests that there is a finite supply of suitable, available and achievable land within the urban areas. Consequently, meeting the objectively assessed development needs would require greater development densities to be adopted and/or considering whether other land (e.g. open space) could be used to meet development needs. This could impact on the overall sustainability of the Borough's urban areas – impacting on character, potentially increasing overcrowding and pressure for services and facilities and affecting the overall quality of life for residents in the borough's centres. A mixed, significant adverse effect is predicted recognising that development would still be directed to the Borough's centres, however, the scale of change would be large.</p> <p>Option 4 would accommodate growth at the higher end of the OAN range (16,740 homes) over the plan period. This alternative would have similar effects to the preferred policy outlined in SD1.</p>
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+		+	+ / -	+	<p>Policy SD1 sets out the Borough's strategy to meet the minimum objectively assessed need of 15,260 homes and 49ha of employment land.</p> <p>It is expected that the overall policy approach will contribute positively to this objective. An overall positive effect is anticipated.</p> <p>Option 2 would result in no development in the Green Belt. Development would still be provided in the Borough's urban areas and this is assumed to include development and regeneration of the Borough's town centres. An overall positive effect is predicted.</p> <p>Option 3 would involve accommodating more urban development to reduce Green Belt loss. A mixed effect is predicted – development will be provided which would help regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas, however, intensifying development within urban areas rather than Green Belt could place additional pressure on services and facilities with limited space for new services/facilities to be developed.</p> <p>Option 4 would accommodate growth at the higher end of the OAN range (16,740 homes) over the plan period. This alternative would have similar effects to the preferred policy outlined in SD1.</p>
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+/?		+ /?	- /?	+ /?	<p>Policy SD1 sets out the Borough's strategy to meet the minimum objectively assessed need of 15,260 homes and 49ha of employment land. Criterion 5. of the policy states that <i>"..in order to ensure that the local people and the local economy can thrive, growth will be</i></p>

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						<p><i>phased, aligned with the provision of the infrastructure needed to keep people and businesses connected and moving and enabling local residents to stay healthy and fulfil their potential..”</i> This infrastructure is assumed to include local services and facilities. A positive uncertain effect is predicted.</p> <p>Option 2 would result in no development in the Green Belt. Development would still be provided in the Borough’s urban areas. Option 2 is expected to score similarly to policy SD1.</p> <p>Option 3 would involve accommodating more urban development to reduce Green Belt loss. However, evidence suggests that there is a finite supply of suitable, available and achievable land within the urban areas. Consequently, meeting the objectively assessed development needs would require greater development densities to be adopted and/or considering whether other land (e.g. open space) could be used to meet development needs. This could place greater pressure on the availability of urban areas to accommodate new services and facilities to meet the growth requirements. An overall minor adverse, uncertain effect is predicted.</p> <p>Option 4 would accommodate growth at the higher end of the OAN range (16,740 homes) over the plan period. This alternative would have similar effects to the preferred policy outlined in SD1.</p>
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	+/--		+	+	+	<p>Policy SD1 sets out the Borough’s strategy to meet the minimum objectively assessed need of 15,260 homes and 49ha of employment land.</p> <p>The policy states that the Council will optimise the use of previously developed land in the urban areas where it is suitable for development purposes. Suitable greenfield land will also need to be developed in urban areas. This will deliver 6,500-7,000 homes and 35-38ha of industrial land, with the remaining need being accommodated in the Green Belt.</p> <p>Recognising that the council has sought to maximise use of urban sites, positive effects are predicted. However, as a significant proportion of the Borough’s minimum housing need will be developed in the Green Belt, significant adverse effects are also predicted. It is recognised that the Council has drawn on evidence including the Green Belt review to inform which areas should be removed from the Green Belt.</p> <p>Option 2 would result in no development in the Green Belt. Development would still be provided in the Borough’s urban areas. An overall significant positive, minor negative effect is predicted (recognising there will be some development on greenfield sites in the urban area).</p>

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						<p>Option 3 would involve accommodating more urban development to reduce Green Belt loss. However, evidence suggests that there is a finite supply of suitable, available and achievable land within the urban areas. Consequently, meeting the objectively assessed development needs would require greater development densities to be adopted and/or considering whether other land (e.g. open space) could be used to meet development needs. This option would score significantly positively against this objective as it would make best use of previously developed land. An overall significant positive, minor adverse effect is predicted (recognising that this option may require development of existing greenfield urban sites such as open space sites).</p> <p>Option 4 would accommodate growth at the higher end of the OAN range (16,740 homes) over the plan period. This alternative would have similar effects to the preferred policy outlined in SD1, although it is probable that more greenfield land would need to be developed.</p>
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	+/--		+	+/-	+/-	<p>Policy SD1 sets out the Borough's strategy to meet the minimum objectively assessed need of 15,260 homes and 49ha of employment land.</p> <p>The policy states that the Council will optimise the use of previously developed land in the urban areas where it is suitable for development purposes. Suitable greenfield land will also need to be developed in urban areas. This will deliver 6,500-7,000 homes and 35-38ha of industrial land, with the remaining need being delivered in the Green Belt.</p> <p>There are areas at risk of flooding associated with the Rivers Crouch and Wid; the Nevendon Brook, Dunton Brook, Basildon Brook, North Benfleet Brook and the marshes and ditches to the south of the Borough. The borough is also at risk of pluvial flooding.</p> <p>Criterion 3 of the policy states that "... a sequential approach to flood risk has also been taken, and those areas at greatest risk of flooding will be avoided.."</p> <p>A significant adverse, mixed positive effect is predicted. Positive effects recognise the sequential approach to locating development. However, the scale of growth proposed will significantly increase the area of built development in the borough which is expected to exacerbate flood risk. Furthermore, the scale of growth will increase the number of people and properties at risk.</p> <p>Option 2 would result in no development in the Green Belt. Development would still be</p>

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						<p>provided in the Borough's urban areas. An overall mixed effect is predicted – it is assumed that a sequential approach will be taken to locating development in the urban area scoring positively; however, the scale of development in the urban area is expected to exacerbate existing flood risk.</p> <p>Option 3 would involve accommodating more urban development to reduce Green Belt loss. However, evidence suggests that there is a finite supply of suitable, available and achievable land within the urban areas. Consequently, meeting the objectively assessed development needs would require greater development densities to be adopted and/or considering whether other land (e.g. open space) could be used to meet development needs. An overall significant adverse mixed effect is predicted – it is assumed that a sequential approach will be taken to locating development in the urban area scoring positively; however, the scale of development in the urban area is expected to exacerbate existing flood risk.</p> <p>Option 4 would accommodate growth at the higher end of the OAN range (16,740 homes) over the plan period. This alternative would have similar effects to the preferred policy outlined in SD1.</p>
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+/-/?		+ /- /?	+ /- /?	+ /- /?	<p>Policy SD1 sets out the Borough's strategy to meet the minimum objectively assessed need of 15,260 homes and 49ha of employment land.</p> <p>The policy states that the Council will optimise the use of previously developed land in the urban areas where it is suitable for development purposes. Suitable greenfield land will also need to be developed in urban areas. This will deliver 6,500-7,000 homes and 35-38ha of industrial land, with the remaining need being delivered in the Green Belt. .</p> <p>Criterion 5 of the policy states that <i>"..in order to ensure that the local people and the local economy can thrive, growth will be phased, aligned with the provision of the infrastructure needed to keep people and businesses connected and moving and enabling local residents to stay healthy and fulfil their potential.."</i> This is assumed to relate to all required services and facilities, reducing the need to travel by car.</p> <p>However, the scale of growth is such that greenhouse gas emissions (including from car-based travel) are likely to increase. An overall significant adverse, mixed, uncertain effect is predicted.</p>

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						<p>Option 2 would result in no development in the Green Belt. Development would still be provided in the Borough's urban areas. An overall mixed, uncertain effect is predicted.</p> <p>Option 3 would involve accommodating more urban development to reduce Green Belt loss. However, evidence suggests that there is a finite supply of suitable, available and achievable land within the urban areas. Consequently, meeting the objectively assessed development needs would require greater development densities to be adopted and/or considering whether other land (e.g. open space) could be used to meet development needs. An overall significant adverse mixed effect is predicted similar to policy SD1 (as the same amount of growth would be delivered).</p> <p>Option 4 would accommodate growth at the higher end of the OAN range (16,740 homes) over the plan period. This alternative would have similar effects to the preferred policy outlined in SD1.</p>
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	-/+		- / +	- / +	- / +	<p>Additional development to meet the objectively assessed development needs of the Borough (policy SD1; Option 3; Option 4) would result in adverse effects from air, noise and land pollution particularly during construction. Both options offer scope to remediate contaminated land found on previously developed sites.</p> <p>Option 2 would score the same as SD1 and the other options. However, as the scale of growth is less, the effects would be less overall.</p>
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	?		?	?	?	<p>Policy SD1 sets out the Borough's strategy to meet the minimum objectively assessed need of 15,260 homes and 49ha of employment land.</p> <p>The policy states that the Council will optimise the use of previously developed land in the urban areas where it is suitable for development purposes. Suitable greenfield land will also need to be developed in urban areas. This will deliver 6,500-7,000 homes and 35-38ha of industrial land, with the remaining land being delivered in the Green Belt.</p> <p>Criterion 5 of the policy states that <i>"...in order to ensure that the local people and the local economy can thrive, growth will be phased, aligned with the provision of the infrastructure needed to keep people and businesses connected and moving and enabling local residents to stay healthy and fulfil their potential."</i> This is assumed to relate to water supply and wastewater treatment capacity. There is uncertainty given the scale of growth proposed.</p> <p>Options 2, 3 and 4 are expected to score similarly.</p>
17. Adopt building and public realm	0		0	0	0	Policy SD1 and the alternatives are not considered to directly impact on this objective.

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designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change						
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	-		-	-	-	Delivery of large-scale growth through SD1 and options 2, 3 and 4 is likely to increase the amount of waste generated. A minor adverse effect is predicted for all options.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	?		?	?	?	<p>Policy SD1 sets out the Borough's strategy to meet the minimum objectively assessed need of 15,260 homes and 49ha of employment land.</p> <p>The policy states that the Council will optimise the use of previously developed land in the urban areas where it is suitable for development purposes. Suitable greenfield land will also need to be developed in urban areas. This will deliver 6,500-7,000 homes and 35-38ha of industrial land, with the remaining need being delivered in the Green Belt.</p> <p>Criterion 5 of the policy states that <i>"...in order to ensure that the local people and the local economy can thrive, growth will be phased, aligned with the provision of the infrastructure needed to keep people and businesses connected and moving and enabling local residents to stay healthy and fulfil their potential."</i> This is assumed to relate to road and public transport infrastructure. There is uncertainty given the scale of growth proposed.</p> <p>Options 2, 3 and 4 are expected to score similarly.</p>

Policy SD2 - The Settlement Hierarchy and Distribution of Growth

Option 1: No policy. The NPPF expects Local Planning Authorities to devise a Local Plan which sets out a spatial strategy as to how development needs will be accommodated. To not include a policy setting out a spatial strategy would not therefore be a reasonable alternative as the plan would be inconsistent with the NPPF. This has not therefore been appraised further.

Option 2: Growth focused to Billericay and Wickford (Option B from the Spatial Options Topic Paper).

Option 3: Growth focused to Basildon (Option C from the Spatial Options Topic Paper).

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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	--/+/?		-- /+/ ?	-- / + /?	<p>Policy SD2 sets out the Borough’s approach to the settlement hierarchy and distribution of growth seeking to distribute a proportionate amount of growth to each of the main settlements, having regard to the capacity of the environment to accommodate such growth and the ability to maintain the overall purpose of the Green Belt. Under this policy 59% of overall housing growth would be directed to Basildon and 98% of overall employment growth. 12.5% of housing growth would be directed to Billericay; 22% to Wickford, 4% to Bowers Gifford; 0.3% to each of the serviced settlements and 1.5% to the unserviced settlements. Through policy SD2, development to the West of Basildon will result in the unserviced settlement of Dunton Village becoming part of the Main Settlement Area of Basildon. This is likely to significantly change the landscape character of Dunton, accepting that the policy states that “... the design and layout of development and landscaping will be used to ensure that visual distinction exists between these areas..” (resulting in minor positive effects). SD2 supports 600 homes in Bowers Gifford which could erode the gap between this settlement and Basildon and potentially between Basildon and Castle Point. An overall significant adverse, positive effect is predicted</p> <p>Option 2 seeks to focus more growth to Billericay and Wickford. This would result in around 21% of housing being directed to Wickford; 19% to Billericay and 56% to Basildon.</p> <p>Increasing the amount of development including employment, particularly in Billericay is likely to result in significant adverse effects on the landscape increasing the amount of development within and close to areas with no/very low capacity for development. It is assumed that town centre regeneration would still occur which is likely to result in long term improvements in the urban areas of the towns.</p> <p>Option 3 seeks to focus more growth to Basildon. This would result in around 73% of housing growth to Basildon; 12% to Wickford and 11% to Billericay. Directing the majority of the development to Basildon’s Green Belt could result in significant effects on the landscape of the town, particularly to the East where development could encroach East</p>

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					<p>of North Benfleet reducing the strategic gap between Basildon Borough and Castle Point. Mitigation, e.g. creation of a sub-regional park, informal open space in the remaining gap could provide some mitigation.</p> <p>All options are expected to score the same as the same overall quantum of growth will be delivered (and majority of growth would be directed to Basildon in each case).</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	--/+/?		--/?	--/?	<p>Under policy SD2 59% of overall housing growth would be directed to Basildon and nearly 98% of overall employment growth. 12.5% of housing growth would be directed to Billericay; 22% to Wickford, 4% to Bowers Gifford; 0.3% to each of the serviced settlements and 1.5% to the unserved settlements. Through policy SD2, development to the West of Basildon will result in the unserved settlement of Dunton Village becoming part of the Main Settlement Area of Basildon. The policy states that "... <i>It will however be expected that development will retain any historic elements of this settlement...</i>" (with potential for positive impacts). Around 600 homes would be supported in Bowers Gifford through this policy. Bowers Gifford falls within Historic Environment Zone 10.1: North Benfleet which is considered to be 'sensitive to change' (medium to large scale development is likely to have a considerable impact on the historic environment character of the zone). The historic field system, character of plotlands and moated sites are sensitive to change. The impact on West and East Basildon (albeit it less than option 3) is considered to score significantly adversely. Developing up to 3,300 homes around Wickford would contribute to adverse effects.</p> <p>Option 2 would direct more development to Billericay and Wickford which could adversely affect the setting of the Conservation Areas of Little and Great Burstead and associated Listed Buildings including the setting of the Grade I Listed St Mary Magdalene Church in Great Burstead.</p> <p>Much of the area proposed for development in Wickford is considered 'Highly Sensitive' to change on account of the potential to encounter underground archaeology (there is evidence of Mesolithic and Bronze Age period archaeology); as well as the presence of medieval moated sites. An overall significant adverse, uncertain effect is predicted as the potential for mitigation to come forward is uncertain.</p> <p>Option 3 would direct the greatest amount of development to Basildon. This could adversely affect the setting of two Grade II* Listed Buildings to the East of the Town and the setting of Thorndon Hall Registered Park and Garden to the West of Basildon (outwith the Borough). Furthermore, it may be difficult to fully mitigate the effect on the setting of</p>

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					<p>Grade II Listed Buildings to the West of the town.</p> <p>The Historic Environment Characterisation Study considers a number of character areas in and around Basildon. Sensitivity to change varies from '1' (the historic environment of the zone could accommodate medium to large-scale development, however specific historic environment assets may suffer adverse effects) to '3' – the zones historic environment is highly sensitive to medium to large scale development. Areas classed as '3' include land to the south of Basildon (including Dry Street and One Tree Hill – the landscape and below ground archaeology is considered highly sensitive); and North and West of North Benfleet. Specific locations such as around Nevendon Hall/Church complex; Dunton; Noak Bridge Conservation Area and Great Chalvedon Hall vary between 'sensitive' and 'highly sensitive' to change. As this option would direct the most development to Basildon, a significant adverse effect is predicted in respect of this objective.</p> <p>Effects on Billericay and Wickford are expected to be less as the amount growth in these towns would be less under this option. Overall significant adverse, uncertain effects are still predicted.</p> <p>Given the scale of growth proposed all options would have a significant adverse impact on cultural heritage, character and local distinctiveness.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	--/?		--/?	--/?	<p>Under policy SD2 59% of overall housing growth would be directed to Basildon and nearly 98% of overall employment growth. 12.5% of housing growth would be directed to Billericay; 22% to Wickford, 4% to Bowers Gifford; 0.3% to each of the serviced settlements and 1.5% to the unserved settlements. Through policy SD2, development to the West of Basildon will result in the unserved settlement of Dunton Village becoming part of the Main Settlement Area of Basildon. Whilst direct impacts on nationally designated assets are unlikely, there are expected to be direct impacts on Local Wildlife Sites and on priority habitats and species. There will also be indirect impacts from disturbance and recreation on designated and non-designated assets. An overall significant adverse uncertain effect is predicted.</p> <p>Option 2 directs more growth to Billericay and Wickford. The south and east of Billericay is particularly sensitive given the two SSSIs, ancient woodland and a number of Local Wildlife Sites which could be adversely affected by the greater amount of development here e.g. indirect impacts on the SSSIs and ancient woodland through recreational pressure and pollution. Furthermore, increasing the amount of development in Wickford which is within 2.5km of the Crouch & Roach Estuaries SPA, Ramsar and SAC could also</p>

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					<p>result in adverse effects.</p> <p>Less development to Basildon could reduce the pressure on designated nature conservation assets to the South of Basildon. Significant adverse effects are predicted although this is uncertain as mitigation could be implemented to reduce effects.</p> <p>Option 3 directs more growth to Basildon. The South of Basildon is particularly sensitive for biodiversity containing a network of SSSIs including Basildon Meadows, Vange and Pitsea Marsh as well as a number of Local Wildlife Sites and ancient woodland. There could be indirect impacts on the SSSIs and ancient woodland through recreation and disturbance and potential for direct impacts on Local Wildlife Sites. Furthermore, Benfleet & Southend Marshes Ramsar and SAC lies within 5km to the south east of Basildon.</p> <p>Significant adverse effects are predicted, although this is uncertain as mitigation could be implemented to reduce impacts.</p> <p>All options are expected to score similarly and have impacts on protected species and habitats.</p>
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	++		++	+	<p>Policy SD2 sets out the Borough's approach to the settlement hierarchy and distribution of growth seeking to distribute a proportionate amount of growth to each of the main settlements, having regard to the capacity of the environment to accommodate such growth and the ability to maintain the overall purpose of the Green Belt. The policy sets out how the objectively assessed development needs will be distributed across the borough. As the identified need would be met an overall significant positive effect is likely.</p> <p>Similar scores are expected in respect of this objective for options 2 and 3 which also seek to meet the full objectively assessed need for the Borough.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	++		++	+	<p>Policy SD2 sets out the Borough's approach to the settlement hierarchy and distribution of growth. 8,835 homes would be directed to Basildon, 1,860 to Billericay and 3,300 to Wickford which is assumed to include town centre regeneration. Criterion 2 of the policy states that "... <i>In particular, town centre regeneration will be supported in accordance with Policies R2-R5 of this plan.</i>..." An overall significant positive effect is anticipated.</p> <p>In respect of Options 2 and 3, it is expected that town centre regeneration would be delivered as per the preferred policy SD2. Overall significant positive effects are also anticipated in respect of these options.</p>

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6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	?		?	?	<p>Policy SD2 sets out the Borough's approach to the settlement hierarchy and distribution of growth seeking to distribute a proportionate amount of growth to each of the main settlements, having regard to the capacity of the environment to accommodate such growth and the ability to maintain the overall purpose of the Green Belt.</p> <p>The policy does not specifically mention provision of services and facilities, including educational facilities. An uncertain effect is predicted.</p> <p>Options 2 and 3 also seek to deliver the Borough's objectively assessed need, the key difference relating to where growth is directed. An overall uncertain effect is also predicted in respect of these options.</p>
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	++		++	+	<p>All options including the policy SD2 seek to deliver the Borough's objectively assessed need for housing, the key difference relates to how that development would be distributed. As such an overall significant positive effect is predicted in respect of each option.</p>
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	?		?	?	<p>Policy SD2 sets out the Borough's approach to the settlement hierarchy and distribution of growth seeking to distribute a proportionate amount of growth to each of the main settlements, having regard to the capacity of the environment to accommodate such growth and the ability to maintain the overall purpose of the Green Belt.</p> <p>The policy does not specifically mention provision of services and facilities, including health facilities. An uncertain effect is predicted.</p> <p>Options 2 and 3 also seek to deliver the Borough's objectively assessed need, the key difference relating to where growth is directed. An overall uncertain effect is also predicted in respect of these options.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	++/-/?		- /+ +/?	+ + /- /?	<p>Policy SD2 sets out the Borough's approach to the settlement hierarchy and distribution of growth seeking to distribute a proportionate amount of growth to each of the main settlements, having regard to the capacity of the environment to accommodate such growth and the ability to maintain the overall purpose of the Green Belt.</p> <p>Town centre regeneration will be supported in accordance with policies R2-R5.</p> <p>The un-serviced settlement of Dunton Village will become part of Basildon, the serviced settlement of Bowers Gifford will also be the subject of growth (accompanied by a new local centre to enhance the level of service provision in this settlement), small-scale development will be supported in the other serviced settlements of Crays Hill and</p>

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					<p>Ramsden Bellhouse and limited infill development will be supported in the un-serviced settlements. Overall, policy SD2 is expected to score significantly positively against this objective as it supports development in the larger settlements first, followed by growth in the serviced settlements and limited growth in the un-serviced settlements. This ensures that the existing well-served settlements are supported and maintained. Development in Bowers Gifford would be supported by a new local centre which should benefit from the additional services arising from growth in that location. There is scope for adverse effects particularly in Dunton and Bowers Gifford as the form of these communities will change from small-scale to larger settlements. There is uncertainty as this could be viewed positively or negatively depending on perception.</p> <p>Option 2 would direct more growth to Billericay and Wickford (although a large proportion would still be directed to Basildon). Recognising that Basildon (including Laindon and Pitsea) is the main urban area which benefits from a fuller access to transport choices, services and employment opportunities, directing less development to Basildon could impact negatively on sustaining vibrant communities in the town. However, significant positive impacts are also predicted recognising that the majority of growth would be directed to the three largest settlements. It is assumed that town centre regeneration would take place under this option.</p> <p>Option 3 would direct the majority of development to Basildon (although development in Billericay and Wickford would still be supported). This would support the vibrancy of Basildon, although smaller settlements to the east and west of Basildon could become subsumed into the larger urban area impacting on character and vibrancy. An overall significant positive, adverse impact is predicted.</p>
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	++		+	+	<p>Policy SD2 directs around 59% of overall housing growth to Basildon and nearly 98% of overall employment growth. Basildon includes areas of higher deprivation and hence growth and regeneration could have more of an impact. An overall significant positive effect is predicted.</p> <p>Option 2 still distributes the greatest overall number of dwellings to Basildon, however, more development is directed to Billericay and Wickford which may benefit less from regeneration and renewal (it is recognised there could be a borough-wide effect from new development). As such a minor positive effect is predicted.</p> <p>Option 3 directs around 75% of the total development requirements to Basildon. Indices of Multiple Deprivation for the Borough indicate that the areas of highest deprivation are in</p>

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					<p>Basildon centre and to the east and west of the town.</p> <p>As the majority of development would be directed to Basildon (which has areas of highest deprivation and where regeneration will have greater benefits) an overall significant positive effect is predicted. The effects are considered to be more positive than SD2.</p>
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	++		++	+ +	<p>Overall, policy SD2 is expected to score significantly positively against this objective as it supports development in the larger settlements first, followed by growth in the serviced settlements and limited growth in the un-serviced settlements. This ensures that the existing well-served settlements are supported and maintained. Around 600 homes would be directed to the serviced settlement of Bowers Gifford and the policy states that this development would be accompanied by a new local centre, open space and community facilities. An overall significant positive effect is anticipated as most development would be directed to the higher order serviced settlements ensuring new residents have access to services and facilities. Furthermore, new services will be provided in Bowers Gifford to support growth in this location.</p> <p>Options 2 and 3 seek to deliver the same overall quantum of growth. Option 2 would direct more development to Billericay and Wickford whereas Option 3 would direct more to Basildon.</p> <p>All options are expected to score significantly positively as the higher order settlements are supported first.</p>
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	++/--		++ /-- /?	+ + - /?	<p>Policy SD2 sets out the Borough's approach to the settlement hierarchy and distribution of growth seeking to distribute a proportionate amount of growth to each of the main settlements, having regard to the capacity of the environment to accommodate such growth and the ability to maintain the overall purpose of the Green Belt. Policy SD2 has been developed by seeking to maximise available urban land for development first (enabling approximately 6,500-7,000 homes to be accommodated and 36-38ha of employment land). Various evidence base studies and surveys have been undertaken to support the capacity of land in the Green Belt to accommodate the residual development needs (without harming the overall purpose of the Green Belt). As such, an overall significant positive, minor adverse effect is predicted (recognising that the plan seeks to make use of urban and previously developed land first before allocating sites in the Green Belt. However, the significant loss of land in the Green Belt is likely to impact on two of the five purposes of green belt – to prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another and to assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment. Overall significant mixed effects are predicted.</p>

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					<p>Option 2 would direct more development to Billericay and Wickford whilst still maximising development on urban and previously developed sites first. It is difficult to draw clear conclusions from the latest Green Belt study, however, it is likely that additional development around Billericay and Wickford would further encroach into areas of open countryside and increase the likelihood of towns (including towns in neighbouring boroughs merging into one another). Overall significant mixed uncertain effects are predicted.</p> <p>Option 3 would direct more development to Basildon, whilst still maximising development on urban and previously developed sites first. It is likely that additional development around Basildon (particularly to east and west Basildon) could impact significantly on the purpose of the Borough's Green Belt, particularly safeguarding the countryside from encroachment and preventing neighbouring towns merging into one another. Overall significant mixed uncertain effects are likely.</p>
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	--/?		--/?	--/?	<p>There are areas at risk of flooding associated with the Rivers Crouch and Wid, the Nevendon Brook, Dunton Brook, Basildon Brook, North Benfleet Brook and marshes and ditches to the south of the Borough. The borough is also at risk of pluvial flooding.</p> <p>Policy SD2 directs 59% of housing and 98% of employment development to Basildon (including Laindon and Pitsea). An overall significant adverse, uncertain effect is predicted recognising the scale of growth proposed (which will significantly increase the area of built development in the Borough) which is expected to exacerbate flood risk.</p> <p>Option 2 would direct more development to Billericay and Wickford. Recognising the overall quantum of development remains the same, a significant adverse uncertain effect is also predicted for this option.</p> <p>Significant adverse effects are also predicted in respect of option 3 (directing nearly 75% of development to Basildon).</p>
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance	+/?		+/?	+/?	<p>Policy SD2 supports development in the larger settlements first, followed by growth in the serviced settlements and limited growth in the un-serviced settlements. This ensures that the existing well-served settlements are supported and maintained. Development in Bowers Gifford would be supported by a new local centre which should benefit from the additional services arising from growth in that location. Directing new development to existing well-served settlements (and providing a new local centre for Bowers Gifford) should enable new residents to access services by non-car means scoring positively</p>

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on fossil fuels					<p>against this objective. There is, however, uncertainty as it is not possible to predict how new residents will travel. Furthermore the policy makes no specific reference to travel by non-car modes. An overall minor positive uncertain effect is predicted.</p> <p>Both options 2 and 3 still direct the majority of development to the larger serviced settlements. Consequently, they are expected to score similarly to policy SD2.</p>
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	-/+		-/+	- / +	<p>Policy SD2 sets out the Borough's approach to the settlement hierarchy and distribution of growth seeking to distribute a proportionate amount of growth to each of the main settlements, having regard to the capacity of the environment to accommodate such growth and the ability to maintain the overall purpose of the Green Belt. Under this policy 59% of overall housing growth would be directed to Basildon and nearly 98% of overall employment growth.</p> <p>Additional development to meet the objectively assessed needs of the Borough would result in adverse effects from air, noise and land pollution, particularly during construction. There is also scope to remediate contaminated land found on previously developed sites. An overall mixed effect is predicted.</p> <p>The different distributions of development set out in Options 2 and 3 are not considered likely to materially alter the score predicted for SD2. As such, these options are scored the same.</p>
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	?		?	?	<p>Policy SD2 sets out the Borough's approach to the settlement hierarchy and distribution of growth seeking to distribute a proportionate amount of growth to each of the main settlements, having regard to the capacity of the environment to accommodate such growth and the ability to maintain the overall purpose of the Green Belt.</p> <p>The policy does not specifically mention provision of services and facilities. An uncertain effect is predicted.</p> <p>Options 2 and 3 also seek to deliver the Borough's objectively assessed need, the key difference relating to where growth is directed. An overall uncertain effect is also predicted in respect of these options.</p>
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0		0	0	<p>Policy SD2 and its alternatives are not considered to directly impact on this objective.</p>

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18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	-		-	-	<p>The distribution of growth is unlikely to significantly impact on this objective, however, delivery of the minimum objectively assessed needs of 15,260 homes and 49ha of employment is likely to increase the amount of waste generated.</p> <p>A minor adverse effect is predicted for all options.</p>
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+/?		+/?	+/?	<p>Policy SD2 supports development in the larger settlements first, followed by growth in the serviced settlements and limited growth in the un-serviced settlements. This ensures that the existing well-served settlements are supported and maintained. Development in Bowers Gifford would be supported by a new local centre which should benefit from the additional services arising from growth in that location. Directing new development to existing well-served settlements (and providing a new local centre for Bowers Gifford) should enable new residents to access services by non-car means scoring positively against this objective. There is, however, uncertainty as it is not possible to predict how new residents will travel. Furthermore the policy makes no specific reference to travel by non-car modes. An overall minor positive uncertain effect is predicted.</p> <p>Both options 2 and 3 still direct the majority of development to the larger serviced settlements. Consequently, they are expected to score similarly to policy SD2.</p>

Policy SD3 - Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development

No reasonable alternative options to this Draft Policy have been identified.

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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Basildon, which is assumed to cover issues associated with conserving and enhancing the natural and urban landscape of the Borough. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Basildon, which is assumed to cover issues associated with protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of the Borough. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Basildon, which is assumed to cover issues associated with protecting, conserving and enhancing biodiversity within the Borough. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Basildon, which is assumed to cover issues associated with achieving sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Basildon, which is assumed to cover issues associated with promoting town centres as sustainable places for living, retail and leisure. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected

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6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Basildon, which is assumed to cover issues with improving educational attainment and social inclusion. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Basildon, which is assumed to cover issues with ensuring the provision of decent and affordable homes. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Basildon, which is assumed to cover issues with improving the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reducing social inequality. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Basildon, which is assumed to cover issues with minimising crime and creating and sustaining vibrant and safe communities. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Basildon, which is assumed to cover issues associated with regenerating and renewing disadvantaged areas in the Borough. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure

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local services and facilities		development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Basildon, which is assumed to cover issues associated with improving accessibility to and enhancement of local services and facilities. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Basildon, which is assumed to cover issues associated with efficient use of land by encouraging the re-use of previously developed land, existing buildings and materials. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Basildon, which is assumed to cover issues associated with minimising flood risk. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Basildon, which is assumed to cover issues associated with minimising Basildon's contribution to climate change by reducing local emissions of greenhouse gases, improving the energy efficiency of local buildings and increasing the generation of local renewable energy. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Basildon, which is assumed to cover issues associated with reducing air, land and noise pollution. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Basildon, which is assumed to cover issues associated with achieving greater levels water efficiency and promote sustainable water resource management. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a

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		positive effect can be expected for this SA objective although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Basildon, which is assumed to cover issues associated with incorporating climate change adaptation measures into building and public realm design. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Basildon, which is assumed to cover issues associated with minimising waste generation and increasing rates of reusing materials and recycling waste. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Basildon, which is assumed to cover issues associated with reducing traffic congestion and its related pollution levels, improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable location. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.

Chapter 7 – Building a Strong Competitive Economy Policies

SA Objectives	Chapter 7 Building a strong, competitive economy															
	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7	E8	E9	E10	E11	E12	E13	E14		
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough.	0	--	-	+/-	See Appraisal of Mixed-Use Site H7	0/?	See Appraisal of Mixed-Use Site H10	-/?	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough.	0	0	0	+/-		0/?		0/?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it.	0	--	--	+/-		-/?		-/?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration.	++	++	++	++		+		+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development.	+	+	0	+		0		0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	++
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough.	++	0	0	0		+		+	+	0	0	0	0	0	++	0
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally.	0	0	0	0		0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment.	+	+/-	+/-	+/-		+		+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced.	+	0	0	0		0		0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas	+	+	0	+		+		+	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	0

SA Objectives	Chapter 7 Building a strong, competitive economy												
where people live or work in the Borough.													
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities.	+	+	0	+	-/?	-/?	+	0	+	0	0	+	
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings.	++	++	++	++	+/-	--/?	+	0	0	+	0	+	
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring.	+	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels.	+/-	-	-	-	-/?	-/?	+/-	0	0	0	0	0	
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures.	-	-	-	-	-/?	-/?	-	+/-/?	0	0	0	0	
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the effects of climate change.	0	-	-	-	?	?	0	0	0	0	0	0	
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used.	0	0	0	0	?	?	0	0	0	0	0	0	
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations.	+/-	+/-	-	-	+/-/?	+/-/?	+/-	+	+	0	0	+	

Policy E1 – Economic Growth Strategy

Alternative 1: Rely on the NPPF. The NPPF requires local planning authorities to pro-actively meet the development needs of business and support the economy. Complying with the NPPF, local planning policies should set a clear strategy for their area to encourage sustainable growth and inward investment. This is not a reasonable alternative and so has not been appraised.

Alternative 2: Provide less employment land and wait for the market to decide what locations should be brought forward.

This option is not compliant with the NPPF. It does not pro-actively encourage sustainable economic growth and inward investment to the Borough, nor does it support Basildon's role as an economic and business hub. In addition, this option would not result in a strong and resilient local economy capable of responding to rapid change. This is not a reasonable alternative and so has not been appraised.

Alternative 3: Provide more employment land than needed to secure Basildon's position as South Essex's economic hub and offer further choice.

An oversupply of jobs would result in pressure for more housing, create labour supply difficulties for existing firms and result in long distance commuting. It could also create problems for the delivery of employment land in neighbouring authorities and affect their development plans. This is not a reasonable alternative and so has not been appraised.

SA Objectives	E1	Alternative			Justification
		1	2	3	
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	0				Draft Policy E1 seeks to encourage the use of land within the existing employment areas, intensification of previously developed land and the realisation of vacant sites or land uses, which should minimise the effects on the landscape of the Borough. Therefore a negligible effect is likely for this SA objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0				Draft Policy E1 seeks to encourage the use of land within the existing employment areas, intensification of previously developed land and the realisation of vacant sites or land uses, which should minimise the effects on the historic environment of the Borough. Therefore a negligible effect is likely for this SA objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0				Draft Policy E1 seeks to encourage the use of land within the existing employment areas, intensification of previously developed land and the realisation of vacant sites or land uses which should minimise the effects on the biodiversity of the Borough. Therefore a negligible effect is likely for this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	++				Draft policy E1 deals specifically with economic growth. The council will aim to deliver 8,600 additional full time jobs with the aim of achieving sustainable levels of economic growth. Therefore a significant positive effect is necessary.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+				Criterion a) of part 1 seeks to protect and enhance existing viable employment areas and premises. This would include town centres. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely.

SA Objectives	E1	Alternative			Justification
		1	2	3	
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	++				Criterion e) seeks to facilitate the training and education of local people with the skills to enter or remain part of the local workforce. Criterion f) seeks to establish and maintain relationships between local businesses and local training and education providers to ensure local facilities are provided to access professional and vocational Training. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0				Draft Policy E1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+				Draft Policy E1 seeks to promote economic growth. Economic growth and the provision of employment can help to improve health and wellbeing. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+				Criterion a) of part 1 seeks to protect and enhance existing viable employment areas and premises, helping to sustain vibrant communities. Viable employment areas would also help with natural surveillance and reducing fear of crime. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+				Draft Policy E1 supports economic growth. A growing economy would provide more money to help regeneration to take place in the borough. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+				Draft Policy E1 seeks to enhancing local employment facilities. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	++				Draft Policy E1 seeks to encourage the use of land within the exiting employment areas, intensification of previously developed land and the realisation of vacant sites or land uses. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely for this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural	+				Draft Policy E1 seeks to encourage the use of land within the exiting employment areas, intensification of previously developed land and the realisation of vacant sites or land uses. As such the risk of flooding is minimised and therefore a minor positive effect is

SA Objectives	E1	Alternative			Justification
		1	2	3	
environment flood events can bring					likely for this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+/-				The protection and intensification of existing employment areas should ensure that jobs are located in areas that are close to resident populations and accessible by sustainable modes of transport, helping to minimise greenhouse gas emissions from traffic. However traffic movements could increase as a result of increased development. Increased employment may contribute further to greenhouse gas emissions. Overall a mixed effect is therefore likely for this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	-				Draft Policy E1 seeks to promote economic growth. Economic growth will increase the number of industries in operation and increase traffic, further contributing to pollution. Therefore a minor negative effect is likely for this SA objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0				Draft Policy E1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0				Draft Policy E1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0				Draft Policy E1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+/-				Draft policy seeks to promote economic growth. A growing economy will result in increased traffic as workers commute to and from work. However the policy also seeks to channel development to sustainable locations, in particular existing and newly allocated employment areas. Therefore a mixed effect is likely for this SA objective.

Policy E2 – Existing Employment Areas for General B Class Uses

Alternative 1: Do not retain existing Employment Areas and leave it to the market to decide locations for employment development. This option is not compliant with the NPPF.

SA Objectives	E2	Alternative 1	Justification
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	--		Draft policy E2 focuses on the consolidation of existing employment sites and their expansion to neighbouring land, including existing open and green spaces which will be lost, e.g. the Amenity Green Space to the north of Miles Gray Road, reducing the area available to the public for recreation. This is likely to have a significant negative effect on this objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0		Draft Policy E2 would not have a notable effect on this objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	--		Draft policy E2 focuses on the consolidation of existing employment sites and their expansion to neighbouring land, including green spaces some of which are designated as BAP Priority Habitats and Protected Species Alert Areas, e.g. the Amenity Green Space to the north of Miles Gray Road. The loss of such habitat is likely to have a significant negative effect on this objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	++		Draft policy E2 focuses on the consolidation of existing employment sites and their expansion to neighbouring land. These measures have been recommended by the Borough's Employment Land and Premises Study which is designed to maximise the potential of the Borough's existing employment assets with a view towards achieving economic regeneration and, ultimately, sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+		Draft policy E2 promotes the continued protection of existing employment areas, including the Borough's town centres. This is likely to protect the town centres as sustainable locations for a diverse range of business in the Borough with minor positive effects on this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0		Draft Policy E2 would not have a notable effect on this objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help	0		Draft Policy E2 would not have a notable effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	E2	Alternative 1	Justification
those in most need locally			
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+/-		Draft policy E2 focuses on the consolidation of existing employment sites and their expansion to neighbouring land, including existing open spaces which will be lost. Improving economic growth is likely to have minor positive effects of the health and wellbeing of the local population. The intensification of employment uses within these employment sites will likely result in an increase in air, land and noise pollution, most notably through an increase in road transport. The expansion of some of the employment sites in to open spaces will reduce the area available to the public for recreation, e.g. the Amenity Green Space to the north of Miles Gray Road. This is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective. Overall, the effects are mixed.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0		Draft Policy E2 would not have a notable effect on this objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+		Draft policy E2 promotes the continued protection of existing employment areas and the expansion of these areas in certain area. Such protection and expansion is likely to contribute towards regenerating and renewing areas of the Borough that have fallen in to disrepair with minor positive effects on this objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+		Draft policy E2 promotes the continued protection of existing employment areas and the expansion of these areas in certain areas. This is likely to maintain and in some places improve the range, quality and accessibility of local services and facilities in the Borough with minor positive effects on this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	++		Draft policy E2 focuses employment uses within the Borough's existing employment sites before permitting the expansion of such uses in to new areas. This will encourage the re-use of buildings, including currently vacant premises, with significant positive effects on this objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	-		Draft policy E2 promotes the expansion of several existing employment sites in to neighbouring green and open spaces. The redevelopment of such spaces for employment uses is likely to result in a reduction permeable greenfield land and an increase in impermeable hard standing, e.g. the Amenity Green Space to the north of Miles Gray Road. The loss of permeability is likely to result increased surface water flooding with a negative effect against this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to	-		Draft policy E2 focuses on the consolidation and expansion of existing employment sites in the Borough. The intensification of employment uses within these employment sites is

SA Objectives	E2	Alternative 1	Justification
climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels			likely to result in an increase in greenhouse gas emissions, most notably through an increase in road transport. This is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	-		Draft policy E2 focuses on the consolidation and expansion of existing employment sites in the Borough. The intensification of employment uses within these employment sites is likely to result in an increase in air, land and noise pollution, most notably through an increase in road transport. This is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0		Draft Policy E2 would not have a notable effect on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	-		Draft policy E2 promotes the expansion of several existing employment sites in to neighbouring green and open spaces. The redevelopment of such spaces for employment uses is likely to result in a reduction of Green Infrastructure within the urban areas of the Borough and an increase in hard standing. The loss of such spaces will make it harder for the Borough to adapt to rising temperatures and increased rainfall as a result of climate change with a negative effect against this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0		Draft Policy E2 would not have a notable effect on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+/-		Draft policy E2 focuses on the consolidation and expansion of existing employment sites in the Borough. The intensification of employment uses within these employment sites is likely to result in an increase of road traffic on the existing and future road network leading to the possibility for greater congestion and pollution. This is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective. However the policy also seeks to channel development to sustainable locations, in particular existing employment areas with minor positive effects. Therefore, a mixed effect is likely for this SA objective.

Policy E3 – Existing Employment Area for Research and Development Uses

Alternative 1: Retain the entire site specifically for automotive research and development. The Basildon District Local Plan 1998 safeguarded the entire site for this purpose.

Alternative 2: Permit general B class uses at this site – no requirement for B1b uses specifically.

SA Objectives	E3	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	-	0	-	<p>Draft policy E3 designates the land to the north and west of the Ford test track for general research and development uses. Although none of this land is designated as open space, much of it is green and open and its development is likely to have an adverse effect on the landscape and countryside within the immediate vicinity with minor adverse effects against this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 proposes that the entire site continue to be retained specifically for automotive research and development as outlined in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998. This is likely to result in a negligible effect against this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would designate the land to the north and west of the Ford test track for general B use-classes providing broader flexibility and opportunity for the redevelopment of the site with a similar effect against this objective to Draft policy E3.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0	0	0	Draft Policy E3 and Alternatives 1 and 2 would not have a notable effect on this objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	--	0	--	<p>Draft policy E3 designates the land to the north and west of the Ford test track for general research and development uses. Much of this land is green and open, containing BAP Priority Habitats and Protected Species Alert Areas. Redevelopment of these areas has the potential to have a significant adverse effect on these habitats and therefore this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 proposes that the entire site continue to be retained specifically for automotive research and development as outlined in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998. This is likely to result in a negligible effect against this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would designate the land to the north and west of the Ford test track for general B use-classes providing broader flexibility and opportunity for the redevelopment of the site with a similar effect against this objective to Draft policy E3.</p>
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to	++	-	+	Draft policy E3 designates the land to the north and west of the Ford test track for general research and development uses. This increases the potential for this land to be

SA Objectives	E3	Alternative		Justification
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stimulate economic regeneration				<p>redeveloped for other forms of research and development use other than the existing automotive activities increasing the potential economic growth on the site. This is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 proposes that the entire site continue to be retained specifically for automotive research and development as outlined in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998. Ford has restructured significantly since this time and identified parts of its site to the north and west as surplus to requirement. If this restrictive policy was to continue, the company would struggle to attract an appropriate investor in the surplus land constraining the site's continued economic growth. This is likely to have a minor adverse effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would designate the land to the north and west of the Ford test track for general B use-classes providing a broader flexibility and opportunity for redevelopment with positive effects on this objective; however, Ford provides highly skilled jobs in research and development and opportunities for others, creating a cluster of research and development activity to the benefit of the local economy and local residents. Therefore, Alternative Option 2 would fail to recognise the opportunities to provide further higher skilled jobs on site consistent with South Essex Local Enterprise Partnership's Economic Plan, the Basildon Community Strategy and the Basildon Economic Development Strategy. There is likely to be a minor positive effect on this objective overall.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0	0	0	Draft Policy E3 and Alternatives 1 and 2 would not have a notable effect on this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0	0	0	Draft Policy E3 and Alternatives 1 and 2 would not have a notable effect on this objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	0	Draft Policy E3 and Alternatives 1 and 2 would not have a notable effect on this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to	+/-	0	+/-	Draft policy E3 designates the land to the north and west of the Ford test track for general research and development uses. This increases the potential for this land to be redeveloped for other forms of research and development use other than the existing

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development and the environment				<p>automotive activities increasing the potential economic growth on the site. Improving economic growth is likely to have minor positive effects of the health and wellbeing of the local population. However, the intensification of employment uses within the site will likely result in an increase in air, land and noise pollution, most notably through an increase in road transport. This is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective. Overall, the effects are mixed.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 proposes that the entire site continue to be retained specifically for automotive research and development as outlined in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998. This is likely to result in a negligible effect against this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would designate the land to the north and west of the Ford test track for general B use-classes providing broader flexibility and opportunity for the redevelopment of the site with a similar effect against this objective to Draft policy E3.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	0	Draft Policy E3 and Alternatives 1 and 2 would not have a notable effect on this objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0	0	0	Draft Policy E3 and Alternatives 1 and 2 would not have a notable effect on this objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0	0	0	Draft Policy E3 and Alternatives 1 and 2 would not have a notable effect on this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	++	0	++	<p>Draft policy E3 designates the land to the north and west of the Ford test track for general research and development uses. This increases the potential for this land to be redeveloped, maximising the potential of the areas which have already been previously developed, with significant positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 proposes that the entire site continue to be retained specifically for automotive research and development as outlined in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998. This is likely to result in a negligible effect against this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would designate the land to the north and west of the Ford test track for general B use-classes providing broader flexibility and opportunity for the redevelopment of the site with a similar effect against this objective to Draft Policy E3.</p>

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13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	-	0	-	<p>Draft policy E3 designates the land to the north and west of the Ford test track for general research and development uses increasing the potential of this land to be redeveloped. Much of this land is currently undeveloped. The redevelopment of such spaces for new employment uses is likely to result in a reduction permeable greenfield land and an increase in impermeable hard standing. The loss of permeability is likely to result increased surface water flooding with a negative effect against this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 proposes that the entire site continue to be retained specifically for automotive research and development as outlined in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998. This is likely to result in a negligible effect against this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would designate the land to the north and west of the Ford test track for general B use-classes providing broader flexibility and opportunity for the redevelopment of the site with a similar effect against this objective to Draft Policy E3</p>
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	-	0	-	<p>Draft policy E3 designates the land to the north and west of the Ford test track for general research and development uses increasing the potential of this land to be redeveloped. The intensification of employment uses within the site is likely to result in an increase in greenhouse gas emissions, most notably through an increase in road transport. This is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 proposes that the entire site continue to be retained specifically for automotive research and development as outlined in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998. This is likely to result in a negligible effect against this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would designate the land to the north and west of the Ford test track for general B use-classes providing broader flexibility and opportunity for the redevelopment of the site with a similar effect against this objective to Draft Policy E3</p>
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	-	0	-	<p>Draft policy E3 designates the land to the north and west of the Ford test track for general research and development uses increasing the potential of this land to be redeveloped. The intensification of employment uses within the site is likely to result in an increase in air, land and noise pollution, most notably through an increase in road transport. This is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 proposes that the entire site continue to be retained specifically for automotive research and development as outlined in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998. This is likely to result in a negligible effect against this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would designate the land to the north and west of the Ford test track for general B use-classes providing broader flexibility and opportunity for the</p>

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				redevelopment of the site with a similar effect against this objective to Draft Policy E3
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	0	Draft Policy E3 and Alternatives 1 and 2 would not have a notable effect on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	-	0	-	<p>Draft policy E3 designates the land to the north and west of the Ford test track for general research and development uses increasing the potential of this land to be redeveloped. Much of this land is currently green. The redevelopment of these spaces for employment uses is likely to result in a reduction of Green Infrastructure within the site and an increase in hard standing. The loss of such spaces will make it harder for the Borough to adapt to rising temperatures and increased rainfall as a result of climate change with a minor adverse effect against this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 proposes that the entire site continue to be retained specifically for automotive research and development as outlined in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998. This is likely to result in a negligible effect against this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would designate the land to the north and west of the Ford test track for general B use-classes providing broader flexibility and opportunity for the redevelopment of the site with a similar effect against this objective to Draft Policy E3</p>
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	0	Draft Policy E3 and Alternatives 1 and 2 would not have a notable effect on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	-	0	-	<p>Draft policy E3 designates the land to the north and west of the Ford test track for general research and development uses increasing the potential of this land to be redeveloped. The intensification of employment uses within the site is likely to result in an increase of road traffic on the existing and future road network leading to the possibility for greater congestion and pollution. This is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 proposes that the entire site continue to be retained specifically for automotive research and development as outlined in the Basildon District Local Plan 1998. This is likely to result in a negligible effect against this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would designate the land to the north and west of the Ford test track for general B use-classes providing broader flexibility and opportunity for the redevelopment of the site with a similar effect against this objective to Draft Policy E3.</p>

Policy E4 – New Employment Sites

Alternative 1: Do not allocate any new development land for employment purposes and only allow economic development to take place in existing employment areas. This is not compliant with the NPPF as it would not provide a policy flexible enough to accommodate needs not anticipated in the plan or to respond rapidly to changes in economic circumstances.

SA Objectives	E4	Alternative 1	Justification
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	+/-		Draft Policy E4 promotes a sequential approach to the delivery of new employment sites in the Borough, favouring the intensification of previously developed, vacant and underutilised land within existing employment sites before four new areas identified for employment are developed. This is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective; however, four new employment sites have been identified on greenfield land for development within the plan period. The development of these sites could result in significant adverse effects on this objective with the loss of countryside. Overall, the effects against this objective are mixed.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+/-		Draft Policy E4 promotes a sequential approach to the delivery of new employment sites in the Borough, favouring the intensification of previously developed, vacant and underutilised land within existing employment sites before four new areas identified for employment are developed. This is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective; however, four new employment sites have been identified on greenfield land for development within the plan period. The development of these locations has the potential to have a minor adverse effect on the setting of heritage assets in close proximity. Overall, the effects against this objective are mixed.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+/-		Draft Policy E4 promotes a sequential approach to the delivery of new employment sites in the Borough, favouring the intensification of previously developed, vacant and underutilised land within existing employment sites before four new areas identified for employment are developed. This is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective; however, four new employment sites have been identified on greenfield land for development within the plan period. The development of these sites could result in minor adverse effects on this objective due to the potential loss of important habitats for protected species. Overall, the effects against this objective are mixed.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	++		Draft Policy E4 promotes a sequential approach to the delivery of new employment sites in the Borough, favouring the intensification of previously developed, vacant and underutilised land within existing employment sites before four new areas identified for employment are developed. This provides the necessary flexible framework to guide economic regeneration and growth in the Borough with significant positive effects on this objective.

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5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+		Draft Policy E4 promotes a sequential approach to the delivery of new employment sites in the Borough, favouring the intensification of previously developed, vacant and underutilised land within existing employment sites, including the Borough's town centres, before four new areas identified for employment are developed. This is likely to have minor positive effects on this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0		Draft Policy E4 would not have a notable effect on this objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0		Draft Policy E4 would not have a notable effect on this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+/-		Draft policy E4 focuses on the consolidation of existing employment sites and their expansion to neighbouring land, including existing open spaces which will be lost. Improving economic growth is likely to have minor positive effects of the health and wellbeing of the local population. Conversely, the intensification of employment uses is likely to result in an increase in air, land and noise pollution, most notably through an increase in road transport. This is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective. Overall, the effects are mixed.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0		Draft Policy E4 would not have a notable effect on this objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+		Draft Policy E4 promotes a sequential approach to the delivery of new employment sites in the Borough, favouring the intensification of previously developed, vacant and underutilised land within existing employment sites, which is likely to result in minor positive effects on this objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+		Draft policy E4 promotes existing and new employment sites to accommodate the Borough's growing economy. This is likely to maintain and in some places improve the range, quality and accessibility of local services and facilities in the Borough with minor positive effects on this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings,	++		Draft Policy E4 promotes a sequential approach to the delivery of new employment sites in the Borough, favouring the intensification of previously developed, vacant and underutilised land within existing employment sites before four new areas identified for

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including the re-use of materials from previous buildings			employment are developed. This is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	-		Draft policy E4 allocates four new employment sites in the Borough. The majority of these areas are greenfield land, some areas of which are vulnerable to groundwater and surface water flooding. Development of these areas is likely to result in a reduction in permeable greenfield land and an increase in impermeable hard standing. The loss of permeability is likely to result in increased surface water flooding with a minor negative effect against this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	-		Draft policy E4 promotes existing and new employment sites to accommodate the Borough's growing economy. The intensification of employment uses is likely to result in an increase in greenhouse gas emissions, most notably through an increase in road transport. This is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	-		Draft policy E4 promotes existing and new employment sites to accommodate the Borough's growing economy. The intensification of employment uses is likely to result in an increase in air, land and noise pollution, most notably through an increase in road transport. This is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0		Draft Policy E4 would not have a notable effect on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	-		Draft policy E4 allocates four new employment sites in the Borough. The majority of these areas are greenfield land. The development of such spaces for employment uses is likely to result in a reduction of Green Infrastructure within the urban areas of the Borough and an increase in hard standing. The loss of such spaces will make it harder for the Borough to adapt to rising temperatures and increased rainfall as a result of climate change with a negative effect against this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0		Draft Policy E4 would not have a notable effect on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving	-		Draft policy E4 focuses on the consolidation and expansion of employment sites in the Borough. The Highway Impact Assessment 2014 identified that the West Basildon site scored well in terms of highway impacts, largely due to the immediate grade separated

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travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations			access to the A127, via the Dunton Interchange, which has capacity headroom and is the closest junction in the Borough to the M25. The East Basildon extension also scored fairly well, however it would require a greater series of sequenced improvements to the local and strategic road network, in order to accommodate additional growth. More generally, the intensification of employment uses is likely to result in an increase of road traffic on the existing and future road network leading to the possibility for greater congestion and pollution. This is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective.

Policy E5 – Land West of Gardiners Lane South, Basildon

Draft Policy E5 represents the employment development component of the mixed-use development site on the land West of Gardiners Lane South in Basildon. This mixed-use strategic site allocation, including housing and employment components, is outlined in Chapter 11 in Draft Policy H7. Therefore, the contents of draft policy E5 have been appraised alongside Draft Policy H7 in a single appraisal matrix titled 'Mixed Use Development Site – Land west of Gardiners Lane South, Basildon'.

Alternative 1: *Do not allocate the land for employment use and leave it up to the market to decide. This is not in accordance with the NPPF in terms of identifying strategic sites for local and inward investment. Therefore, it is not appraised as a reasonable alternative to draft policy E5.*

Policy E6 – Employment Development Site⁹ – Terminus Drive

Alternative 1: Do not allocate the land for employment use and leave it up to the market to decide. This is not in accordance with the NPPF in terms of identifying strategic sites for local and inward investment. Therefore, it is not appraised as a reasonable alternative to draft policy E6.

SA Objectives		E6	Alternative 1	Justification
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	A – Potential impact of development on natural and urban landscapes	0/?		The site is not located in the open countryside and is not designated as Green Belt land. A significant proportion of the site has already been developed. Therefore, the redevelopment of the site is considered to have a negligible effect on this part of the objective. This effect is uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.
	B - Potential impact of development on green spaces			There are no open spaces within the site and no plans to create new open spaces; therefore, the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. This effect is uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough		0/?		<p>This strategic site allocation is located in HECZ 9.15: St Michaels Church area, Pitsea. The area immediately to the north east around the Grade II listed Church of St. Michaels is highly sensitive. In addition, there are two other Grade II listed buildings within 500m of the site; however, the strategic site allocation is separated from the immediate setting of the historic buildings by a railway line. Therefore, it is considered that the land within this strategic site allocation has limited sensitivity.</p> <p>The policy states the external appearance of the building and site must be designed to reduce harm to the setting of the nearby Grade II listed building - Cromwell Manor, consistent with the requirements of policy H3. Therefore, overall, the allocation is considered to have a negligible effect on this objective. This effect is uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it		-/?		<p>This strategic site allocation is within 1km of Pitsea Marsh SSSI and Vange & Fobbing Marshes SSSI and within 2km of Holehaven Creek SSSI.</p> <p>Furthermore, the site is located within 100m of Vange Creek Marshes and Pitsea Mount local wildlife sites three different BAP priority habitats – coastal and floodplain grazing</p>

⁹ All Housing, Employment and Mixed Use Development Site Allocations have been appraised using the SA Framework and Assumptions outlined in Sustainability Appraisal Report. Preferred Site Allocation and their Reasonable Alternatives with development boundaries have been subjected to GIS analysis. In order to draw out the differences in effects on the sensitive receptors relevant to SA objective 1, SA objective 1 has been split in two – SA objective 1a assesses the effects of development on the natural and urban landscape and SA objective 1b assessed the effects of development on designated open spaces in the Borough.

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			marsh, deciduous woodland and mudflats. While such a development has the potential to generate significant adverse effects on these habitats, a railway line runs between the site and all of these designations. Therefore, the additional effects generated by the proposed development are only considered to have a minor adverse effect on this objective. This effect is uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+		This draft development allocation would deliver roughly 3.5ha of the Borough's 50ha employment land requirement over the plan period. This equates to roughly 7% of the total need, contributing to the economic growth of the Borough with minor positive effects on this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0		This strategic allocation is considered to have a negligible effect on this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+		This strategic allocation would deliver roughly 3.5ha of the Borough's 50ha employment land requirement over the plan period. This equates to roughly 7% of the total need. This amount of employment development is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective, providing opportunities for work-based training and skills development.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0		This strategic allocation is considered to have a negligible effect on this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+		Strategic Sites that create new long-term jobs will influence healthier lifestyles through easy walking access to health and recreation facilities and open space which employees could access during lunch breaks and before and after work. All employment development is expected to have a minor positive effect on this objective as it is considered that the provision of employment can have indirect health benefits.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0		The effects of strategic site allocations on safety, crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the inclusion of naturally surveyed open space and lighting or the implementation of initiatives such as the shared street. However, this will only be determined when the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known. The location of development is not likely to influence people's participation in community activities or the development of community spirit/civic pride or community organisations/activities. Proximity to existing community facilities is considered in

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			objective 11. Therefore, the effects of strategic site allocations on this objective are considered to be negligible.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+		This strategic site allocation is located within an existing deprived area and within 600m of other deprived areas. Therefore, the redevelopment of the site has the potential to improve the area and improve the wider area remotely by generating employment opportunities in the immediate vicinity, with minor positive effects on this objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	-/?		This draft development allocation is located in Terminus Drive, Pitsea. The site is located within a triangular area, with the railway comprising the north eastern and southern boundary, and the A13 comprising the north western boundary. Pedestrian crossing points do exist, enabling access to facilities within the surrounding area. The site is within easy walking distance of several footpaths, Pitsea train station, two primary schools and two local health facilities. However there is not a town or local centre within easy walking distance. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	+/-		All the land within this strategic site allocation is designated as urban land; however, only 50% of it has been developed – the rest is greenfield land. Therefore, this strategic site allocation is likely to have a mixed minor positive and minor negative effect on this objective due to the efficient use of the existing developed land and the loss of the greenfield land within the urban area, respectively.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	-		A portion of the western half of the site is located in Critical Drainage Area BAS 17. Furthermore the site is also susceptible to groundwater and surface water flooding. Therefore, the site is likely to have a minor adverse effect on this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	-/?		<p>The close proximity of the strategic site allocation to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions emitted from private cars.</p> <p>The site is located within a triangular area, with the railway comprising the north eastern and southern boundary, and the A13 comprising the north western boundary. Pedestrian crossing points do exist, enabling access to facilities within the surrounding area. The site is within easy walking distance of several footpaths, Pitsea train station, two primary schools and two local health facilities. However there is not a town or local centre within easy walking distance. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of</p>

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			information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	-/?		<p>The close proximity of the strategic site allocation to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing air and noise pollution.</p> <p>The site is located within a triangular area, with the railway comprising the north eastern and southern boundary, and the A13 comprising the north western boundary. Pedestrian crossing points do exist, enabling access to facilities within the surrounding area. The site is within easy walking distance of several footpaths, Pitsea train station, two primary schools and two local health facilities. However there is not a town or local centre within easy walking distance. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0		The site is not in close proximity to a watercourse, aquifer or groundwater vulnerability zone. Therefore, the strategic site allocation is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	?		The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will ensure that the development is prepared for the impacts of climate change. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that all Strategic Sites will have an uncertain effect on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	?		The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will influence the consumption of materials or resources, volumes of waste produced including the generation of hazardous waste, or the construction/demolition waste going to landfill. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that all Strategic Sites will have an uncertain effect on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+/-/?		<p>The site is located within a triangular area, with the railway comprising the north eastern and southern boundary, and the A13 comprising the north western boundary. Pedestrian crossing points do exist, enabling access to facilities within the surrounding area. The site is within easy walking distance of several footpaths, Pitsea train station, two primary schools and two local health facilities. However there is not a town or local centre within easy walking distance.</p> <p>The policy specifies that the proposed development must not require regular HGV access and must be subject to a Traffic Impact Assessment. Any improvement to the local highway network required to enable the development to take place, will be expected to be</p>

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			<p>provided by the developer.</p> <p>Furthermore, the employment site is within easy walking distance of existing residential development.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have mixed minor positive and minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>

Policy E7 – Dunton Extension

Draft Policy E7 represents the employment development component of the mixed-use development site on the land West of Basildon at Dunton. This mixed-use strategic site allocation, including housing and employment components, is outlined in Chapter 11 in Draft Policy H10. Therefore, the contents of draft policy E7 have been appraised alongside Draft Policy H10 in a single appraisal matrix titled 'Mixed Use Development Site – West Basildon Urban Extension'.

Alternative 1: *Do not allocate the land for employment use and leave it up to the market to decide. This is not in accordance with the NPPF in terms of identifying strategic sites for local and inward investment. Therefore, it is not appraised as a reasonable alternative to draft policy E7.*

Policy E8 – Employment Development Site – Land East of Burnt Mills, Basildon

Alternative 1: Do not allocate the land for employment use and leave it up to the market to decide. This is not in accordance with the NPPF in terms of identifying strategic sites for local and inward investment. Therefore, it is not appraised as a reasonable alternative to draft policy E8.

SA Objectives		E8	Alternative 1	Justification
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	A – Potential impact of development on natural and urban landscapes	-/?		The Revised Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study states that the site contains no opportunities for commercial development. However, the area identified in the strategic site allocation has been identified as having potential for 5.5ha of employment development without causing significant adverse landscape and visual effects provided sufficient planting mitigation measures are provided. Draft policy E8 proposes 5.5ha of development. Therefore, the development of the site is considered to only have a minor adverse effect on this part of the objective. This effect is uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.
	B – Potential impact of development on green spaces			There are no open spaces within the site and no plans to create new open spaces; therefore, the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. This effect is uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough		0/?		<p>This strategic site allocation is located in HECZ 10.2: North and west of North Benfleet. The settlement pattern, World War II defences, and below-ground archaeology in this area are highly sensitive to change; however, the site is not likely to affect these assets. Therefore, it is considered that the land within this strategic site allocation has limited sensitivity.</p> <p>There are no designated heritage assets within or in the immediate vicinity of this allocation. Therefore, overall, the allocation is considered to have a negligible effect on this objective. This effect is uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough’s biodiversity and the habitats which support it		-/?		Deciduous woodland designated as a BAP priority habitat and a species alert area falls partially within the north western corner of the site. However, this area is considered to be too small to generate significant adverse effects on these habitats. These habitats are still in close proximity to the site; therefore, there is still potential for minor adverse effects against this objective. This effect is uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to		+		This draft development allocation would deliver roughly 7ha of the Borough’s 50ha employment land requirement over the plan period. This equates to roughly 14% of the

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stimulate economic regeneration			total need, contributing to the economic growth of the Borough with minor positive effects on this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0		This strategic allocation is considered to have a negligible effect on this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+		This strategic allocation would deliver roughly 3.5ha of the Borough's 50ha employment land requirement over the plan period. This equates to roughly 7% of the total need. This amount of employment development is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective, providing opportunities for work-based training and skills development.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0		This strategic allocation is considered to have a negligible effect on this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+		Strategic Sites that create new long-term jobs will influence healthier lifestyles through easy walking access to health and recreation facilities and open space which employees could access during lunch breaks and before and after work. All employment development is expected to have a minor positive effect on this objective as it is considered that the provision of employment can have indirect health benefits.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0		The effects of strategic site allocations on safety, crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the inclusion of naturally surveyed open space and lighting or the implementation of initiatives such as the shared street. However, this will only be determined when the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known. The location of development is not likely to influence people's participation in community activities or the development of community spirit/civic pride or community organisations/activities. Proximity to existing community facilities is considered in objective 11. Therefore, the effects of strategic site allocations on this objective are considered to be negligible.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+		This strategic site allocation is located within an existing deprived area and within 600m of other deprived areas. Therefore, the redevelopment of the site has the potential to improve the area and improve the wider area remotely by generating employment opportunities in the immediate vicinity, with minor positive effects on this objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance	-/?		This draft development allocation is located to the east of Basildon. The A127 runs along the northern boundary of the site, however the majority of the existing facilities and

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local services and facilities			services are located to the south, thus still accessible by pedestrians. The site is within easy walking distance of several footpaths (including one which bisects the site and may be adversely affected during the development), and areas of open space. However there is not a town or local centre, a health centre, or any educational facilities within easy walking distance. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	--/?		All the land within this strategic site allocation is designated as Grade 3 agricultural land (moderate to good agricultural land). The site is greenfield with no existing development within it. The development of the site will generate significant adverse effects against this objective; however, this effect is uncertain as the location of the Borough's Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land is unknown.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	-		The site does not sit within a critical drainage area or flood zones 2 or 3, although the majority of the site is susceptible to surface water and groundwater flooding. Therefore, the development of the site is likely to have a minor adverse effect on this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	-/?		The close proximity of the strategic site allocation to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions emitted from private cars. The A127 runs along the northern boundary of the site, however the majority of the existing facilities and services are located to the south, thus still accessible by pedestrians. The site is within easy walking distance of several footpaths (including one which bisects the site and may be adversely affected during the development), and areas of open space. However there is not a town or local centre, a health centre, or any educational facilities within easy walking distance. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	-/?		The close proximity of the strategic site allocation to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing air and noise pollution. The A127 runs along the northern boundary of the site; however the majority of the existing facilities and services are located to the south, thus still accessible by pedestrians.

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			The site is within easy walking distance of several footpaths (including one which bisects the site and may be adversely affected during the development), and areas of open space. However there is not a town or local centre, a health centre, or any educational facilities within easy walking distance. Furthermore, the site is in relatively close proximity to existing residential areas which may be disturbed by the noise generated on site. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0		The site is not in close proximity to a watercourse, aquifer or groundwater vulnerability zone. Therefore, the strategic site allocation is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	?		The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will ensure that the development is prepared for the impacts of climate change. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that all Strategic Sites will have an uncertain effect on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	?		The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will influence the consumption of materials or resources, volumes of waste produced including the generation of hazardous waste, or the construction/demolition waste going to landfill. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that all Strategic Sites will have an uncertain effect on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+/-/?		<p>The A127 runs along the northern boundary of the site, however the majority of the existing facilities and services are located to the south, thus still accessible by pedestrians. The site is within easy walking distance of several footpaths (including one which bisects the site and may be adversely affected during the development), and areas of open space. However there is not a town or local centre, a health centre, or any educational facilities within easy walking distance.</p> <p>The policy specifies that no development of the site should take place until improved access to the strategic road network at the junction of Pound Lane with the A127 has been secured and must be subject to a Traffic Impact Assessment to establish what additional mitigation is required to the local or strategic highway network.</p> <p>Furthermore, the employment site is within easy walking distance of existing residential development.</p>

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			Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have mixed minor positive and minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.

Policy E9 – Rural enterprise sites

Alternative 1: Do not have any Rural Employment Site Allocations and concentrate all Employment development in the urban areas.

Reason for Rejection. This is not compliant with the NPPF. The rural employment locations in the Basildon Borough are all located in the Green Belt and without an allocations policy, this would not allow the Council to promote the development and diversification of agricultural and other land based rural business or to support the sustainable growth of all types of business and enterprise in rural areas. This is not a reasonable alternative and so has not been appraised.

SA Objectives	E9	Alternative 1	Justification
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	0		Criterion c) of part 3 requires proposal to respects the character and qualities of the landscape and the setting of any affected settlement or protected landscape and include effective mitigation measures to avoid adverse effects or minimise them to acceptable levels. This will have benefits on protecting and enhancing the natural landscape and countryside and would have a negligible effect on this objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0		Draft Policy E9 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0		Draft Policy E9 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+		Draft Policy E9 supports the rural economy by providing greater flexibility to the employment land supply. This is likely to have minor positive effects on this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0		Draft Policy E9 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+		Draft Policy E9 supports the promotion of rural inclusion in terms of economic growth. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help	0		Draft Policy E9 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	E9	Alternative 1	Justification
those in most need locally			
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+		Draft Policy E9 seeks to promote rural economic growth. Economic growth and the provision of employment can help to improve health and wellbeing. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+		The provision of rural enterprise sites will help sustain the rural community. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0		Draft Policy E9 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+		Draft Policy E9 seeks to improve rural employment services and facilities. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	+		Draft Policy E9 encourages extensions or expansions of existing business or intensification of employment uses within Rural Enterprise Sites, encouraging the efficient use of land, with minor positive effects on this objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0		Draft Policy E9 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+/-		Draft Policy E9 encourages the growth of the rural economy in Basildon, which is likely to generate increased traffic, and therefore greenhouse gases, with minor adverse effects on this objective; however, the adverse effects are somewhat offset by providing more local job prospects for the Borough's rural community, reducing the need to commute greater distances to find work. Therefore, overall, a mixed effect is recorded for this SA objective.

SA Objectives	E9	Alternative 1	Justification
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	-		Draft Policy E9 encourages the growth of the rural economy in Basildon, which is likely to generate increased traffic and noise, with minor adverse effects on this objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0		Draft Policy E9 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0		Draft Policy E9 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0		Draft Policy E9 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+/-		Draft Policy E9 seeks to channel development to sustainable locations of rural enterprise sites; however, it encourages the growth of the rural economy in Basildon, which is likely to generate increased traffic and noise, with minor adverse effects on this objective. Therefore, overall, a mixed effect is likely for this SA objective

Policy E10 – Untidy Industry

Alternative 1: Do not have a specific policy relating to untidy industry and determine proposals for such employment uses on a case by case basis
 This option would not provide the Council with any control over the location of potentially environmentally harmful industries. As the NPPF aims to pro-actively support economic growth wherever possible, this would allow proposals for untidy industry to be granted providing the environmental impact or adverse impact to neighbour amenity was not so severe as to justify a refusal of planning permission, rather than identifying specific locations for untidy industry which would minimise any adverse impacts all together.

SA Objectives	E10	Alternative	Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	0	-	<p>Untidy industries can be characterised as nuisance industries often creating atmospheric discharges such as smoke and oil, carrying out noisy works and having a poor visual appearance. Outside of identified employment industrial areas untidy industry will not be permitted. This will have benefits on protecting and enhancing the natural and urban landscape so that such development is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not provide the Council with any control over the location of potentially environmentally harmful industries. Proposals for untidy industry would be granted providing the environmental impact or adverse impact to neighbour amenity was not so severe as to justify a refusal of planning permission As such a minor negative effect is likely for this SA objective.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0	-	<p>Untidy industries can be characterised as nuisance industries often creating atmospheric discharges such as smoke and oil, carrying out noisy works and having a poor visual appearance. Outside of identified employment industrial areas untidy industry will not be permitted. This will have benefits on protecting and enhancing cultural heritage and local distinctiveness so that such development is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not provide the Council with any control over the location of potentially environmentally harmful industries. Proposals for untidy industry would be granted providing the environmental impact or adverse impact to neighbour amenity was not so severe as to justify a refusal of planning permission As such a minor negative effect is likely for this SA objective.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0	-	<p>Untidy industries can be characterised as nuisance industries often creating atmospheric discharges such as smoke and oil, carrying out noisy works and having a poor visual appearance. Outside of identified employment industrial areas untidy industry will not be permitted. . This will have benefits on protecting and enhancing the Borough's biodiversity so that such development is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p>

SA Objectives	E10	Alternative 1	Justification
			Alternative Option 1 would not provide the Council with any control over the location of potentially environmentally harmful industries. Proposals for untidy industry would be granted providing the environmental impact or adverse impact to neighbour amenity was not so severe as to justify a refusal of planning permission As such a minor negative effect is likely for this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0	0	Draft Policy E10 and Alternative Policy 1 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0	0	Draft Policy E10 and Alternative Policy 1 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0	0	Draft Policy E10 and Alternative Policy 1 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	Draft Policy E10 and Alternative Policy 1 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0	0	Draft Policy E10 and Alternative Policy 1 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	Draft Policy E10 and Alternative Policy 1 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live	0	0	Draft Policy E10 and Alternative Policy 1 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	E10	Alternative 1	Justification
or work in the Borough			
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0	0	Draft Policy E10 and Alternative Policy 1 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0	0	Draft Policy E10 and Alternative Policy 1 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	Draft Policy E10 and Alternative Policy 1 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0	Draft Policy E10 and Alternative Policy 1 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+/-/?	-/?	<p>Untidy industries can be characterised as nuisance industries often creating atmospheric discharges such as smoke and oil, carrying out noisy works and having a poor visual appearance, with minor adverse effects on this objective. However, draft policy E10 focuses such development in appropriate locations, minimising the potential for adverse effects with minor positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not provide the Council with any control over the location of potentially environmentally harmful industries. Untidy industries can be characterised as nuisance industries often creating atmospheric discharges such as smoke and oil, carrying out noisy works and having a poor visual appearance. Proposals for untidy industry would be granted providing the environmental impact or adverse impact to neighbour amenity was not so severe as to justify a refusal of planning permission. As such, a minor negative effect is likely for this SA objective.</p>

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			The effects of both options are uncertain due to the fact that their significance will be largely dictated by the detailed design and location of development in the Borough.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	Draft Policy E10 and Alternative Policy 1 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	Draft Policy E10 and Alternative Policy 1 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	Draft Policy E10 and Alternative Policy 1 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+	0	Draft Policy E10 is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective due to the fact that it encourages the concentration of untidy industry into aa few appropriate locations location (with the potential for other employment land being determined on a case by case basis). This helps to prevent more dispersed traffic movements in the Borough, with minor positive effects on this objective. Alternative Option 1 is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.

Policy E11 – Locations for employment development

Alternative 1: Do not set criteria for the locations for employment development.

Reason for Rejection: This is not in accordance with the NPPF which clearly states that Local Planning Authorities should identify locations for employment growth in line with their economic strategy.

Alternative 2: Do not have a generic policy for all employment allocations and set criteria for each individual employment site allocated in the Local Plan.

Reason for Rejection: This would be too prescriptive in terms of individual allocations and would not provide flexibility to respond to changes in economic circumstances or to provide for new or emerging business sectors to locate to the area as required by the NPPF.

SA Objectives	E11	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	0		0	<p>New B-class employment development and any associated employment generating <i>sui generis</i> uses will be permitted within an allocated Employment Area or Rural Enterprise Site, subject to compliance. Criterion a) of part 3 of Draft Policy E11 requires that proposals for new B-class employment development and any associated employment generating <i>sui generis</i> uses outside Employment Areas will be permitted where the use is compatible with the existing uses in the surrounding area and there are no adverse impacts on residential amenity or environmental quality. This will have benefits on protecting and enhancing the natural and urban landscape so that new developments have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 would provide criteria for each individual site. It is assumed that it would have the same benefits on protecting and enhancing the natural and urban landscape. Therefore a negligible effect is likely for this objective.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0		0	<p>New B-class employment development and any associated employment generating <i>sui generis</i> uses will be permitted within an allocated Employment Area or Rural Enterprise Site, subject to compliance. Criterion a) of part 3 of Draft Policy E11 requires that proposals for new B-class employment development and any associated employment generating <i>sui generis</i> uses outside Employment Areas will be permitted where the use is compatible with the existing uses in the surrounding area and there are no adverse impacts on residential amenity or environmental quality. This will have benefits on protecting and enhancing cultural heritage and local distinctiveness so that new developments have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 would provide criteria for each individual site. It is assumed that it would have the same benefits on protecting and enhancing cultural heritage and local distinctiveness. Therefore a negligible effect is likely for this objective.</p>

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3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0		0	<p>New B-class employment development and any associated employment generating <i>sui generis</i> uses will be permitted within an allocated Employment Area or Rural Enterprise Site, subject to compliance. Criterion a) of part 3 of Draft Policy E11 requires that proposals for new B-class employment development and any associated employment generating <i>sui generis</i> uses outside Employment Areas will be permitted where the use is compatible with the existing uses in the surrounding area and there are no adverse impacts on residential amenity or environmental quality. This will have benefits on protecting and enhancing the Borough's biodiversity and habitats so that new developments have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 would provide criteria for each individual site. It is assumed that it would have the same benefits on protecting and enhancing the Borough's biodiversity and habitats. Therefore a negligible effect is likely for this objective.</p>
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+		-	<p>Draft Policy E11 deals with the provision of locations for employment uses to support economic growth. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 is too prescriptive in terms of individual allocations and would not provide flexibility to respond to changes in economic circumstances. Therefore a minor adverse effect is likely.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+		+	<p>Draft Policy E11 sets out criteria to support the location of employment sites. The locations will include town centres, which will help to sustain the vitality and viability of town centres. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 would provide criteria for each individual site. It is assumed that it would have the same criteria directed at specific sites. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective.</p>
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0		0	Draft Policy E11 and Alternative Option 2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0		0	Draft Policy E11 and Alternative Option 2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of	0		0	Draft Policy E11 and Alternative Option 2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	E11	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment				
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+		+	Draft Policy E11 sets out criteria to support the location of employment sites. The provision of employment sites can help create and sustain vibrant communities. Alternative option 2 would provide criteria for each individual site. It is assumed that it would have the same criteria directed at specific sites. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+		+	Draft Policy E11 deals with the provision of locations for employment uses to support economic growth. Greater employment and an improving economy can provide more funds to be used for regeneration. Alternative option 2 would provide criteria for each individual site. It is assumed that it would have the same criteria directed at specific sites. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+		+	Draft Policy E11 sets out criteria to support the locations of employment sites, ultimately enhancing local employment facilities. Adequate onsite parking will be provided improving accessibility. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely. Alternative option 2 would provide criteria for each individual site. It is assumed that it would have the same criteria directed at specific sites. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0		0	Draft Policy E11 and Alternative Option 2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0		0	Draft Policy E11 and Alternative Option 2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of	0		0	Draft Policy E11 and Alternative Option 2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	E11	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels				
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0		0	Draft Policy E11 supports locations for employment uses where there is no adverse impact as a result of pollution and disturbance, access, parking and servicing in the area. Therefore a negligible effect is likely for this SA objective. Alternative option 2 would provide criteria for each individual site. It is assumed that it would have the same criteria directed at specific sites. Therefore a negligible effect is likely for this SA objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0		0	Draft Policy E11 and Alternative Option 2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0		0	Draft Policy E11 and Alternative Option 2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0		0	Draft Policy E11 and Alternative Option 2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+		+	Criterion b) of part 3 of Draft Policy E11 seeks that there are no adverse impact on the capacity of the local road network. The policy also seeks to channel development to sustainable locations of employment areas and rural enterprise sites. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective. Alternative option 2 would provide criteria for each individual site. It is assumed that it would have the same criteria directed at specific sites. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective.

Policy E12 – Non B Class Uses in Employment Areas

Alternative 1: Do not provide protection in allocated Employment Areas and leave it to the market to decide locations for business uses.

Reason for Rejection: This option is not compliant with the NPPF. It does not plan positively for the location, promotion and expansion of clusters or networks of knowledge driven, creative or high technology industries. Also, the loss of B-class employment uses in designated areas could negatively impact on the viability and vitality of town centres within the Borough. This is not a reasonable alternative and so has not been assessed.

Alternative 2: Replace criterion ii with the following:

ii. It can be demonstrated that there is adequate land and premises available elsewhere in the Borough to meet the Borough's business, industrial or storage and distribution needs;

iii. The new use shall not lead to a significant net loss of B-class employment;

Reason for Rejection: This option does not sufficiently strengthen the policies relating to the loss of B-class employment according to the Employment Land & Premises Study which states that terms such as 'adequate land and premises' and 'significant net loss' are too broad and do not provide sufficient protection to the allocations for B-class employment uses. This policy could result in the loss of B-class employment land on the basis that there is a number of vacant sites, whereas the policy above would require the applicant to demonstrate that the vacant site is not needed for future demand for B-class employment uses over the plan period.

Alternative 3: Replace criterion ii with the following:

ii. It can be demonstrated that the alternative use will provide an equivalent number of jobs compared to a B-use class, meeting the requirements of Policy E14 in terms of skills.

Reason for Rejection: Whilst this option would still allow the Council to achieve its strategy to align skills with jobs within the Borough, there is insufficient protection for the employment allocations to be for specific B-use classes.

SA Objectives	E12	Alternative			Justification
		1	2	3	
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	0		0	0	Alternative Policy E12, Alternative Option 2 and Alternative Option 3 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0		0	0	Alternative Policy E12, Alternative Option 2 and Alternative Option 3 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0		0	0	Alternative Policy E12, Alternative Option 2 and Alternative Option 3 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to	0		0	0	Alternative Policy E12, Alternative Option 2 and Alternative Option 3 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	E12	Alternative			Justification
		1	2	3	
stimulate economic regeneration					
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0		0	-	Draft Policy E12 and alternative option 2 supports Non B class uses where it can be demonstrated that the location of the use within an employment area will not undermine the vitality or viability of town centres or local centres. As such there will be no impact on town centres and so a negligible effect is likely for this SA objective. Alternative option 3 does not provide sufficient protection to the allocations for B-class employment uses. This may have result in the oversupply of other use classes and may threaten the vitality and viability of the town centre. Therefore a minor negative effect is likely for this SA objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0		0	0	Alternative Policy E12, Alternative Option 2 and Alternative Option 3 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0		0	0	Alternative Policy E12, Alternative Option 2 and Alternative Option 3 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0		0	0	Alternative Policy E12 and alternative options 2 and 3 promote Non B Class Uses in Employment Areas which have regard to any potential harm to productivity levels, or to the health and well-being of employees or potential users, ensuing that such developments have a negligible effect on this objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0		0	0	Alternative Policy E12, Alternative Option 2 and Alternative Option 3 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0		0	0	Alternative Policy E12, Alternative Option 2 and Alternative Option 3 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance	0		0	0	Alternative Policy E12, Alternative Option 2 and Alternative Option 3 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	E12	Alternative			Justification
		1	2	3	
local services and facilities					
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	+		+	+	Draft Policy E12 and alternative options 2 and 3 promote the reuse of existing buildings for alternative uses if it can be proven that the premises have been vacant and pro-actively marketed for B-class use for a minimum period of 2 years. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0		0	0	Alternative Policy E12, Alternative Option 2 and Alternative Option 3 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0		0	0	Alternative Policy E12, Alternative Option 2 and Alternative Option 3 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0		0	0	Alternative Policy E12, Alternative Option 2 and Alternative Option 3 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0		0	0	Alternative Policy E12, Alternative Option 2 and Alternative Option 3 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0		0	0	Alternative Policy E12, Alternative Option 2 and Alternative Option 3 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and	0		0	0	Alternative Policy E12, Alternative Option 2 and Alternative Option 3 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	E12	Alternative			Justification
		1	2	3	
increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used					
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0		0	0	Alternative Policy E12, Alternative Option 2 and Alternative Option 3 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Policy E13 – Aligning skills and jobs

Alternative 1: The NPPF does not set out specific policies for aligning skills & jobs. It states that local planning authorities should set out a clear economic vision and strategy for their area, plan positively for the locations, promotion, and expansion of clusters or networks of knowledge driven, creative or high technology industries. Aligning skills and jobs is an important part of Basildon Borough Council's economic strategic to improve the employment offer to the Borough's residents, improve the skill levels of the Borough's residents so that they are able to access some of the high skilled jobs available within the Borough, and in turn to reduce the amount of in commuting to skilled jobs within the Borough, and out commuting to higher paid jobs outside of the Borough

SA Objectives	E13	Alternative	Justification
		1	
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	0	0	Draft Policy E13 and Alternative option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0	0	Draft Policy E13 and Alternative option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0	0	Draft Policy E13 and Alternative option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+	0	Draft Policy E13 supports increased opportunities for local people to be engaged in the local economy through skills and training. This would have a beneficial effect on prosperity and economic growth and would have a minor positive effect on this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0	0	Draft Policy E13 and Alternative option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	++	0	Draft Policy E13 supports increased opportunities for local people to be engaged in the local economy through skills and training .The policy seeks to intervene by getting lower skilled residents into training and work to avoid them becoming marginalised in the labour market, benefiting both educational attainment and social inclusion. Therefore a significant

SA Objectives	E13	Alternative 1	Justification
			positive effect is likely for this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	Draft Policy E13 and Alternative option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0	0	Draft Policy E13 and Alternative option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	Draft Policy E13 and Alternative option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0	0	Draft Policy E13 and Alternative option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0	0	Draft Policy E13 and Alternative option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0	0	Draft Policy E13 and Alternative option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	Draft Policy E13 and Alternative option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	E13	Alternative 1	Justification
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0	Draft Policy E13 and Alternative option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0	0	Draft Policy E13 and Alternative option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	Draft Policy E13 and Alternative option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	Draft Policy E13 and Alternative option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	Draft Policy E13 and Alternative option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0	0	Draft Policy E13 and Alternative option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Policy E14 – Offices

Alternative 1: : Rely on the NPPF: Whilst this option would still seek to secure office development within town centres, the Council would like to ensure that when this is not possible that they are located within allocated employment areas, which have good links via public transport, road and cycling/walking infrastructure. Also, with particular reference to the new and protected employment sites which are allocated to come forward as mixed use development sites, offices provide a useful buffer between industrial uses and housing so as not to cause adverse impact on the amenity of residential areas.

SA Objectives	E14	Alternative	Justification
		1	
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	+	0	Draft Policy E14 requires the scale of development to be appropriate to the size and character of each centre and respect the delivery of any site specific allocations where relevant and any other local guidance or material considerations. This will have benefits on protecting and enhancing the urban landscape and would have a minor positive effect on this objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0	0	Draft Policy E14 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0	0	Draft Policy E14 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+	0	Basildon town centre could provide a choice of locations for office based premises with good strategic transport links to London as part of its redevelopment. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	++	0	Draft Policy E14 focusses office development in town centres and requires a sequential/impact test be taken for proposals outside of town centres. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely for this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most	0	0	Draft Policy E14 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective

SA Objectives	E14	Alternative 1	Justification
deprived areas of the Borough			
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	Draft Policy E14 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0	0	Draft Policy E14 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	Draft Policy E14 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0	0	Draft Policy E14 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+	0	Draft Policy E14 encourages the provision of enhanced local office facilities within the Borough, with minor positive effects on this objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	+	0	Draft Policy E14 encourages the provision of offices in existing established centres and urban areas, encouraging the redevelopment of vacant/underutilised land identified. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	Draft Policy E14 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective
14. Reduce the local contribution to	0	0	Draft Policy E14 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective

SA Objectives	E14	Alternative 1	Justification
climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels			
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0	0	Draft Policy E14 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	Draft Policy E14 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	Draft Policy E14 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	Draft Policy E14 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+	0	Most future office supply will be concentrated in Basildon town centre and in Protected Employment Areas. Directing new development towards the larger more sustainable settlements, in line with Government planning advice and the principles of sustainability. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Chapter 8 – Ensuring the Vitality of Town Centres Policies

SA Objectives	Chapter 8 Retail and Leisure Strategy																
	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	R13	R14	R15	R16	R17
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough.	+	++/-	++/-	+	++/-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-/?	+	+	+	+
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough.	+	+/-	+/-/?	+	+/-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-/?	+	+	+	+
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it.	0	+/?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	--/?	0	0	0	0
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration.	++	++	++	++	++	++	+	+	+	++	+	0	+	+/-	+	+/-	+/-
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development.	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	+	+/?	0	0	++	0	+/-	+

SA Objectives	Chapter 8 Retail and Leisure Strategy																
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough.	0	++	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	++
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally.	0	++	+	0	+	0	+/-	0	0	+/?	0	0	0	0	+/-	0	0
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment.	0	+	+	0	+/?	0	0	0	0	+/?	0	0	+	0	0	++/?	+
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced.	++	++	++	++	++	++	+	++	+	+	0	+	0	+/-	+	+	++
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough.	++	++	++	++	++	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+/-	0	+/?	+

SA Objectives	Chapter 8 Retail and Leisure Strategy																
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities.	+	++	++	+	+	+	+/-/?	+	+	++	+	0	-/?	++/-	0	+	+
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings.	+	++	++	+	+	+	+	+	0	+/?	0	0	--/?	0	+	0	0
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring.	0	-/?	-/?	0	-/?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels.	0	++/--	++/-/?	+/-/?	+/-	+/-	0	0	0	0	+	0	-/?	0	0	0	0

SA Objectives	Chapter 8 Retail and Leisure Strategy																
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures.	0	+/-	+/-	+/-/?	+/-	+/-	+/-/?	0	0	0	+	0	-/?	0	0	0	0
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the effects of climate change.	0	+	+	0/?	0/?	0/?	0	0	0	0	0	0	?	0	0	0	0
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	?	0	0	0	0
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations.	+	+/-/?	+/-	+/-/?	+/-	+/-	+/-/?	0	0	0	+	0	+/-/?	0	0	0	0

Policy R1 – Retail and Commercial Leisure Strategy

Alternative 1: No Option - The NPPF expects local planning authorities to set out policies for the management and growth of their centres. Without a local policy the hierarchy of centres would not be defined, and the future provision of retail, leisure and other main town centre uses would not be identified. To not include a policy setting out a strategic approach to retail and leisure provision would not therefore be a reasonable alternative, as the plan would be inconsistent with the NPPF. Therefore this policy has not been appraised.

SA Objectives	R1	Alternative 1	Justification
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	+		Draft Policy R1 seeks to ensure the vitality and viability of town centres, which should help to improve the urban landscape. This in turn will help to protect the wider landscape from potentially adverse development. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+		Preventing the loss of whole town centres and local centres should help to protect and enhance the character of the settlements. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0		Draft Policy R1 primarily deals with existing built-up areas, which are less valuable for biodiversity. Therefore Draft Policy R1 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	++		Draft Policy R1 aims to ensure the vitality of the hierarchy of centres of the Borough, and to regenerate existing town centres. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely for this SA objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	++		To ensure the long-term vitality and viability of the Borough's town centres, the Council will apply a centre first hierarchy approach to proposals for retail, leisure and other main town centre uses. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely for this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0		Draft Policy R1 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help	0		Draft Policy R1 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective

SA Objectives	R1	Alternative 1	Justification
those in most need locally			
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0		Draft Policy R1 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	++		Draft Policy R1 seeks to ensure the long-term vitality and viability of the Borough's town centres. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	++		Draft Policy R1 states the regeneration of Basildon, Laindon, Wickford and Pitsea town centres will be a key priority, Therefore a significant positive effect is likely for this SA objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+		Draft Policy R1 states that shops and other community facilities within local centres should be retained where they remain viable and new local centres created where they are required to meet the day-to-day needs of the local community. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	+		Draft policy R1 seeks to keep development within existing town centres. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0		Draft Policy R1 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance	0		Draft Policy R1 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective

SA Objectives	R1	Alternative 1	Justification
on fossil fuels			
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0		Draft Policy R1 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0		Draft Policy R1 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0		Draft Policy R1 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0		Draft Policy R1 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+		The policy directs new development towards the larger settlements, principally Basildon (incorporating Laindon and Pitsea), Billericay and Wickford, in line with Government planning advice and the principles of sustainability. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this objective.

Policy R2 – Basildon Town Centre Regeneration

Recommendations:

Ensure there is a requirement within the Plan for development to positively manage surface water issues, particularly where development is proposed within a Critical Drainage Area.

Ensure the Plan supports delivery of public transport improvements alongside delivery of large-scale housing.

Alternative 1: No policy - The NPPF and accompanying guidance expects local planning authorities to plan positively for the future of their town centres. This may be delivered through a strategy or vision and whilst Basildon town centre is not in decline, it does require regeneration. To not include a local policy there is a risk that the vitality and viability of the centre may not be achieved over the plan period.

Alternative 2: Use the Revised Preferred Options Policy (PADC1): This policy contains a lot of detailed information regarding the regeneration of the town centre which is a repetition of the current Masterplan. There is a risk that such an approach could make the policy less flexible especially as the Masterplan will be reviewed and updated during the course of the plan period. Furthermore, additional studies have been published since this policy was written.

SA Objectives	R2	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	++/-	0	+/-	Draft policy R2 and alternative option 2 seek to regenerate Basildon town centre, helping to improve the urban landscape. Furthermore, both promote enhanced public realm with new public green spaces. This is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective. The provision of dwellings and employment uses in the town centre are likely to have a minor adverse effect. Therefore, overall the effects are mixed. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+/-	?	+	Draft policy R2 and alternative option 2 seek to regenerate Basildon town centre which should help to enhance the character of the town. Previous policy PADC1 specifically states that the integrity and setting of Grade II* Listed Heritage Assets should be respected and enhanced where possible. As such, the historic environment is expected to be protected in the long term. Draft Policy R2 does not state this explicitly, however, significant adverse effects are considered unlikely. As such, minor adverse short term, and minor positive long term impacts are predicted. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective, although there is uncertainty in the long term protection and enhancement of the cultural heritage of the town centre in the absence of a specific strategy for regeneration.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+/?	0	+	Draft Policy R2 primarily deals with existing built-up area of Basildon, which is less valuable for biodiversity. However the provision of new squares and green spaces as part of development may have positive effect on biodiversity. Therefore an uncertain positive effect is likely for this SA objective.

SA Objectives	R2	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
				<p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks to ensure no net loss of biodiversity as a consequence of development and the regeneration which will provide public realm enhancements including landscaping and trees which could be ecologically beneficial. However, a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective.</p>
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	++	?	++/?	<p>Draft Policy R2 and alternative option 2 seek to regenerate the town centre of Basildon, including significantly increasing the provision of retail, leisure and entertainment uses and supporting the diversification of uses. Therefore both options are likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 is more prescriptive than draft policy R2 which promotes a more flexible approach to the regeneration of the town centre. The more prescriptive, rigid policy option outlined in alternative option 2 would not provide flexibility to respond to changes in economic circumstances, making the delivery of significant positive effects against this objective more uncertain.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective. However, without a policy specifically seeking to plan positively for the future of the town centre there is uncertainty.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	++	?	++/?	<p>Draft Policy R2 seeks to reinforce Basildon's role and function as the highest-order centre in the Borough. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely for this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective. However, without a policy specifically seeking to plan positively for the future of the town centre there is uncertainty.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 seeks to promote the viability and vitality of Basildon town centre where people are attracted to live, work, study, relax, visit and invest as a key objective. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely for this SA objective. The more prescriptive, rigid policy option outlined in alternative option 2 may not provide flexibility to respond to changes in economic circumstances, making the delivery of significant positive effects against this objective more uncertain.</p>
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most	++	0	++	<p>Draft Policy R2 and Alternative Option 2 support the provision of a further education college in the town centre. The provision of this new facility is likely to have a significant</p>

SA Objectives	R2	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
deprived areas of the Borough				positive effect on this objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	++	?	++	Draft Policy R2 and Alternative Option 2 seek to provide 1,500-2,000 dwellings within the town centre. This is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective. However, without a policy specifically seeking to plan positively for the future of the town centre there is uncertainty in the delivery of housing in this town centre.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+	0	+	Draft Policy R2 and Alternative Option 2 will directly contribute to the regeneration of the Basildon town centre, contributing to economic growth and the diversification of uses in the town centre, contribution to job creation and improving the quality of local resident's lives. Furthermore, the policies seek to enhance the town centre's public and green spaces, increasing the capacity of the town centre to support physical recreation. These contributions are likely to have minor positive effects on this objective, Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	++	0	++	Draft Policy R2 supports the regeneration of the town centre will help to create and sustain its vibrancy. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective. Alternative Option 2 is expected to have a significant positive effect on this objective as one of the key objectives is to promote the vitality and viability of Basildon town centre by creating a place where people are attracted to live, work, study, relax, visit and invest.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	++	?	++/?	Draft Policy R2 aims to regenerate the town centre of Basildon. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective. However, without a policy specifically seeking to plan positively for the future of the town centre there is uncertainty in the delivery of regeneration. Alternative Option 2 provides a focus for mixed-use town centre regeneration. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely. The more prescriptive, rigid policy option outlined in

SA Objectives	R2	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
				alternative option 2 may not provide flexibility to respond to changes in economic circumstances, making the delivery of significant positive effects against this objective more uncertain.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	++	?	++/?	<p>Draft Policy R2 and Alternative Option 2 seek to significantly increase the quality and quantity of local services and facilities in Basildon's town centre. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 is more prescriptive than draft policy R2 which promotes a more flexible approach to the regeneration of the town centre. The more prescriptive, rigid policy option outlined in alternative option 2 may not provide flexibility to respond to changes in economic circumstances, making the delivery of significant positive effects against this objective more uncertain.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective. However, without a policy specifically seeking to plan positively for the future of the town centre there is uncertainty in the delivery of new and enhanced services and facilities.</p>
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	++	0	++	<p>Draft policy R2 and Alternative Option 2 are focused on the regeneration of Basildon Town Centre, which is an existing built-up area. The policy also specifically encourages the redevelopment and modernisation of existing premises. Increasing the density of development in this urban location before developing on greenfield land, re-using materials and previous buildings where possible is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.</p>
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	-/?	0	0	<p>Alternative Options 1 and 2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 includes requirements to manage flood risk in accordance with the South Essex Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and South Essex Surface Water Management Plan (noting that the town centre is within Critical Drainage Areas).</p> <p>Policy R2 makes no specific reference to the management of surface water flood risk and as such a minor adverse, uncertain effect is predicted.</p>
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy	++/--	0	++/-	Draft Policy R2 and Alternative Option 2 require the provision of a number of key services including employment, open space, education and transport facilities. Having an improved range and services and facilities in the centre of the town will enable existing and new

SA Objectives	R2	Alternative		Justification
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efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels				<p>residents to access facilities on foot or by public transport, reducing the reliance on the car and thus reducing car-based greenhouse gas emissions. Furthermore, improvements to the centre's green spaces will contribute to climate change adaptation. This is likely to have significant positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>However, the delivery of a significant number of new dwellings in the centre and anticipated improvements to the road network could result in a significant increase in car based travel. This is likely to have a significant negative effect on this objective. Therefore, overall, the effects are likely to be mixed.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.</p>
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measu.res	+/-	0	+/-	<p>Draft Policy R2 and Alternative Option 2 propose a significant amount of new development within the centre of Basildon. The construction of this new development is likely to result in an increase in noise and air pollution for a temporary period. However, this development will be required to implement noise and air quality management strategies during construction (including noise and dust management plans).</p> <p>Having an improved range and services and facilities in the centre of the town will enable existing and new residents to access facilities by non-polluting modes of transport, reducing noise and air pollution with minor positive effects on this objective; however, the delivery of a significant number of new dwellings in the centre is likely to result in an increase in car-based pollution in the town centre. This is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective. Therefore, overall, the effects are likely to be mixed.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.</p>
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	+	<p>Draft Policy R2 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 states that any upgrades to the existing waste water network would need to be provided to an adoptable standard and should not precede necessary drainage works. The implementation of this policy would therefore mean that a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective.</p>
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	+	0	+	<p>Draft Policy R2 and Alternative Option 2 seek to provide new and improved public realm and green spaces. This will help to alleviate the impacts of climate change, principally reducing surface water flooding and the urban heat island effect. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective.</p>

SA Objectives	R2	Alternative		Justification
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				Alternative option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	0	Draft Policy R2 and Alternative Options 1 and 2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+/-/?	0	+/-	<p>Draft Policy R2 and Alternative Option 2 direct new development towards the centre of Basildon, making new residential and local services and facilities more accessible via sustainable alternatives to the private car. This is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 is more prescriptive, requiring the delivery of a new public transport interchange with rail, bus and taxi connections, improving travel choice. Both options require the delivery of a significant number of new dwellings in the centre which is likely to increase the number of private cars of the road, increasing traffic congestion with minor negative effects on this objective. Therefore, overall, Draft Policy R2 and Alternative Option 2 are likely to have a mixed effect on this objective. There is uncertainty in respect of policy R2 due to the uncertainty in delivery of public transport improvements alongside delivery of regeneration.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.</p>

Policy R3 – Laindon Town Centre Regeneration

Recommendations:

Ensure there is a requirement within the Plan for development to positively manage surface water issues, particularly where development is proposed within a Critical Drainage Area.

Alternative 1: No policy - The NPPF and accompanying guidance expects local planning authorities to plan positively for the future of their town centres, particularly where a town centre is in decline. Therefore there is a risk that the required redevelopment of the centre may not be achieved over the plan period if there is no strategy on the centre's regeneration.

Alternative 2: Use the Revised Preferred Options Policy (PAD2): This policy is quite prescriptive in terms of the provision of certain uses as part of the regeneration of the town centre. As there is no Masterplan or Development Framework to arbitrate the delivery of the town centre's redevelopment at present, the use of exact values could be detrimental to the future viability of any scheme that is proposed. The new policy is therefore considered to a more flexible approach.

SA Objectives	R3	Alternative		Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	++/-	0	++/-	Draft Policy R3 and Alternative Option 2 both seek to regenerate Laindon town centre, helping to improve the urban landscape. Furthermore, both policy options promote enhanced public realm with new landscaping. This is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective. The provision of dwellings and employment uses in the town centre are likely to have a minor adverse effect. Therefore, overall the effects are mixed. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+/-/?	?	+/-/?	Draft Policy R3 and Alternative Option 2 support the regeneration of Laindon town centre which should help to enhance the character of the town. The area holds limited sensitivity to change, however potential effects on cultural heritage assets such as the Grade I Listed St Nicholas Church, are unclear. A mixed, uncertain effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective, although there is uncertainty in the long term protection and enhancement of the cultural heritage of the town centre in the absence of a specific strategy for regeneration.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0	0	+/?	This policy deals solely with Laindon town centre, an area likely to be of limited biodiversity value, therefore Draft Policy R3 and Alternative Option 1 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. Alternative Option 2 will require protected species surveys and corresponding mitigation to be carried out as necessary. Development should also limit the loss of open space, and

SA Objectives	R3	Alternative		Justification
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				Tree Preservation Orders within the area should be carefully considered as part of development proposals. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective, as there will be no net loss of biodiversity and further enhancements could be ecologically beneficial; however, this is uncertain at the stage.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	++	?	++/?	<p>Draft Policy R3 and Alternative Option 2 both seek to regenerate the town centre of Basildon. Therefore a significant positive effect for this objective is likely.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 is more prescriptive than Draft Policy R3 which promotes a more flexible approach to the regeneration of the town centre. The more prescriptive, rigid policy option outlined in Alternative Option 2 may not provide sufficient flexibility to respond to changes in economic circumstances, making the delivery of significant positive effects against this objective more uncertain.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective. However, without a policy specifically seeking to plan positively for the future of the town centre there is uncertainty.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	++	?	++/?	<p>Draft Policy R3 supports the regeneration of Laindon town centre through a mixed use scheme providing new retail floorspace, including a large format foodstore, alongside 150 - 250 residential units and a mix of other leisure, business, health and community uses. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely for this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. However, without a policy specifically seeking to plan positively for the future of the town centre there is uncertainty.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks to promote the viability and vitality of Basildon town centre where people are attracted to live, work, study, relax, visit and invest as a key objective. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely for this SA objective. The more prescriptive, rigid policy option outlined in alternative option 2 may not provide flexibility to respond to changes in economic circumstances, making the delivery of significant positive effects against this objective more uncertain.</p>
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0	0	+	Draft Policy R3 and Alternative Option 1 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. Alternative Option 2 likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective as it will secure financial contributions to expand local primary schools.
7. Ensure that everyone has the	+	?	+	Draft Policy R3 and Alternative Option 2 both seek to provide 150-250 dwellings within the

SA Objectives	R3	Alternative		Justification
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opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally				town centre. This is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective. However, without a policy specifically seeking to plan positively for the future of the town centre there is uncertainty in the delivery of housing in this town centre.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+	0	+	Draft Policy R3 seeks to enhance the town centre partially through the successful integration of health and community facilities. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. Alternative Option 2 will require the provision of an upgraded Laindon Health Centre. Therefore a minor positive effect will be likely for this SA objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	++	0	++	Draft Policy R3 supports the regeneration of the town centre which will help to create and sustain its vibrancy. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective. Alternative Option 2 is expected to have a significant positive effect on this objective as one of the key objectives is to promote the vitality and viability of Laindon town centre by creating a place where people are attracted to live, work, study, relax, visit and invest. A second objective seeks to create an environment that is diverse, vibrant and safe. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely for this SA objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	++	?	++/?	Draft Policy R3 aims to regenerate the town centre of Laindon. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective. However, without a policy specifically seeking to plan positively for the future of the town centre there is uncertainty in the delivery of regeneration. Alternative Option 2 will be required to provide a number of key services including employment, upgraded healthcare facilities, new car parking, landscaping and an enhanced public realm. The re-provision of open space should explore the use of civic spaces with landscaping to enhance the aesthetics and safety of the town centre. Financial contributions will also be secured to expand primary schools within the priority

SA Objectives	R3	Alternative		Justification
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				admission area. As such, there is potential to reduce the existing levels of deprivation within the area. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely for this SA objective. The more prescriptive, rigid policy option outlined in alternative option 2 may not provide sufficient flexibility to respond to changes in economic circumstances, making the delivery of significant positive effects against this objective more uncertain.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	++	?	++/?	Draft Policy R3 supports improvements to the public realm, highways, car parking and public transport links, providing greater access to the centre. Local services and facilities will be enhanced through the provision of new retail floorspace, including a large format foodstore, alongside 150 - 250 residential units and a mix of other leisure, business, health and community uses. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective. However, without a policy specifically seeking to plan positively for the future of the town centre there is uncertainty in the delivery of new and enhanced services and facilities. Alternative Option 2 will be required to provide 2,500m ² of A1 food store floorspace, replacement A1, A2, A3, A4 and A5 retail floorspace, contributions to upgrade healthcare facilities, new car parking and landscaping and an enhanced public realm. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely for this SA objective. The more prescriptive, rigid policy option outlined in alternative option 2 may not provide sufficient flexibility to respond to changes in economic circumstances, making the delivery of significant positive effects against this objective more uncertain.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	++	0	++	Draft Policy R3 and Alternative Option 2 deal specifically with Laindon town centre, an existing built up centre. The supporting text to Draft Policy R3 mentions empty retail units; as such, it is likely that this policy would encourage their re use. Increasing the density of development in this urban location before developing on greenfield land, re-using materials and previous buildings where possible is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and	-/?	0	0	Alternative Option 1 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective Alternative Option 2 requires development to manage flood risk in accordance with the

SA Objectives	R3	Alternative		Justification
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commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring				<p>South Essex Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and South Essex Surface Water Management Plan to agreement of Water Authority, Environment Agency and Lead Local Flood Authority as appropriate. Given the location of development and the measures which will be implemented overall a negligible effect is likely for this SA objective.</p> <p>Policy R3 makes no specific reference to the management of surface water flood risk and as such a minor adverse, uncertain effect is predicted.</p>
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	++/-/?	0	++/-	<p>Draft Policy R3 seeks to enhance the environmental quality of the town centre through landscaping and improvements to the public realm, highways, car parking and public transport links. The policy also seeks to deliver at least 150 new residential units which may increase car use in the area. A significant mixed, uncertain effect on this objective is therefore likely.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 requires development to deliver new services and improvements to public transport infrastructure to further improve access to local services. However, Alternative Option 2 will also deliver at least 150 new dwellings, a new car park and improvements to the road network. As such, car based travel will continue and potentially increase as a result. It is therefore considered that a significant mixed effect on this objective is likely.</p>
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+/-	0	+/-	<p>Draft Policy R3 and Alternative Option 2 propose at least 150 new homes within the centre of Laindon. The construction of this new development is likely to result in an increase in noise and air pollution, particularly during construction. However, this development will be required to implement noise and air quality management strategies during construction (including noise and dust management plans).</p> <p>Having an improved range and services and facilities in the centre of the town will enable existing and new residents to access facilities by non-polluting modes of transport, reducing noise and air pollution with minor positive effects on this objective; however, the delivery of a significant number of new dwellings in the centre could also result in an increase in car-based pollution in the centre. This is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective. Therefore, overall, the effects are likely to be mixed.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.</p>

SA Objectives	R3	Alternative		Justification
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16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	+	Draft Policy R3 and Alternative Option 1 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective. Alternative Option 2 states that any upgrades to the existing waste water network would need to be provided to an adoptable standard and should not precede necessary drainage works. The implementation of this policy would therefore mean that a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	+	0	+	Draft Policy R3 and Alternative Option 2 seek to provide new and improved public realm, and areas of landscaping. This will help to alleviate the impacts of climate change, principally reducing surface water flooding and the urban heat island effect. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	0	Draft Policy R3, Alternative Option 1 and Alternative Option 2 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+/-	0	+/-	The Draft Policy R3 and Alternative Option 2 direct new development towards the centre of Laindon, making new residential and local services and facilities more accessible via sustainable alternatives to the private car. This is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. Both options make reference to the delivery of new public transport facilities improving travel choice. Both options require the delivery of a significant number of new dwellings in the centre which is likely to increase the number of private cars on the road, increasing traffic congestion with minor negative effects on this objective. Therefore, overall, Draft Policy R3 and Alternative Option 2 are likely to have a mixed effect on this objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.

Policy R4 – Pitsea Town Centre Regeneration

Alternative 1: No policy - The NPPF and accompanying guidance expects local planning authorities to plan positively for the future of their town centres. This may be delivered through a strategy or vision and whilst much has already been delivered with regards to the regeneration of Pitsea town centre, it is not finished.

To not include a local policy there is a risk that the vitality and viability of the centre may not be fully achieved over the plan period.

SA Objectives	R4	Alternative 1	Justification
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	+	0	Draft Policy R4 seeks to regenerate Pitsea town centre, which should help to improve the urban landscape. This in turn will help to protect the wider landscape from potentially adverse development. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+	?	Draft Policy R4 supports the regeneration and enhancement of Pitsea town centre which should help to enhance the character of the town. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective, although there is uncertainty in the long term protection and enhancement of the cultural heritage of the town centre in the absence of a specific strategy for regeneration. . .
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0	0	Draft Policy R4 and Alternative Option 1 relates to an area primarily within Pitsea town centre, likely to be of limited biodiversity value. Therefore Draft Policy R4 and Alternative Option 1 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	++	?	Draft Policy R4 seeks to regenerate the town centre of Pitsea by providing a diverse retail and leisure offer. Therefore a significant positive effect for this objective is likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective; however, without a policy specifically seeking to plan positively for the future of the town centre there is uncertainty. . .
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	++	?	Draft Policy R4 seeks to ensure vitality and viability of Pitsea town centre, enabling it to thrive and providing a diverse retail and leisure offer. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely for this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective; however, without a policy specifically seeking to plan positively for the future of the town centre there is uncertainty. . .
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most	0	0	Draft Policy R4 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	R4	Alternative 1	Justification
deprived areas of the Borough			
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	Draft Policy R4 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0	0	Draft Policy R4 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	++	0	Draft Policy R4 supports the regeneration of the town centre which will help to create and sustain its vibrancy. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	++	?	Draft Policy R2 aims to regenerate the town centre of Pitsea. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective, however, without a policy specifically seeking to plan positively for the future of the town centre there is uncertainty in the delivery of regeneration.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+	?	Draft Policy R4 seeks to regenerate Pitsea town centre, modernising existing premises and encouraging diversification and the creation of a vibrant evening economy. Greater pedestrian movement through the centre will be encouraged through the creation of a pedestrian friendly public realm and enhancements to the environmental quality of the town centre. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective. However, without a policy specifically seeking to plan positively for the future of the town centre there is uncertainty in the delivery of new and enhanced services and facilities.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	+	0	Draft Policy R4 deals specifically with Pitsea town centre, an existing built up centre. Increasing the density of development in this urban location before developing on greenfield land, re-using buildings where possible is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	R4	Alternative 1	Justification
			Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	Draft Policy R4 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+/-/?	0	Draft Policy R4 seeks to encourage increased pedestrian movement through the creation of a pedestrian friendly public realm, which may in turn decrease vehicle movements within the town centre. However the regeneration of the area may also encourage an increase in vehicle journeys to the centre. A mixed, uncertain effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+/-/?	0	Draft Policy R4 seeks to encourage increased pedestrian movement through the creation of a pedestrian friendly public realm, which may in turn decrease vehicle movements within the town centre and the related air and noise pollution. However the regeneration of the area may also encourage an increase in vehicle journeys to the centre. A mixed, uncertain effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	Draft Policy R4 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0/?	0	Draft Policy R4 encourages enhancements the public realm. However the design and layout is unknown. Therefore a negligible uncertain is likely for this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	Draft Policy R4 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling	+/-/?	0	Draft Policy R4 supports the regeneration of Pitsea, including the creation of a pedestrian friendly public realm and supporting the diversification of uses and the creation of a vibrant evening economy. However the delivery of new services and facilities within the centre is could increase the number of private cars accessing the area, increasing traffic

SA Objectives	R4	Alternative 1	Justification
development to sustainable locations			congestion with minor negative effects on this objective. Therefore a mixed, uncertain effect is likely for this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Policy R5 – Wickford Town Centre Regeneration

Recommendations:

Ensure there is a requirement within the Plan for development to positively manage surface water issues, particularly where development is proposed within a Critical Drainage Area.

Alternative 1: No policy - The NPPF and accompanying guidance expects local planning authorities to plan positively for the future of their town centres. This may be delivered through a strategy or vision and whilst some redevelopment and improvements to Wickford town centre have been completed, the regeneration of the centre is not finished. As such, there is a risk that the vitality and viability of the centre may not be fully achieved over the plan period if a strategy on the regeneration of the centre was not included.

Alternative 2: Use the Revised Preferred Options Policy (PADCS) - A number of the proposed uses set out within this policy, such as the market and the refurbished swimming pool and new gym, have now been delivered. Therefore parts of the policy are no longer relevant.

SA Objectives	R5	Alternative		Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	++/-	0	++/-	Draft Policy R5 and Alternative Option 2 both seek to regenerate Wickford town centre, helping to improve the urban landscape. Furthermore, both promote enhanced public realm areas. This is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective. The support for residential dwellings and employment uses in the town centre are likely to have a minor adverse effect. Therefore, overall the effects are mixed. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+/-	?	+/-	The historic core of Wickford is small, and little of the original area still survives. It is therefore considered that Draft Policy R5 and Alternative Option 2 will both have a mixed effect on this objective as there will be substantial alteration to the original town centre design; however it is noted that the centre holds limited sensitivity to change. Development within the town centre may provide the opportunity to conserve and, if possible, enhance the setting of existing cultural assets. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective, although there is uncertainty in the long term protection and enhancement of the cultural heritage of the town centre in the absence of a specific strategy for regeneration.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0	0	+/?	Draft Policy R5 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. Overall, it is considered that Alternative Option 2 will have a minor positive effect on this objective as there will be no net loss of biodiversity as a result of development and public

SA Objectives	R5	Alternative		Justification
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				realm enhancements which could be ecologically beneficial. An uncertain minor positive is therefore likely for this objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	++	?	++/?	<p>Draft Policy R5 and Alternative Option 2 both seek to regenerate the town centre of Wickford. Therefore a significant positive effect for this objective is likely.</p> <p>The more prescriptive, rigid policy option outlined in Alternative Option 2 would provide less flexibility to respond to changes in economic circumstances, making the delivery of significant positive effects against this objective more uncertain.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on effect on this SA objective, however, without a policy specifically seeking to plan positively for the future of the town centre there is uncertainty.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	++	?	++/?	<p>Draft Policy R5 supports the regeneration of Wickford Town Centre with the aim of providing new retail floorspace including an additional foodstore, and 15 - 100 residential units, alongside a mix of other leisure, business, health and community uses where opportunities arise. This will increase the popularity of the town centre as a shopping and eating destination and enable it to thrive. Overall a significant positive effect is therefore likely for this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective, however, without a policy specifically seeking to plan positively for the future of the town centre there is uncertainty.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks to promote the viability and vitality of Wickford town centre, encouraging people to live, work, study, relax, visit and invest in the area. A significant positive effect is likely for this SA objective. However, the more prescriptive, rigid policy option outlined in Alternative Option 2 would provide less flexibility to respond to changes in economic circumstances, bringing more uncertainty to the appraisal.</p>
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most	0	0	+	Draft Policy R5 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	R5	Alternative		Justification
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deprived areas of the Borough				Alternative Option 2 will be required to provide financial contributions to enlarge existing primary schools in the priority admission area. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+	?	+	Draft Policy R5 seeks to provide 15 - 100 residential units. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. However, without a policy specifically seeking to plan positively for the future of the town centre there is uncertainty. Alternative Option 2 seeks to provide up to 50 new homes. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+/?	0	+/?	Draft Policy R5 seeks to provide health and community facilities 'where opportunities arise'; therefore a minor positive effect is possible on this SA objective; however this is uncertain at this stage. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. Alternative Option 2 will be required to provide improved health facilities through contributions delivered from planned residential development. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	++	0	++	Draft Policy R5 supports the regeneration of the town centre and will help to create and sustain its vibrancy. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. Alternative Option 2 is expected to have a significant positive effect on this objective as one of the key objectives is to promote the vitality and viability of Wickford town centre by creating a place where people are attracted to live, work, study, relax, visit and invest.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	++	?	++/?	Draft Policy R5 aims to regenerate the town centre of Wickford. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely for this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. However, without a policy specifically seeking to plan positively for the future of the town centre there is uncertainty.

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				Alternative Option 2 will be required to provide a number of key services including 7,300m ² of retail floorspace, healthcare facilities, public realm enhancements and financial contributions to existing primary schools in priority admissions areas that serve the town centre. As such, there is potential to further reduce the existing levels of deprivation. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely for this SA objective, with uncertainty recognising this prescriptive policy approach is less adaptable to changing circumstances.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+	?	+/?	<p>Draft Policy R5 seeks to regenerate Wickford town centre, which would enhance local services and facilities. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. However, without a policy specifically seeking to plan positively for the future of the town centre there is uncertainty.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 will be required to provide 50 dwellings, 1,000m² of A1 food store, 6,300m² of comparison floorspace, car parking, landscape and enhanced public realm. Financial contributions will also be required to support existing primary schools in the priority admission area and improved health facilities. Alternative Option 2 is however more prescriptive than Draft Policy R5 which promotes a more flexible approach to the regeneration of the town centre. The more prescriptive, rigid policy would not provide flexibility to respond to changes in economic circumstances, making the delivery of significant positive effects against this objective more uncertain. Therefore a minor positive uncertain effect is likely for this SA objective.</p>
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	+	0	+	<p>Draft Policy R5 and Alternative Option 2 deal specifically with Wickford town centre, an existing build up centre. The supporting text to Draft Policy R5 suggests that the number of vacant retail units is relatively limited. Therefore there may not be many options to reuse existing buildings. Increasing the density of development in this urban location before developing on greenfield land, re-using materials and previous buildings where possible is however likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.</p>
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	-/?	0	0	<p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 requires development to manage flood risk in accordance with the South Essex Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and South Essex Surface Water Management Plan to agreement of Water Authority, Environment Agency and Lead Local Flood Authority as appropriate. Given the location of development and the measures which will be implemented overall a negligible effect is likely for this SA objective.</p>

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				Policy Option R5 makes no specific reference to managing potential fluvial and surface water flooding issues and as such a minor adverse impact is predicted.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+/-	0	+/-	<p>Draft Policy R5 seeks to support enhancement of the public realm, improving the cohesiveness of the town centre. This may encourage greater pedestrian movement, reducing vehicle emissions within the centre. However the policy also seeks to deliver between 15-100 residential units which may increase car use in the area. A mixed effect on this objective is therefore likely.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 requires development to deliver improvements to public transport infrastructure to further improve access to local services. However, Alternative Option 2 will also deliver at least 50 new dwellings, which may increase car based travel. A mixed effect on this objective is likely.</p>
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+/-	0	+/-	<p>Draft Policy R5 supports enhancement of the public realm, improving the cohesiveness of the town centre. This may encourage greater pedestrian movement, reducing vehicle emissions, along with air and noise pollution within the centre. However the policy also seeks to deliver between 15-100 residential units which may increase car use in the area and the associated air and noise pollution. A mixed effect on this objective is therefore likely.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 requires development to deliver improvements to public transport infrastructure to further improve access to local services. However, Alternative Option 2 will also deliver at least 50 new dwellings, which may increase car based travel and the associated air and noise pollution. A mixed effect on this objective is likely.</p>
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	+	<p>Draft Policy R5 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 requires that any upgrades to the existing wastewater network would need to be provided to an adoptable standard and should not precede necessary drainage works. The implementation of this policy would therefore mean that a minor positive</p>

SA Objectives	R5	Alternative		Justification
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				effect is likely for this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0/?	0	0/?	Draft Policy R5 and Alternative Option 2 both seek enhancements to the public realm. However the design and layout is not known at this stage and therefore a negligible uncertain is likely for this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	0	Draft Policy R5, Alternative Option 1 and Alternative Option 2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+/-	0	+/-	The Draft Policy R5 and Alternative Option 2 direct new development towards the centre of Wickford, making new residential and local services and facilities more accessible via sustainable alternatives to the private car. This is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. Both options require the delivery of new residential dwellings in the centre which is likely to increase the number of private cars of the road, increasing traffic congestion with minor negative effects on this objective. Therefore, overall, Draft Policy R5 and Alternative Option 2 are likely to have a mixed effect on this objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Policy R6 – Billericay Town Centre Enhancement

Alternative 1: No policy - The NPPF and accompanying guidance expects local planning authorities to plan positively for the future of their town centres to support their vitality and viability. This may be delivered through a strategy or vision. To not include a local policy there is a risk that the future vitality and viability of the centre cannot be assured.

SA Objectives	R6	Alternative 2	Justification
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	+	0	Draft Policy R6 states that works carried out to buildings and/or land within the town centre boundary which enhance the character and vibrancy of the town centre will be supported. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+	?	The regeneration of Billericay town centre should help to enhance the character of the town. Opportunities to enhance the public realm will be encouraged where they in keeping with the centres historic character. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. However, in the absence of a positive policy approach there is uncertainty in the potential for enhancement.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0	0	Draft Policy R6 and Alternative Option 1 focus on an area within Billericay, likely to be of limited biodiversity value. Therefore Draft Policy R6 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	++	?	Draft Policy R6 seeks to enhance the town centre of Billericay focusing on protecting the strong independent retailing sector and evening economy. Therefore a significant positive effect for this objective is likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. However, in the absence of positive policy approach there is uncertainty as to whether significant town centre enhancement (and hence economic stimulation) would be achieved
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	++	?	Draft Policy R6 seeks to support the vitality and viability of Billericay town centre. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely for that objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. However, in the absence of a positive policy approach there is uncertainty as to whether significant town centre enhancement would be achieved.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most	0	0	Draft Policy R6 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective

SA Objectives	R6	Alternative 2	Justification
deprived areas of the Borough			
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	Draft Policy R6 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0	0	Draft Policy R6 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	++	0	The enhancement of the town centre will help to create and sustain its vibrancy. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+	0	Draft Policy R6 aims to enhance the town centre of Billericay. However, Billericay has a lower percentage of deprived areas than the other town centres. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+	0	Draft Policy R6 seeks to enhance Billericay town centre, including the introduction of a street market, which would enhance local services and facilities. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	+	0	Draft Policy R6 deals specifically with Billericay town centre, an existing built up centre. Increasing the density of development in this urban location before developing on greenfield land, re-using buildings where possible is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. Draft Policy R6 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the	0	0	Draft Policy R6 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	R6	Alternative 2	Justification
detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring			
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+/-	0	Draft Policy R6 seeks to enhance the public realm and increase public space, which may in turn decrease vehicle movements within the town centre and decrease emissions. However the enhancement of the area may also encourage an increase in vehicle journeys to the centre. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+/-	0	Draft Policy R6 seeks to enhance the public realm and increase public space, which may in turn decrease vehicle movements within the town centre and the related air and noise pollution. However the enhancement of the area may also encourage an increase in vehicle journeys to the centre. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	Draft Policy R6 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0/?	0	Draft Policy R6 encourages opportunities to enhance the public realm. However the design and layout is unknown. Therefore a negligible, uncertain is likely for this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	Draft Policy R6 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+/-	0	Draft Policy R6 supports the enhancement of Billericay (including support for certain new uses), making new local services and facilities more accessible via sustainable alternatives to the private car. However the delivery of new services and facilities within the centre could increase the number of private cars on the road, increasing traffic congestion with minor negative effects on this objective. Therefore a mixed effect is likely for this SA objective

SA Objectives	R6	Alternative 2	Justification
			Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Policy R7 – Town Centre Boundaries

Alternative 1: No Policy. This runs contrary to the NPPF which clearly states that local planning authorities should define the extent of town centres, and therefore not a reasonable alternative and has not been appraised further.

SA Objectives	R7	Alternative 1	Justification
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	+		Draft Policy R7 seeks to retain land within town centre boundaries for the ongoing provision of uses appropriate to a town centre. Ensuring that town centres maintain their status as shopping areas and centres of employment should help to improve the urban landscape.. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+		The supporting text highlights the role of town centres in providing a strong local identity. Therefore maintaining town centres should help protect and enhance the distinctiveness of the urban areas within the Borough. A minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0		Draft Policy R7 primarily deals with existing urban areas, which will have limited potential for biodiversity. Therefore Draft Policy R7 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+		Draft Policy R7 aims to ensure that land within town centres is retained for uses appropriate to a town centre. The supporting text notes the importance of achieving a relatively high percentage of A1 uses (retail shopping) in the primary frontages of town centres. The retention of existing town centres and support for the provision of A1 uses within centres could support economic growth, regenerating existing town centres. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	++		To ensure that town centres maintain their status as important shopping areas and centres of employment Draft Policy R7 will retain land within town centres for appropriate uses such as retailing, offices, recreational or community facilities and residential (only where it forms an ancillary part of a mixed use scheme). A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0		Draft Policy R7 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+/-		Draft Policy R7 will safeguard land within town centres for ongoing provision of town centre uses including retailing, offices, recreational or community uses, which could potentially decrease areas available for the development of new residential properties. However residential development will be permitted when it forms an ancillary part of a

SA Objectives	R7	Alternative 1	Justification
			mixed use scheme. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0		Draft Policy R7 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+		Draft Policy R7 seeks to retain land within town centre boundaries for the ongoing provision of uses appropriate to a town centre, such as retail and recreation purposes. Ensuring that town centres maintain their status as shopping areas and centres of employment should help to sustain a sense of vibrancy. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+		Draft Policy R7 aims to ensure that land within town centres is retained for uses appropriate to a town centre. The supporting text notes the importance of achieving a relatively high percentage of A1 uses (retail shopping) in the primary frontages of town centres. The retention of existing town centres and an increase in A1 uses within centres is likely to lead to economic growth, regenerating existing town centres. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+/-/?		Draft Policy R7 may result in an increase in traffic and congestion around town centres. However by concentrating commercial and recreation uses within existing town centres, it can be argued that they will be readily accessible through the use of existing public transport links. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective; however this is uncertain as it will depend primarily on travel choices made by residents.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	+		Draft Policy R7 makes no specific mention of the reuse of land or buildings, however as any new development related to this policy will be taking place within an existing town centre; it is likely to take place on a brownfield site, or potentially involve redevelopment of existing buildings. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0		Draft Policy R7 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy	0		Draft Policy R7 may result in an increase in traffic around town centres, which could lead to an increase in congestion and vehicle emissions. However any development within town centres will be of a scale appropriate to the town centre, and consistent with the Boroughs spatial strategy and other relevant policies. A negligible effect is therefore likely

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efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels			on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+/-/?		Draft Policy R7 may result in an increase in traffic around town centres, which could lead to an increase in congestion and vehicle emissions, with a resultant decrease in air quality, and increase in noise pollution. However by concentrating commercial and recreation uses within existing town centres, it can be argued that they will be readily accessible through the use of more sustainable modes of transportation.. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective; however this is uncertain as it will depend primarily on travel choices made by residents.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0		Draft Policy R7 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0		This policy makes no provision for the effects of climate change, therefore Draft Policy R7 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0		Draft Policy R7 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+/-/?		Draft Policy R7 may result in an increase in traffic around town centres, which could lead to an increase in congestion. However by concentrating commercial and recreation uses within existing town centres, it can be argued that they will be readily accessible through the use of more sustainable modes of transportation.. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective; however this is uncertain as it will depend primarily on travel choices made by residents.

Policy R8 – Primary Shopping Frontages

Alternative 1: No Policy. The NPPF does not specify acceptable proportions of retail and non-retail in primary frontages, as this is a matter for local planning authorities to decide. As such, it is considered that not having any policy to manage the change of use within the primary frontages, and treating proposals on their merits is not an option.

Alternative 2: Set a higher threshold for the acceptance of non-retail uses within primary shopping frontages. Applying a more restrictive policy on non-retail uses could be damaging to vitality and viability, reducing the opportunities for beneficial supporting uses and in particular not allowing for the growth in the evening economy within the town centres.

Alternative 3: Set a lower threshold for the acceptance of non-retail uses within primary shopping frontages. Accepting a greater proportion of non-retail uses within the primary shopping frontage is likely to lead to a significant loss of retailing, with resultant harm to the retail function of primary shopping areas.

Alternative 4: Indicative Minimum Proportion: A third option is to refrain from specifying percentage thresholds in the body of this policy to manage the proportion of retail uses within the primary shopping area. But rather, indicative minimum thresholds used in support of this policy will be set out in a supplementary planning document. The option of including this detail in the SPD will offer a greater degree of flexibility but could mean that decisions made in support of the policy reliant on retaining a minimum level of retail representation in a particular area would be more difficult to defend on appeal.

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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough						<p>Draft Policy R8 will allow the change of use of ground floor premises from Class A1 uses to other town centre uses providing the proposed use will make a positive contribution to the vitality and viability of the town centre. This may help to enhance the diverse urban landscape within town centres. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Options 2 and 3 propose higher and lower thresholds for the acceptance of non-retail uses within primary shopping frontages, respectively. For both options, a balance would have to be struck between protecting critical vitality and viability and promoting an appropriate diversity of uses within different areas of the town centre with mixed uncertain effects on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 4 would rely on a supplementary planning document to set out indicative thresholds, rather than the Local Plan. This would result in a certain degree of flexibility. A balance would have to be struck between protecting critical vitality and viability and promoting an appropriate diversity of uses within different areas of the town centre. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p>
	+	0	+ /- /?	+ /- /?	+ / -	
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of	+	0	+ /-	+ /-	+ / /	Draft Policy R8 will only allow the change of use of ground floor premises from Class A1 uses to other town centre uses providing the proposed use will make a positive

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Basildon Borough			/?	/?	-	<p>contribution to the vitality and viability of the town centre. However the proportion of A1 retail uses at ground floor level will be maintained at 75% in Basildon Town Centre and 60% in Billericay, Pitsea or Wickford Town Centres, thus ensuring the character of the town centre is protected. As town centres provide a sense of local identity a minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Options 2 and 3 propose higher and lower thresholds for the acceptance of non-retail uses within primary shopping frontages, respectively. For both options, a balance would have to be struck between protecting critical vitality and viability and promoting an appropriate diversity of uses within different areas of the town centre with mixed uncertain effects on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 4 would rely on a supplementary planning document to set out indicative thresholds, rather than the Local Plan. This would result in a certain degree of flexibility but is likely to affect the local identity and distinctiveness of town centres, by varying the percentage of Class A1 uses within these areas. As with Alternative Option 2 a balance would have to be struck between protecting critical vitality and viability and promoting an appropriate diversity of uses within different areas of the town centre. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R8, Alternative Options 1, 2, 3 or 4 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+	0	+ /- /?	+ /- /?	+ / -	<p>Draft Policy R8 will only allow the change of use of ground floor premises from Class A1 uses to other town centre uses providing the proposed use will make a positive contribution to the vitality and viability of the town centre, while the proportion of A1 retail uses at ground level will be maintained at 75% in Basildon Town Centre and 60% in Billericay, Pitsea or Wickford Town Centres. These measures are likely to support economic growth, regenerating existing town centres. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p>

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						<p>Alternative Options 2 and 3 propose higher and lower thresholds for the acceptance of non-retail uses within primary shopping frontages, respectively. For both options, a balance would have to be struck between protecting critical vitality and viability and promoting an appropriate diversity of uses within different areas of the town centre with mixed uncertain effects on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 4 would rely on a supplementary planning document to set out indicative thresholds, rather than the Local Plan. This would result in a certain degree of flexibility but could affect economic growth and regeneration, by permitting the change of use of A1 units within town centres. A balance would have to be struck between protecting critical vitality and viability and promoting an appropriate diversity of uses within different areas of the town centre. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	++	0	+ /- /?	+ /- /?	+ / -	<p>Draft Policy R8 will only allow the change of use of ground floor premises from use class A1 uses to other town centre uses providing the proposed use will make a positive contribution to the vitality and viability of the town centre, while the proportion of A1 retail uses at ground level will be maintained at 75% in Basildon Town Centre or 60% in Billericay, Pitsea or Wickford Town Centres. However, the policy also enables the beneficial use of vacant uses where it would maintain or enhance the function of a town centre. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Options 2 and 3 propose higher and lower thresholds for the acceptance of non-retail uses within primary shopping frontages, respectively. For both options, a balance would have to be struck between protecting critical vitality and viability and promoting an appropriate diversity of uses within different areas of the town centre with mixed uncertain effects on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 4 would rely on a supplementary planning document to set out indicative thresholds, rather than the Local Plan. This would result in a certain degree of flexibility but is likely to affect the composition of the Borough's town centres, by permitting the change of use of A1 units within these areas. A balance would have to be struck between protecting critical vitality and viability and promoting an appropriate diversity of uses within different areas of the town centre. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p>

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6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R8, Alternative Options 1, 2, 3 or 4 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	0	0	0	Draft policy R8 will only allow the change of use of ground floor premises from A1 uses to other town centre uses where the proposed use is compatible with the retail appearance and character of the frontage. It is therefore unlikely that ground floor premises will be reused as residential properties. HAs such, no direct effect is predicted. Neither Alternative Options 1, 2, 3 or 4 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R8, Alternative Options 1, 2, 3 or 4 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	++	0	+ /- /?	+ /- /?	+ / -	Draft Policy R8 will only allow the change of use of ground floor premises from A1 uses to other town centre uses where the proportion of A1 retail uses at ground level will be maintained at 75% in Basildon Town Centre or 60% in Billericay, Pitsea or Wickford Town Centres. This will ensure that town centres maintain their primary status as shopping areas and centres of employment and should help to sustain a sense of vibrancy. The policy enables the beneficial use of vacant units where it would maintain or enhance the function of a town centre; this will help ensure units are not unnecessarily reserved for retail when there is no prospect of a viable retail use coming forward. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. Alternative Options 2 and 3 propose higher and lower thresholds for the acceptance of non-retail uses within primary shopping frontages, respectively. For both options, a balance would have to be struck between protecting critical vitality and viability and promoting an appropriate diversity of uses within different areas of the town centre with mixed uncertain effects on this SA objective. Alternative Option 4 would rely on a supplementary planning document to set out indicative thresholds, rather than the Local Plan. This would result in a certain degree of

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						flexibility but is likely to affect the composition of the Borough's town centres, by permitting the change of use of A1 units within these areas. This would affect the status of town centres as shopping areas and centres of employment, possibly affecting the sense of vibrancy within these areas. A balance would have to be struck between protecting critical vitality and viability and promoting an appropriate diversity of uses within different areas of the town centre. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+	0	+ /- /?	+ /- /?	+ / -	<p>Draft Policy R8 will encourage the beneficial use of vacant units where it would maintain or enhance the function of the town centre. The use of vacant units, and the possible employment options they might offer, will help to regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas within the town centre. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Options 2 and 3 propose higher and lower thresholds for the acceptance of non-retail uses within primary shopping frontages, respectively. For both options, a balance would have to be struck between protecting critical vitality and viability and promoting an appropriate diversity of uses within different areas of the town centre with mixed uncertain effects on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 4 would rely on a supplementary planning document to set out indicative thresholds, rather than the Local Plan. This would result in a certain degree of flexibility but is likely to affect the composition of the Borough's town centres, by permitting the change of use of A1 units within these areas. This could affect the regeneration and renewal of these areas. A balance would have to be struck between protecting critical vitality and viability and promoting an appropriate diversity of uses within different areas of the town centre. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p>
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+	0	+ /- /?	+ /- /?	+ / -	<p>Draft Policy R8 would encourage the beneficial use of vacant units where it would maintain or enhance the function of the town centre. This may result in an enhancement of local services and facilities. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p>

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						<p>Alternative Options 2 and 3 propose higher and lower thresholds for the acceptance of non-retail uses within primary shopping frontages, respectively. For both options, a balance would have to be struck between protecting critical vitality and viability and promoting an appropriate diversity of uses within different areas of the town centre with mixed uncertain effects on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 4 would rely on a supplementary planning document to set out indicative thresholds, rather than the Local Plan. This would result in a certain degree of flexibility but is likely to affect the composition of the Borough's town centres. This could affect the accessibility and availability of local services and facilities within these areas. A balance would have to be struck between protecting critical vitality and viability and promoting an appropriate diversity of uses within different areas of the town centre. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p>
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	+	0	+ /- /- ?	+ /- /?	+ / -	<p>Draft Policy R8 would encourage the reuse of vacant units where it would maintain or enhance the function of the town centre. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Options 2 and 3 propose higher and lower thresholds for the acceptance of non-retail uses within primary shopping frontages, respectively. For both options, a balance would have to be struck between protecting critical vitality and viability and promoting an appropriate diversity of uses within different areas of the town centre with mixed uncertain effects on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 4 would rely on a supplementary planning document to set out indicative thresholds, rather than the Local Plan. As with Alternative Option 2 a balance would have to be struck between protecting critical vitality and viability and promoting an appropriate diversity of uses within different areas of the town centre. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective, depending on the reuse of existing buildings, or redevelopment of brownfield sites.</p>
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural	0	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R8, Alternative Options 1, 2, 3 or 4 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

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environment flood events can bring						
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R8, Alternative Options 1, 2, 3 or 4 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R8, Alternative Options 1, 2, 3 or 4 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R8, Alternative Options 1, 2, 3 or 4 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R8, Alternative Options 1, 2, 3 or 4 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R8, Alternative Options 1, 2, 3 or 4 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R8, Alternative Options 1, 2, 3 or 4 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Policy R9 – Secondary Shopping Frontages

Alternative 1: No Policy. The NPPF does not specify acceptable proportions of retail and non-retail in secondary frontages, as this is a matter for local planning authorities to decide. As such, it is considered that not having any policy to manage the change of use within the secondary frontages, and treating proposals on their merits is not an option.

Alternative 2: Set a higher threshold for the acceptance of non-retail uses within secondary shopping frontages. Applying a more restrictive policy on non-retail uses could equally be damaging to vitality and viability, reducing the opportunities for beneficial supporting uses and in particular not allowing for the growth in the evening economy within the town centres.

Alternative 3: Set a lower threshold for the acceptance of non-retail uses within secondary shopping frontages. Accepting a greater proportion of non-retail uses within the primary shopping frontage is likely to lead to a significant loss of retailing, with resultant harm to the retail function of primary shopping areas.

Alternative 4: Indicative Minimum Proportion: A third option is to refrain from specifying percentage thresholds in the body of this policy to manage the proportion of retail uses within the secondary shopping area. But rather, indicative minimum thresholds used in support of this policy will be set out in a supplementary planning document. The option of including this detail in the SPD will offer a greater degree of flexibility but could mean that decisions made in support of the policy reliant on retaining a minimum level of retail representation in a particular area would be more difficult to defend on appeal.

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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	+	0	+ /- /?	+ /- /?	+ /-	<p>Draft Policy R9 will allow the use of ground floor premises for retail and other appropriate town centre uses provided the proposed use will provide a service to the public and make a positive contribution to the vitality and viability of the centre. This may help to enhance the diverse urban landscape within town centres. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Options 2 and 3 propose higher and lower thresholds for the acceptance of non-retail uses within secondary shopping frontages, respectively. For both options, a balance would have to be struck between protecting critical vitality and viability and promoting an appropriate diversity of uses within different areas of the town centre with mixed uncertain effects on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 4 would rely on a supplementary planning document to set out indicative thresholds, rather than the Local Plan. A balance would have to be struck between protecting critical vitality and viability and promoting an appropriate diversity of uses within different areas of the town centre. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of	+	0	+ /- /?	+ /- /?	+ /-	<p>Draft Policy R9 will allow the use of ground floor premises for retail and other appropriate town centre uses provided the proposed use will provide a service to the public and make a positive contribution to the vitality and viability of the centre. However the proportion</p>

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Basildon Borough						<p>of A1 retail uses at ground floor level will be maintained at 30% or above, thus ensuring the character of the town centre is protected. As town centres provide a sense of local identity a minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Options 2 and 3 propose higher and lower thresholds for the acceptance of non-retail uses within secondary shopping frontages, respectively. For both options, a balance would have to be struck between protecting critical vitality and viability and promoting an appropriate diversity of uses within different areas of the town centre with mixed uncertain effects on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 4 would rely on a supplementary planning document to set out indicative thresholds, rather than the Local Plan. This would result in a certain degree of flexibility but is likely to affect the local identity and distinctiveness of town centres. As with Alternative Option 2 a balance would have to be struck between protecting critical vitality and viability and promoting an appropriate diversity of uses within different areas of the town centre. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R8, Alternative Options 1, 2, 3 or 4 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+	0	+ /- /?	+ /- /?	+ /-	<p>Draft Policy R9 will allow the use of ground floor premises for retail and other appropriate town centre uses provided the proposed use will provide a service to the public and make a positive contribution to the vitality and viability of the centre. However the proportion of A1 retail uses at ground floor level will be maintained at 30% or above, thus ensuring the continued retail function of that frontage zone is sufficiently supported. These measures are likely to support economic growth, regenerating existing town centres. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Options 2 and 3 propose higher and lower thresholds for the acceptance of non-retail uses within secondary shopping frontages, respectively. For both options, a balance would have to be struck between protecting critical vitality and viability and</p>

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						<p>promoting an appropriate diversity of uses within different areas of the town centre with mixed uncertain effects on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 4 would rely on a supplementary planning document to set out indicative thresholds, rather than the Local Plan. This would result in a certain degree of flexibility but is likely to affect economic growth and regeneration. A balance would have to be struck between protecting critical vitality and viability and promoting an appropriate diversity of uses within different areas of the town centre. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	++	0	+ /- /?	+ /- /?	+ /-	<p>Draft Policy R9 will allow the use of ground floor premises for retail and other appropriate town centre uses provided the proposed use will provide a service to the public and make a positive contribution to the vitality and viability of the centre. However the proportion of A1 retail uses at ground floor level will be maintained at 30% or above, thus ensuring the continued retail function of that frontage zone is sufficiently supported. However, the policy also enables the beneficial use of vacant uses where it would maintain or enhance the function of a town centre. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Options 2 and 3 propose higher and lower thresholds for the acceptance of non-retail uses within secondary shopping frontages, respectively. For both options, a balance would have to be struck between protecting critical vitality and viability and promoting an appropriate diversity of uses within different areas of the town centre with mixed uncertain effects on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 4 would rely on a supplementary planning document to set out indicative thresholds, rather than the Local Plan. A balance would have to be struck between protecting critical vitality and viability and promoting an appropriate diversity of uses within different areas of the town centre. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p>
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R8, Alternative Options 1, 2, 3 or 4 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

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7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R8, Alternative Options 1, 2, 3 or 4 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R8, Alternative Options 1, 2, 3 or 4 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+	0	+ /- /?	+ /- /?	+ /-	<p>Draft Policy R9 seeks to ensure that the ground floors of secondary shopping frontages are utilised for retail and other appropriate town centre uses, thus providing a service members of the public and making a positive contribution to the vitality and viability of the town centre. Consideration will also be given to the provision of community facilities within secondary frontages. This will ensure that town centres maintain a sense of vibrancy. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Options 2 and 3 propose higher and lower thresholds for the acceptance of non-retail uses within secondary shopping frontages, respectively. For both options, a balance would have to be struck between protecting critical vitality and viability and promoting an appropriate diversity of uses within different areas of the town centre with mixed uncertain effects on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 4 would rely on a supplementary planning document to set out indicative thresholds, rather than the Local Plan. This would result in a certain degree of flexibility but is likely to affect the composition of the Borough's town centres, which may in turn affect the status of these areas as shopping areas and centres of employment, possibly affecting the related sense of vibrancy. A balance would have to be struck between protecting critical vitality and viability and promoting an appropriate diversity of uses within different areas of the town centre. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p>
10. Regenerate and renew	+	0	+	+	+ /-	Draft Policy R9 will encourage uses of secondary shopping frontages which positively contribute to the vitality and viability of the centre. This may result in the regeneration

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disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough			/- /?	/- /?		<p>and renewal of disadvantaged areas within the town centre. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Options 2 and 3 propose higher and lower thresholds for the acceptance of non-retail uses within secondary shopping frontages, respectively. For both options, a balance would have to be struck between protecting critical vitality and viability and promoting an appropriate diversity of uses within different areas of the town centre with mixed uncertain effects on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 4 would rely on a supplementary planning document to set out indicative thresholds, rather than the Local Plan. This could result in a certain degree of flexibility but is likely to affect the rate of regeneration and renewal in town centres. A balance would have to be struck between protecting critical vitality and viability and promoting an appropriate diversity of uses within different areas of the town centre. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p>
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+	0	+ /- /?	+ /- /?	+ /-	<p>Draft Policy R9 states that the Council will give consideration to the provision of community facilities within secondary frontages, where it can be demonstrated that these will provide a service to the public and would support the vitality and viability of the town centre. These measures will serve to enhance local facilities and services. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Options 2 and 3 propose higher and lower thresholds for the acceptance of non-retail uses within secondary shopping frontages, respectively. For both options, a balance would have to be struck between protecting critical vitality and viability and promoting an appropriate diversity of uses within different areas of the town centre with mixed uncertain effects on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 4 would rely on a supplementary planning document to set out indicative thresholds, rather than the Local Plan. This could result in a certain degree of flexibility but is likely to affect the accessibility and availability of local services and facilities within town centres. A balance would have to be struck between protecting critical vitality and viability and promoting an appropriate diversity of uses within</p>

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						different areas of the town centre. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0	0	0	0	0	No provision is made within the policy relating to the reuse of previously developed land or existing buildings. Neither Draft Policy R8, Alternative Options 1, 2, 3 or 4 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R8, Alternative Options 1, 2, 3 or 4 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R8, Alternative Options 1, 2, 3 or 4 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R8, Alternative Options 1, 2, 3 or 4 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R8, Alternative Options 1, 2, 3 or 4 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R8, Alternative Options 1, 2, 3 or 4 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is	0	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R8, Alternative Options 1, 2, 3 or 4 would have a direct effect on this

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recycled or re-used						SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R8, Alternative Options 1, 2, 3 or 4 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Policy R10 – Local Centres

Alternative 1: No Policy. The inclusion of a local policy ensures that the Borough's localised centres are defined on the Policies Map. Whilst there is no requirement in the NPPF to have a specific policy, without one these localised centres and the units within them are at risk of being lost.

Alternative 2: Policy on Local Centres in line with the NPPFs definition (exclude small parades of shops of purely neighbourhood significance): While this would potentially strengthen the position of the Borough's large shopping parades in the hierarchy, the policy would no longer protect or define the Borough's small parades of shops which have a similar function. Policy R16 would instead be applicable when considering applications that affect small shopping parades.

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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	+	0	0	<p>Draft Policy R10 aims to meet the needs of residents, with regards to permitted change of use of ground floor retail units within local centres. This policy also outlines criteria supporting the establishment of new local centres where appropriate. Proposals for change of use must not have an adverse effect on the vitality and viability of the centre, and / or the individual shop centre. This policy may help to conserve and enhance the diverse urban landscape within the Borough and within more rural villages and neighbourhoods. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would rely on the NPPF, except in relation to small parades of shops, when Draft Policy R16 would be considered. This option does not effectively represent the multi-functionality of smaller local centres; however as the NPPF is relied on a negligible rather than negative effect is likely on this SA objective.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+	0	0	<p>Draft Policy R10 will not allow change of use of an existing Class A1 retail unit in situations where the proposal will have an adverse effect on the vitality and viability of the centre. As this policy ensures the character of the local centre is protected, a minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would rely on the NPPF, except in relation to proposals involving small parades of shops, when Draft Policy R16 would be considered. This policy does not effectively represent the multi-functionality of smaller local centres; however as the NPPF is relied on a negligible rather than negative effect is likely on this SA objective.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0	0	0	<p>Draft Policy R10 deals primarily with areas within the Borough which are already developed. Therefore neither Draft Policy R10, Alternative Options 1, 2 or 3 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p>

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4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	++	0	0	<p>Draft Policy R10 aims to meet the needs of residents, with regards to permitted change of use of ground floor retail units within local centres. This policy also outlines criteria supporting the establishment of new local centres where appropriate. The establishment of new local centres in particular is likely to stimulate economic regeneration and growth within more rural areas such as villages and more remote neighbourhoods. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would rely on the NPPF, except in relation to proposals involving small parades of shops, when Draft Policy R16 would be considered. This policy does not effectively represent the multi-functionality of smaller local centres; however as the NPPF is relied on a negligible rather than negative effect is likely on this SA objective.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+	0	0	<p>This policy relates to local centres rather than town centres, however as outlined within the text of the policy, new local centres will only be supported in areas where they will not have an adverse effect on the vitality and viability of an existing centre. This policy could therefore help to ensure the continued viability of existing town centres. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would rely on the NPPF, except in relation to proposals involving small parades of shops, when Draft Policy R16 would be considered. This policy does not effectively represent the multi-functionality of smaller local centres; however as the NPPF is relied on a negligible rather than negative effect is likely on this SA objective.</p>
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+	0	0	<p>Draft Policy R10 aims to meet the needs of residents, with regards to permitted change of use of ground floor retail units within local centres. This policy also outlines criteria supporting the establishment of new local centres where appropriate. The supporting text highlights the importance of local centres, in particular for less mobile members of the community. Existing local centres and the establishment of new ones may help to improve a sense of social inclusion within the Borough. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would rely on the NPPF, except in relation to proposals involving smaller parades of shops, when Draft Policy R16 would be considered. This policy does</p>

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				not effectively represent the multi-functionality of smaller local centres; however as the NPPF is relied on a negligible rather than negative effect is likely on this SA objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+/?	0	0	<p>Draft Policy R10 will encourage the use of upper floors of retail units for residential purposes where appropriate. This may have a minor positive effect on this objective; however this is uncertain at this stage.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would rely on the NPPF, except in relation to proposals involving smaller parades of shops, when Draft Policy R16 would be considered. As the NPPF is relied on a negligible rather than negative effect is likely on this SA objective.</p>
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+/?	0	+/?	<p>The supporting text to Draft Policy R10 mentions that the Council may permit new development of appropriate uses, including those that meet health or social needs within local centres. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective; however this is uncertain at this stage until further information on the nature of developments is available.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would rely on the NPPF, except in relation to proposals involving smaller parades of shops, when Draft Policy R16 would be considered. Draft Policy R15 sets limits on the number of shop units which should comprise hot food takeaways within town and local centres. It also aims to ensure that hot food takeaways will not be permitted within 400 metres of the boundary of schools, colleges, and youth centres, or are adjacent to the boundary of any open space allocated within the Local Plan. Restricting children's access to takeaway shops can discourage unhealthy eating and help stop the rising levels of obesity in the Borough. The supporting text also notes that there is a link between excess body weight and diseases such as type 2 diabetes, cancer and heart disease. Decreasing the prevalence of obesity within the Borough would therefore lead to a decrease in these illnesses. A minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective; however this is uncertain as it is dependent on individual's behaviour.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+	0	0	<p>Draft Policy R10 aims to meet the needs of residents within the local neighbourhood. This policy also outlines criteria supporting the establishment of new local centres where appropriate. This would help to create a sense of vibrancy within existing communities, especially within more rural settings. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p>

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				Alternative Option 2 would rely on the NPPF, except in relation to proposals involving smaller parades of shops, when Draft Policy R16 would be considered. This policy does not effectively represent the multi-functionality of smaller local centres; however as the NPPF is relied on a negligible rather than negative effect is likely on this SA objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+	0	0	<p>Draft Policy R10 offers a degree of protection to existing local centres, while also encouraging residential, business or community uses of the upper floors of units within local centres. This may help to regenerate or renew disadvantaged areas, by filling upper floors in units which may otherwise have been empty. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would rely on the NPPF, except in relation to proposals involving smaller parades of shops, when Draft Policy R16 would be considered. As the NPPF is relied on a negligible rather than negative effect is likely on this SA objective.</p>
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	++	0	0	<p>Draft Policy R10 aims to meet the needs of residents within the local neighbourhood, with regards to permitted change of use of ground floor retail units. This policy also outlines criteria supporting the establishment of new local centres where appropriate. In addition residential, business or community uses of the upper floors of units within local centres will be encouraged where there will be no adverse effects on the functioning of the ground floor retail (or other appropriate use). This policy is therefore likely to improve accessibility to, and enhance local services and facilities within rural villages and neighbourhoods. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would rely on the NPPF, except in relation to proposals involving smaller parades of shops, when Draft Policy R16 would be considered. This policy does not effectively represent the multi-functionality of smaller local centres; however as the NPPF is relied on a negligible rather than negative effect is likely on this SA objective.</p>
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	+/?	0	0	<p>Draft Policy R10 will encourage residential, business or community uses of the upper floors of units within local centres. This may help to reuse existing buildings, by filling upper floors with uses which may otherwise have been left empty. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective; however this is uncertain at this stage.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p>

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				Alternative Option 2 would rely on the NPPF, except in relation to proposals involving smaller parades of shops, when Draft Policy R16 would be considered. As the NPPF is relied on a negligible rather than negative effect is likely on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R10, Alternative Options 1, 2 or 3 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R10, Alternative Options 1, 2 or 3 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R10, Alternative Options 1, 2 or 3 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R10, Alternative Options 1, 2 or 3 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R10, Alternative Options 1, 2 or 3 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R10, Alternative Options 1, 2 or 3 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R10, Alternative Options 1, 2 or 3 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

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travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations				

Policy R11 – Out of Centre Retail Areas

Alternative 1: No Policy: The NPPF sets a general preference that main town centre uses should be located within town centres in the first instance and applies the sequential test and impact assessment. However, there is no policy direction on existing out of centre shopping areas which Basildon Borough has a reasonably large number of.

SA Objectives	R11	Alternative 1	Justification
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	+	0	Draft Policy R11 outlines that the Council will only support further development of out of centre shopping areas within the Borough where sequential and impact assessments have indicated that it is appropriate to do so, and the Council is satisfied that the proposal meets a local need and can be accessed in its catchment by walking, cycling and public transport, and does not harm the amenity of an adjacent area. In addition all other relevant policies in this plan must have been complied with. This will help to conserve the diverse landscape of the Borough, by curtailling the sprawl of these shopping areas and any associated adverse effects on the surrounding areas. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+	0	The expansion and intensification of out of centre shopping areas will not be permitted unless the proposal does not harm the amenity of the adjacent area. This may help to protect the local distinctiveness by limiting the sprawl of these shopping areas, and any associated adverse effects on the surrounding area. In addition the supporting text highlights the importance of ensuring the viability and vitality of the Borough's town centres. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+	0	By limiting the expansion of these shopping areas it could be argued that this policy will help protect the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it, through protecting the amenity of the adjacent area (likely to be greenfield). A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+	0	The Council will support further development where the proposal meets a local need. If local need is identified then this suggests that the expansion of the existing development will be economically viable, prompting economic growth and stimulating economic regeneration. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	R11	Alternative 1	Justification
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+/?	-/?	The supporting text to Draft Policy R11 highlights that the Council's priority is to ensure the viability and vitality of the Borough's town centres. Thus this policy offers a certain degree of protection to town centres, ensuring they will continue to be promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. However, the policy is primarily about existing shopping areas and it is not clear how new proposals for out of centre retail areas will be treated bringing uncertainty to the appraisal. Alternative Option 1 relies on the NPPF. Without specific policy guidance on out of centre retail areas there is potential for inappropriate expansion and intensification of existing facilities. A minor negative, uncertain effect is predicted.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R11 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	Expansion of out of centre shopping areas will only be supported when all other relevant policies in the Local Plan have been complied with, therefore it is not expected that this policy would have an adverse effect on the land available for potential residential developments. Neither Draft Policy R11 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R11 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	The supporting text to Draft Policy R11 highlights that the Council's priority is to ensure the viability and vitality of the Borough's town centres. This policy therefore offers a certain degree of protection to town centres, ensuring their sense of vibrancy will be maintained. However as this policy relates specifically to out of centre retail areas, a negligible effect on this SA objective is likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0	0	Draft Policy R11 focuses on the expansion and intensification of out of centre retail areas where appropriate, as outlined within the policy text. The focus therefore is not on the regeneration of disadvantaged areas. Neither Draft Policy R11 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance	+	0	Draft Policy R11 states that the Council will support further development where the proposal

SA Objectives	R11	Alternative 1	Justification
local services and facilities			meets a local need. Any further development will be accessible by walking, cycling and public transport, thus making it accessible to non-car users. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective, in situations where local need has been identified. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R11 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R11 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+	0	As any further development will be accessible by walking, cycling and public transport, and therefore accessible to non-car users, this is likely to reduce traffic congestion, thus leading to a reduction in vehicle emissions. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+	0	As any further development will be accessible by walking, cycling and public transport, and therefore accessible to non-car users, this is likely to reduce traffic congestion, thus leading to a reduction in vehicle emissions, and an improvement in air quality, and a reduction in noise pollution. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R11 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R11 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	R11	Alternative 1	Justification
change			
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R11 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+	0	<p>As any further development will be accessible by walking, cycling and public transport, and therefore accessible to non-car users, this is likely to reduce traffic congestion related to any expansion of out of centre shopping developments. It may also inadvertently reduce congestion within town centres, by encouraging residents to use out of centre shopping areas where relevant. A minor positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p>

Policy R12 – Festival Leisure Park

Alternative 1: No Policy: The NPPF sets a general preference that main town centre uses should be located within town centres in the first instance and applies the sequential test and impact assessment. However, there is no policy direction on leisure provision in existing out of centre locations which a local policy can provide.

SA Objectives	R12	Alternative 1	Justification
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	+	0	By only supporting the expansion or intensification of facilities at Festival Leisure Park, if the sequential and impacts assessments have indicated that it is appropriate to do so, the Council will help to stem the high spending leakage away from Basildon town centres. This may help to conserve the existing town centres, maintaining the urban landscape which currently existing within the Borough. By limiting expansion of Festival Leisure Park, Draft Policy R12 will also provide some protection to the landscape surrounding the existing development. A minor positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+	0	By only supporting the expansion or intensification of facilities at Festival Leisure Park, if the sequential and impacts assessments have indicated that it is appropriate to do so, Draft Policy R12 may help to conserve the existing town centres. Town centres are fundamental in ensuring the character and local distinctiveness of an area, therefore a minor positive effect on this SA objective is likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0	0	By limiting the expansion of Festival Leisure Park it could be argued that this policy will indirectly help protect the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it, through protecting the amenity of the adjacent area (potentially greenfield land). A negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0	0	Festival Leisure Park currently results in spend outwith Basildon's town centres, with its location meaning that there is little scope for the town centres to benefit from linked trips. Draft Policy R12 will restrict the expansion or intensification of facilities at Festival Leisure Park unless such expansion is found to be appropriate following application of the sequential and impact assessments. Draft Policy R12 therefore seems to advocate maintaining the current economic situation. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres	0	0	Festival Leisure Park currently results in spend outwith Basildon's town centres, with its location meaning that there is little scope for the town centres to benefit from linked trips.

SA Objectives	R12	Alternative 1	Justification
are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development			Though Draft Policy R12 will manage future expansion/intensification of use at the Park (aiming to maximise spend within existing town centres), it will do nothing to redress the fact that nearly a third of all spend by residents on restaurants, takes place at Festival Leisure Park. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R12 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R12 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R12 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+	0	Draft Policy R12 may inadvertently help to sustain existing town centres. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0	0	Festival Leisure Park currently results in spend outwith Basildon's town centres, with its location meaning that there is little scope for the town centres to benefit from linked trips. Draft Policy R12 will manage future expansion/intensification of use at the Park aiming to maximise spend within existing town centres. As Draft Policy R12 is likely to maintain the status quo, both in town centres and at Festival Leisure Park, the renewal or regeneration of either of these areas will be minimal. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0	0	Though Draft Policy R12 may help to sustain existing local facilities within town centres, enhancement of Festival Leisure Park facilities will only occur if the sequential and impact assessments have indicated that it is appropriate to do so. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	R12	Alternative 1	Justification
			Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R12 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R12 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R12 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R12 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R12 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R12 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R12 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	R12	Alternative 1	Justification
recycled or re-used			
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R12 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Policy R13 – Hotel Development Site – Land adjacent to Basildon Golf Course

Recommendation:

Draft policy R13 could contain measures to mitigate the significant adverse effects on biodiversity by incorporating habitats within the development and enhancing habitats in the neighbouring Vange Hill and Golf Local Wildlife Site and Basildon Meadows SSSI.

Alternative 1: No policy. The NPPF sets a general preference that main town centre uses should be located within town centres in the first instance and applies the sequential test and impact assessment; however, local planning authorities should consider specific needs such as locational and operational requirements when planning for tourism.

SA Objectives		R13	Alternative 1	Justification
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	A – Potential impact of development on natural and urban landscapes	-/?	0	The site is approximately 2 hectares in size and located on the edge of the urban area outside the Green Belt designation. The land has not been assessed in Revised Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study. The site is currently open and undeveloped; however, it is relatively small. Therefore, its development is only considered to have a minor negative effect on this part of the objective. This effect is uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.
	B - Potential impact of development on green spaces			Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this part of the objective. The land within the site is partially designated as the Clay Hill Lane amenity green space. The development of the site would result in the loss of the public open space with minor negative effects on this objective. This effect is uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this part of the objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough		-/?	0	This strategic site allocation is located in HECZ 11.2: One Tree Hill. The landscape and below ground deposits in this strategic site allocation are highly sensitive to development and change; however, the site is approximately 2 hectares in size and located on the edge of the urban area. The grade II listed Hawkesbury manors lies less than 500m to the south of the site. Draft policy R13 states that the design, scale, massing and layout of the development will be sympathetic to the character of the surrounding area. Therefore, its development is only considered to have a minor negative effect on this part of the objective. This effect is uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough’s biodiversity and the habitats		--/?	0	The majority of this strategic allocation is wooded and designated as Deciduous Woodland BAP priority habitat. The south eastern half of the site falls within the Vange Hill and Golf Local Wildlife Site. Furthermore, the site is within 1km of the Basildon Meadows SSSI and

SA Objectives	R13	Alternative 1	Justification
which support it			<p>within 2km of the Vange & Fobbing Marshes SSSI.</p> <p>Draft policy R13 makes no provision for mitigating the significant adverse effects of development on biodiversity in this location. Therefore, draft policy R13 is likely to generate significant adverse effects on this objective. This effect is uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p>
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+	0	<p>This development allocation would deliver long term jobs within the Borough with minor positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0	0	<p>This strategic allocation is considered to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p>
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0	0	<p>This strategic allocation is considered to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p>
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	<p>This strategic allocation is considered to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p>
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+	0	<p>Strategic Sites that create new long-term jobs will influence healthier lifestyles through easy walking access to health and recreation facilities and open space which employees could access during lunch breaks and before and after work. All employment development is expected to have a minor positive effect on this objective as it is considered that the provision of employment can have indirect health benefits.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and	0	0	<p>The effects of strategic site allocations on safety, crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the inclusion of naturally surveyed open space and lighting or the implementation of initiatives such as the shared street. However, this will only be</p>

SA Objectives	R13	Alternative 1	Justification
where crime is reduced			determined when the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known. The location of development is not likely to influence people's participation in community activities or the development of community spirit/civic pride or community organisations/activities. Proximity to existing community facilities is considered in objective 11. Therefore, the effects of strategic site allocations on this objective are considered to be negligible.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+	0	This strategic site allocation is located within an area which is not considered to be deprived. Therefore, its development is not considered to have a negligible effect on regenerating the area. However, the site is within easy walking distance of areas of the Borough that are considered to be below average on the indices of multiple deprivation. Therefore, the development of the site has the potential to improve the wider area remotely by generating employment opportunities in the immediate vicinity, with minor positive effects on this objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	-/?	0	This draft development allocation is located in south Basildon. The site is within easy walking distance of one footpath, three bus stops, a secondary school and higher education college, Basildon Hospital and several public open spaces. However there is not a town or local centre within easy walking distance. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	--/?	0	Over 50% of the land within this strategic site allocation is designated as urban land. A small proportion of the site is designated as Grade 3 agricultural land (moderate to good agricultural land). The entire site is wooded and therefore considered to be greenfield. The development of the site could generate significant adverse effects against this objective; however, it is not known whether the location is Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land (i.e. Grade 3a rather than Grade 3b). Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	-	0	The site sits on top of Critical Drainage Area BAS 12. In addition, approximately half of the site is susceptible to groundwater and/or surface water flooding. Therefore, the development of the site is likely to have a minor adverse effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	R13	Alternative 1	Justification
			Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	-/?	0	<p>The close proximity of the strategic site allocation to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions emitted from private cars.</p> <p>The site is within easy walking distance of one footpath, three bus stops, a secondary school and higher education college, Basildon Hospital and several public open spaces. However, there is not a town or local centre within easy walking distance. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p>
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	-/?	0	<p>The close proximity of the strategic site allocation to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing air and noise pollution.</p> <p>The site is within easy walking distance of one footpath, three bus stops, a secondary school and higher education college, Basildon Hospital and several public open spaces. However, there is not a town or local centre within easy walking distance. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p>
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	<p>The site is not in close proximity to a watercourse, aquifer or groundwater vulnerability zone. Therefore, the strategic site allocation is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p>
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	?	0	<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will ensure that the development is prepared for the impacts of climate change. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that all Strategic Sites will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p>

SA Objectives	R13	Alternative 1	Justification
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	?	0	<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will influence the consumption of materials or resources, volumes of waste produced including the generation of hazardous waste, or the construction/demolition waste going to landfill. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that all Strategic Sites will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p>
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+/-/?	0	<p>The site is within easy walking distance of existing residential development, one footpath, three bus stops, a secondary school and higher education college, Basildon Hospital and several public open spaces. However, there is not a town or local centre within easy walking distance.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have mixed minor positive and minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p>

Policy R14 – Locations for town centre uses

Alternative 1: No Policy: The NPPF provides a national threshold, which in the absence of a locally set threshold, would be used for applying the impact assessment. However, as identified in the evidence this is likely to have a detrimental impact on the Borough's town centres vitality and viability particularly the smaller centres.

Alternative 2: Set a different range of thresholds: A threshold between 200sqm and 2,500sqm would be in accordance with the NPPF however it would conflict with the supporting evidence.

Alternative 3: Set a single threshold: Basildon town centre is the highest order centre within the Borough and would be able to accommodate larger units without compromising its vitality when compared to the town centres and local centres. Whilst a single threshold would be in accordance with the NPPF it would conflict with the supporting evidence.

SA Objectives	R14	Alternative			Justification
		1	2	3	
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	+	0	0	0	<p>Draft Policy R14 aims to ensure that retail uses (Use Class A1) are predominantly located within its designated town centres. Development and uses must be appropriate to the scale, character and function of the town centre, be in keeping with its role and function within the Borough's hierarchy of centres, and not harm the vitality and viability of the centre as a whole.</p> <p>Draft policy R16 requires an Impact Assessment for applications for retail, leisure and office development outside of town centres where the development is equal to or more than the 200m² where the nearest centre is a local centre and equal to or more than 500m² where the nearest centre is a town centre. A minor significant effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would involve adopting a more restrictive approach than that adhered to by the NPPF. However, a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 proposes a single Borough threshold which is likely to be more restrictive than the national threshold but would offer less flexibility than draft policy R14 and alternative option 2. A negligible approach is likely on this SA objective.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+	0	0	0	<p>Draft Policy R14 aims to ensure that development and uses must be appropriate to the scale, character and function of the town centre, be in keeping with its role and function within the Borough's hierarchy of centres, and not harm the vitality and viability of the centre as a whole. Town centres are fundamental in ensuring the character and local</p>

SA Objectives	R14	Alternative			Justification
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					<p>distinctiveness of an area.</p> <p>Draft policy R16 requires an Impact Assessment for applications for retail, leisure and office development outside of town centres where the development is equal to or more than the 200m2 where the nearest centre is a local centre and equal to or more than 500m2 where the nearest centre is a town centre. A minor significant effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would involve adopting a more restrictive approach than that adhered to by the NPPF. However, a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 proposes a single Borough threshold which is likely to be more restrictive than the national threshold but would offer less flexibility than draft policy R14 and alternative option 2. A negligible approach is likely on this SA objective.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R14, Alternative Options 1, 2, or 3 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+/-	0	+/-	+/-	<p>By focusing retail uses (Use Class A1) in town centres, accessible sites that are well connected to the town centre and sites within existing out of centre shopping areas Draft Policy R14 should maintain economic growth and help stimulate economic regeneration. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Draft policy R16 requires an Impact Assessment for applications for retail, leisure and office development outside of town centres where the development is equal to or more than the 200m2 where the nearest centre is a local centre and equal to or more than 500m2 where the nearest centre is a town centre. A minor significant effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>This may restrict small-scale applications for retail uses outside of town centre areas that meet a local need, resulting in a minor adverse effect. Overall mixed effects are anticipated.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would involve adopting a more restrictive approach than that adhered to by the NPPF. This may encourage growth within town centre areas, but restrict economic</p>

SA Objectives	R14	Alternative			Justification
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					<p>growth in other areas of the Borough. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 proposes a single Borough threshold which is likely to be more restrictive than the national threshold but would offer less flexibility than draft policy R14 and alternative option 2. This may encourage growth within town centre areas, but restrict economic growth in other areas of the Borough. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	++	0	++	+	<p>Draft Policy R14 will seek to ensure that Use Class A1 retail units are predominantly located within existing town centres, with any edge of centre or out of centre proposals subject to a sequential test. Draft policy R16 requires an Impact Assessment for applications for retail, leisure and office development outside of town centres where the development is equal to or more than the 200m2 where the nearest centre is a local centre and equal to or more than 500m2 where the nearest centre is a town centre. A minor significant effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This will help to ensure that the Borough's town centres are promoted as sustainable locations for retail and related commercial development. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would involve adopting a more restrictive approach than that adhered to by the NPPF. This may encourage growth within town centre areas (possibly at the expense of growth in other areas of the Borough). However as this objective refers specifically to town centres a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 proposes a single Borough threshold which is likely to be more restrictive than the national threshold but would offer less flexibility than draft policy R14 and alternative option 2. This is likely promote the town centres as sustainable locations for retail, leisure and related commercial development; however, the positive effect is likely to be less significant than the alternative options.</p>
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0	0	0	0	<p>Draft Policy R14 may help to ensure the Borough's town centres maintain their vitality and viability, sustaining a sense of social inclusion. However it is unlikely that this will lead to a significant overall effect. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Options 1, 2, or 3 are not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p>

SA Objectives	R14	Alternative			Justification
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7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	0	0	Draft Policy R14, nor Alternative Options 1, 2, or 3 are expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0	0	0	0	Draft Policy R14, nor Alternative Options 1, 2, or 3 are expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+/-	0	+/-	0/?	<p>Draft Policy R14 will seek to ensure that Use Class A1 retail units are predominantly located within existing town centres. This will ensure that town centres maintain their status as shopping areas and centres of employment and should help to sustain a sense of vibrancy. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Draft policy R16 requires an Impact Assessment for applications for retail, leisure and office development outside of town centres where the development is equal to or more than the 200m2 where the nearest centre is a local centre and equal to or more than 500m2 where the nearest centre is a town centre. A minor significant effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This may restrict small-scale applications for retail uses outside of town centre areas that meet a local need, resulting in a minor adverse effect. Overall mixed effects are anticipated.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would involve adopting a more restrictive approach than that adhered to by the NPPF. This may ensure that town centres maintain their status as shopping areas and centres of employment and should help to sustain a sense of vibrancy. A minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective with potential for negative effects for those areas outwith town centres.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 proposes a single Borough threshold which is likely to be more restrictive than the national threshold but would offer less flexibility than draft policy R14 and alternative option 2. This would provide less flexibility than the preferred policy and alternative option 2, which would make it harder to manage positive and adverse effects on communities. A negligible effect is likely; however, this is uncertain as there may be scope for some positive effects on communities. .</p>

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10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+/-	0	+/-	+/-	<p>By predominantly encouraging the location of retail uses (Use Class A1) within existing town centres Draft Policy R14 will ensure that town centres maintain their status as shopping areas and centres of employment. This may help to regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas within the town centre. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Draft policy R16 requires an Impact Assessment for applications for retail, leisure and office development outside of town centres where the development is equal to or more than the 200m2 where the nearest centre is a local centre and equal to or more than 500m2 where the nearest centre is a town centre. A minor significant effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This may restrict small-scale applications for retail uses outside of town centre areas that meet a local need, resulting in a minor adverse effect. Overall mixed effects are anticipated.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would involve adopting a more restrictive approach than that adhered to by the NPPF, while Alternative Option 3 proposes a single Borough threshold which is likely to be more restrictive than the national threshold but would offer less flexibility. Both these alternatives may help to regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas within the town centres of the Borough. However they could also restrict regeneration and renewal in areas outwith town centres. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p>
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	++/-	0	++/-	+/-	<p>Draft Policy R14 would concentrate future retail uses (Use Class A1) within existing town centres, out of centre shopping areas (both of which would already be serviced by a range of transport links), or on accessible sites well connected to the town centre. This may result in an enhancement of local services and facilities, and an improvement in the diversity of facilities which are easily accessible to the Borough's residents. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. However, there is also potential for minor adverse effects through the restriction of A1 uses of centres where there is a local need. Overall, the effect is mixed.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would involve adopting a more restrictive approach than that adhered to by the NPPF, while Alternative Option 3 proposes a single Borough threshold which is likely to be more restrictive than the national threshold but would offer less flexibility. Both these alternatives may help to improve accessibility and enhance local services and facilities within the town centres of the Borough. However they could also restrict the potential for</p>

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					the enhancement of facilities out of town centres. Both alternative Options 2 and 3 are therefore also likely to have mixed effect significant positive, minor adverse effects on this SA objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0	0	0	0	Draft Policy R14 makes no specific provisions to improve the efficiency of land use, though town centres sites in particular may involve reuse of brownfield land or existing buildings. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Draft Policy R14, nor Alternative Options 1, 2, or 3 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	0	0	Draft Policy R14, nor Alternative Options 1, 2, or 3 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0	0	0	Draft Policy R14, nor Alternative Options 1, 2, or 3 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0	0	0	0	Draft Policy R14 may help to reduce air and noise pollution, by concentrating future Use Class A1 developments within existing town centres (accessible by existing public transport links), out of centre shopping areas, or on accessible sites well connected to the town centre, thus decreasing the need for additional vehicle travel. However additional development within these areas may also lead to an increase in congestion, as larger numbers of customers would be expected. This would have an adverse effect on air and noise pollution. However it is not thought that this will have a significant effect overall on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. Alternative Option 2 would involve adopting a more restrictive approach than that adhered to by the NPPF, while Alternative Option 3 proposes a single Borough threshold which is likely to be more restrictive than the national threshold but would offer less flexibility. Both

SA Objectives	R14	Alternative			Justification
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					of these are likely to result in similar outcomes, in relation to air and noise pollution, as Draft Policy R14. It is not thought that a significant effect overall is likely on this SA objective. Both Alternative Option 1 and Alternative Option 2 are therefore likely to have a negligible effect therefore on this SA objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	0	0	Draft Policy R14, nor Alternative Options 1, 2, or 3 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	0	0	Draft Policy R14, nor Alternative Options 1, 2, or 3 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	0	0	Draft Policy R14, nor Alternative Options 1, 2, or 3 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0	0	0	0	<p>Draft Policy R14 may help to reduce traffic congestion, by concentrating future Use Class A1 developments within existing town centres (accessible by existing public transport links), out of centre shopping areas, or on accessible sites well connected to the town centre, thus decreasing the need for additional vehicle travel. However additional development within these areas may also lead to an increase in congestion, as larger numbers of customers would be expected. However it is not thought that this will have a significant effect overall on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would involve adopting a more restrictive approach than that adhered to by the NPPF, Alternative Option 3 proposes a single Borough threshold which is likely to be more restrictive than the national threshold but would offer less flexibility. Both of these are likely to result in similar outcomes, in relation to traffic congestion and its related pollution, as Draft Policy R14. It is not thought that a significant effect overall is likely on this SA objective. Both Alternative Option 1 and Alternative Option 2 are likely to have a negligible effect therefore on this SA objective.</p>

Policy R15 – Existing Local Shops

Alternative 1: *No Policy. There is no policy direction within the NPPF in relation to existing local shops which serve their immediate community. In the absence of a local policy these individual shops will be vulnerable to being lost to other uses such as residential and no longer provide a service to the community.*

SA Objectives	R15	Alternative 1	Justification
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	+	0	Draft Policy R15 will help protect existing local shops, in urban or rural communities, outwith the Borough's centres from other forms of development (where there remains a need for provision of a local service in the area). Redevelopment of local shops will only be permitted where it can be demonstrated that the current use is not financially viable, there is sufficient provision in the local area, and the facility is in an isolated location remote from public transport routes. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+	0	Draft Policy R15 will help protect existing local shops, in urban or rural communities, outwith the Borough's centres from other forms of development. Redevelopment of local shops will only be permitted where it can be demonstrated that the current use is not financially viable, there is sufficient provision in the local area, and the facility is in an isolated location remote from public transport routes. The retention of these convenience stores will help to ensure small communities, especially those in rural locations, remain viable. This in turn helps protect the local distinctiveness of the Borough. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R15 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+	0	Draft Policy R15 aims to protect premises or land currently or last used as a local shop (Use Class A1) unless they are found to be financially unviable. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0	0	Draft Policy R15 refers to local shops, consisting of two shop units, or less, which don't constitute local centre or town centre status. Shops such as this provide convenience goods shopping for local communities in the urban and rural areas, and are unlikely to detract a huge amount of business from more extensive town centre facilities. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	R15	Alternative 1	Justification
			Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R15 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+/-	0	Draft Policy R15 will protect existing local shops in local areas from other forms of development (such as being changed into residential accommodation), unless it can be demonstrated that the current use is not financially viable, there is sufficient provision in the local area, and the facility is in an isolated location remote from public transport route. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R15 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+	-	Draft Policy R15 will help protect existing local shops, in urban or rural communities, outwith the Borough's centres from other forms of development. Shops such as this provide convenience goods shopping for local communities, and are likely to act as community hubs (especially in more rural areas). Therefore the protection of these shops where viable is likely to sustain a sense of vibrancy within the local community. A minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. However, in the absence of a specific policy approach there is potential for loss of local shops. As such a minor negative effect is predicted.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0	0	Draft Policy R15 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0	0	Though Draft Policy R15 will help protect existing local shops, in urban or rural communities, outwith the Borough's centres from other forms of development, it is unlikely to improve or enhance accessibility to existing local shops. Therefore neither Draft Policy R15 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use,	+	0	Should an existing local shop be found to be no longer financially viable Draft Policy R15 will permit a change in use to ensure that the existing facility is reused. A minor positive effect

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through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings			is therefore likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R15 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R15 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R15 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R15 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R15 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R15 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its	0	0	Neither Draft Policy R15 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

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related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations			

Policy R16 – Hot food takeaways

Recommendation:
 Policy seeks to restrict hot food takeaways within proximity of open spaces allocated within the Local Plan. What about existing open spaces?
 Take account of the type of open space i.e. have a more restrictive policy where open spaces are used specifically for exercise/sport/recreation.

Alternative 1: No Policy. The alternative of not having a policy on hot food takeaways and relying on national policies and other policies within this plan is not considered reasonable. Hence it has not been appraised further.

Alternative 2: Flexible Limits. A second alternative is not to specify an absolute limit on the number of takeaway outlets which can be accepted in defined centres and other locations. This approach has merits in that it recognises that the impacts of takeaways vary from place to place, and it offers greater flexibility on commercial competition between individual retailers, retail vitality and lifestyle choices. However, there is scope within the context of national planning policy and wider policy related to health and wellbeing to consider the role the local plan could play in promoting healthy communities, while ensuring competitive town centre environments. It is considered that the preferred policy helps to achieve such balance.

SA Objectives	R16	Alternative		Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	+		0	Draft Policy R16 will support applications for new hot food takeaways falling within Use Class A5, subject to compliance with all other relevant policies of the Local Plan. The policy also sets down the overall acceptable thresholds for hot food takeaways in local centres (above which applications will not be supported). By not exceeding these thresholds Draft Policy R16 will help to ensure that a range of facilities is available within town and local centres, helping to conserve the urban diversity of the area. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 2 would not specify a limit on the number of takeaway outlets within defined centres and other locations. This approach has merits in that it recognises that the impacts of takeaways vary from place to place, and it offers greater flexibility on commercial competition between individual retailers, retail vitality and lifestyle choices. However it may also lead to a decrease in the range of facilities available within town and local centres, with a related adverse effect on the urban diversity of the area. However this option is not likely to have a significant effect on this SA objective and a negligible effect is therefore likely.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+		0	Draft Policy R16 will support applications for new hot food takeaways falling within Use Class A5, subject to compliance with all other relevant policies of the Local Plan. . The policy also sets down the overall acceptable thresholds for hot food takeaways in local centres (above which applications will not be supported). Draft Policy R16 will help to ensure that a range of facilities is available within town and local centres, helping to conserve the local distinctiveness of these areas. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.

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				Alternative Option 2 would not specify a limit on the number of takeaway outlets within defined centres and other locations. This may lead to a decrease in the range of facilities available within town and local centres, with a related adverse effect on the local distinctiveness of the area. However this option is not likely to have a significant effect on this SA objective and a negligible effect is therefore likely.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0		0	Neither Draft Policy R16 nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+/-		+/-	Draft Policy R16 states that within town centres no more than 10% of shop units should comprise hot food takeaways. This will help to ensure that there is a diverse mix of leisure and related commercial development within town centres, while also ensuring that there is not an over concentration of hot food takeaways. However limiting the number of hot food takeaways could also inhibit economic growth. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 2 would not specify a limit on the number of takeaway outlets within defined town centres. This may lead to a decrease in the range of facilities available within these areas. However it would allow the number of hot food takeaways to increase, if the demand existed. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+/-		+/-	Draft Policy R16 states that within town centres no more than 10% of shop units should comprise hot food takeaways. This will help to ensure that there is a diverse mix of leisure and related commercial development within town centres, while also ensuring that there is not an over concentration of hot food takeaways. However limiting the number of hot food takeaways could also inhibit economic growth. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 2 would not specify a limit on the number of takeaway outlets within defined town centres. This may lead to a decrease in the range of facilities available within these areas. However it would allow the number of hot food takeaways to increase, if the demand existed. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0		0	Neither Draft Policy R16 nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the	0		0	Neither Draft Policy R16 nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA

SA Objectives	R16	Alternative		Justification
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opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally				objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	++/?		-/?	<p>Draft Policy R16 sets limits on the number of shop units which should comprise hot food takeaways within town and local centres. It also aims to ensure that hot food takeaways will not be permitted within 400 metres of the boundary of schools, colleges, and youth centres, or are adjacent to the boundary of any open space allocated within the Local Plan. Restricting children's access to takeaway shops can discourage unhealthy eating and help stop the rising levels of obesity in the Borough. The supporting text also notes that there is a link between excess body weight and diseases such as type 2 diabetes, cancer and heart disease.. A significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective; however this is uncertain as it is dependent on individual's behaviour.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would not specify a limit on the number of takeaway outlets within defined town centres. This may result in an over-concentration of such uses within town and local centres and an increase in hot food takeaways in close proximity to educational facilities and open spaces. A minor adverse, uncertain effect is predicted.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+		-	<p>Draft Policy R16 seeks to manage the number of hot food takeaway units within town and local centres, seeking to limit the over-concentration of such uses. This is expected to contribute positively to the vibrancy of communities by maintaining a diversity of uses within town and local centres.</p> <p>Conversely, alternative 2 could result in an over-proliferation of such uses with consequent impacts on vitality and vibrancy.</p>
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+/?		0	<p>The supporting text notes that there is a strong association between the over-concentration of takeaway shops and high levels of deprivation. Deprived areas could benefit from planning restrictions controlling the density of fast food outlets, as this may instead improve availability of healthier food options and better access to shopping facilities. Draft Policy R16 may therefore have a minor positive effect on this SA objective, however this approach is only effective if it financially viable to provide healthier food options and shopping facilities within these shop units as an alternative. A minor positive, uncertain effect is predicted.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would not specify a limit on the number of takeaway outlets within defined town centres. This may lead to a decrease in the availability of healthier food options, and less accessibility to more varied shopping facilities. A negligible effect is likely overall..</p>

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11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+		+/-	By restricting the percentage of shop units which comprise hot food takeaways within local and town centres, Draft Policy R16 may encourage more diverse unit uses, enhancing the local services and facilities available. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 2 would not specify a limit on the number of takeaway outlets within defined town centres. This may lead to a decrease in the range of facilities available within these areas. However it would allow the number of hot food takeaways to increase, if the demand existed, prompting great accessibility to these facilities within existing town centres. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0		0	Neither Draft Policy R16 nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0		0	Neither Draft Policy R16 nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0		0	Neither Draft Policy R16 nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0		0	Neither Draft Policy R16 nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0		0	Neither Draft Policy R16 nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

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17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0		0	Neither Draft Policy R16 nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0		0	Neither Draft Policy R16 nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0		0	Neither Draft Policy R16 nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Policy R17 – Betting office

Alternative 1: No policy. The NPPF requires local planning authorities to support the vitality and viability of town centres, provide a diverse retail offer and be clear about which uses will be permitted where. Failing to be clear on where betting offices will be acceptable located within the borough is therefore contrary to the NPPF. This is not therefore a reasonable alternative to policy R17 and has therefore not been appraised further.

Alternative 2: A greater distance than 400m.

Alternative 3: A shorter distance than 400m.

Alternative 4: Alternative criteria – Another alternative option could be to set the criteria to a percentage i.e. no more than 5% of the units within the centre should be betting offices. However this would not have as much of a result on reducing clustering as the 400m exclusion area.

SA Objectives	R17	Alternative				Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	+		+ /?	- /?	0	<p>Draft Policy R17 will ensure that new betting offices are not permitted within 400m of existing ones. This will help to ensure that other high street uses are not displaced, and protect the vitality of town and local centres, thus conserving the urban landscape within the Borough. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would restrict the number of betting shops in the Borough further than draft policy R17. This is also likely to have a minor positive effect on the objective; however, this is dependent on the distance. Therefore, this effect is uncertain.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 would be less restrictive than draft policy R17, increasing the potential for clustering. This is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective; however, this is dependent on the distance. Therefore, this effect is uncertain.</p> <p>Alternative Option 4 would involve setting the criteria as a percentage, rather than a distance. However no restrictions would be placed on the location of betting shops within town and local centres. As the number of betting shops is still being managed, the vitality of these centres is likely to be protected; however this alternative would not have as much of an effect on reducing clustering as employing a 400m exclusion zone. It is not thought likely that employing Alternative Option 4 would lead to a significant effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+		+ /?	- /?	0	<p>Draft Policy R17 will help to ensure that other high street uses are not displaced, offering some protection to the vitality of town and local centres. As these areas are often regarded as creating a sense of character and local distinctiveness, a minor positive effect on this SA objective is likely.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would restrict the number of betting shops in the Borough further than</p>

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						<p>draft policy R17. This is also likely to have a minor positive effect on the objective; however, this is dependent on the distance. Therefore, this effect is uncertain.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 would be less restrictive than draft policy R17, increasing the potential for clustering. This is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective; however, this is dependent on the distance. Therefore, this effect is uncertain.</p> <p>Alternative Option 4 would involve setting the criteria as a percentage, rather than a distance. However no restrictions would be placed on the location of betting shops within town and local centres. As the number of betting shops is still being managed, the vitality of these centres is likely to be protected, along with the sense of local distinctiveness they help to create; however this alternative would not have as much of an effect on reducing clustering as employing a 400m exclusion zone. It is not thought likely that employing Alternative Option 4 would lead to a significant effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0		0	0	0	Draft Policy R17 nor Alternative Options 2, 3 or 4 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+/-		+ /- /?	+ /- /?	+ / -	<p>Draft Policy R17 will ensure that new betting offices are not permitted within 400m of existing ones. This will help to ensure that other high street uses are not displaced, and protect the vitality of town and local centres, thus conserving the urban landscape within the Borough. However limiting the locations of betting offices, where there may be the business for them could also inhibit economic growth. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Options 2 and 3 propose an increase and decrease in the 400m exclusion zone, respectively. Depending on the proposed distance, a mixed effect is also likely for this objective; however this effect is more uncertain.</p> <p>Alternative Option 4 would involve setting the criteria as a percentage, rather than a distance. This will help to ensure that other high street uses are not displaced, and protect the vitality of town and local centres, thus conserving the urban landscape within the Borough. However, as with Draft Policy R17, limiting the locations of betting offices, where there may be the business for them could also inhibit economic growth. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p>

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5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+		+ /?	- /?	0	<p>Draft Policy R17 will help to ensure that other high street uses are not displaced, offering some protection to the vitality of town and local centres. This should help to ensure that town centres within the Borough offer sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would restrict the number of betting shops in the Borough further than draft policy R17. This is also likely to have a minor positive effect on the objective; however, this is dependent on the distance. Therefore, this effect is uncertain.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 would be less restrictive than draft policy R17, increasing the potential for clustering. This is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective; however, this is dependent on the distance. Therefore, this effect is uncertain.</p> <p>Alternative Option 4 would involve setting the criteria as a percentage, rather than a distance. As the number of betting shops is still being restricted, this will help to ensure that other high street uses are not displaced, offering some protection to the vitality of town and local centres. It is not thought likely that employing Alternative Option 3 would lead to a significant effect on this SA objective. A negligible effect is therefore likely.</p>
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	++		+ +	- /?	+ / -	<p>Draft Policy R17 aims to ensure that new betting offices are not permitted within 400m of existing ones. This will help to stop clusters of betting shops within urban areas (noted as detracting from high street ambience) and may promote a greater sense of social inclusion. Betting shops appear to be most prevalent in deprived areas; therefore this is also where the biggest improvement would be likely. A significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would restrict the number of betting shops in the Borough further than draft policy R17. This is also likely to have a significant positive effect on the objective. Therefore, this effect is uncertain.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 would be less restrictive than draft policy R17, increasing the potential for clustering. This is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective; however, this is dependent on the distance. Therefore, this effect is uncertain.</p> <p>Alternative Option 4 would involve setting the criteria as a percentage, rather than a distance. However, this alternative may still lead to clustering of these facilities. A mixed</p>

SA Objectives	R17	Alternative				Justification
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						effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0		0	0	0	Draft Policy R17 nor Alternative Options 2, 3 or 4 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+		+ /?	- /?	+ / -	<p>The supporting text notes that problem gambling is seen as a health disorder, and that future betting offices should not be clustered together where they could have negative health impacts. Draft Policy R17 seeks to ensure that proposals for new betting shops will not be granted if they fall within 400m of the boundary of an existing betting shop. This should result in no new clusters of betting shops opening within the Borough, thus minimising the associated health impacts. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would restrict the number of betting shops in the Borough further than draft policy R17. This is also likely to have a minor positive effect on the objective; however, this is dependent on the distance. Therefore, this effect is uncertain.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 would be less restrictive than draft policy R17, increasing the potential for clustering. This is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective; however, this is dependent on the distance. Therefore, this effect is uncertain.</p> <p>Alternative Option 4 would involve setting the criteria as a percentage, rather than a distance. However this alternative would not have as much of an effect on reducing clustering (or the associated health impacts) as employing a 400m exclusion zone. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	++		+ +	- /?	+ / -	<p>Draft Policy R17 will help to ensure that other high street uses are not displaced, offering some protection to the vitality of town and local centres. As new betting offices will not be permitted within 400m of existing ones, this will help restrict clusters of betting shops within urban areas (noted as detracting from high street ambience) and may promote a greater feeling of safety. A significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would restrict the number of betting shops in the Borough further than draft policy R17. This is also likely to have a significant positive effect on the objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 would be less restrictive than draft policy R17, increasing the potential</p>

SA Objectives	R17	Alternative				Justification
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						<p>for clustering. This is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective; however, this is dependent on the distance. Therefore, this effect is uncertain.</p> <p>Alternative Option 4 would involve setting the criteria as a percentage, rather than a distance. However this alternative may still lead to clusters of betting shops. As the supporting text highlights, clusters of betting shops can create an intimidating atmosphere. This may cause a decrease in the perceived safety of the area. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p>
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+		+ /?	- /?	+ / -	<p>The supporting text notes the prevalence of betting shops in deprived areas. As Draft Policy R17 aims to impose a 400m exclusion zone between new and existing betting shops this would ensure other high street uses are not displaced, and may help to protect the vitality of town and local centres. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would restrict the number of betting shops in the Borough further than draft policy R17. This is also likely to have a minor positive effect on the objective; however, this is dependent on the distance. Therefore, this effect is uncertain.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 would be less restrictive than draft policy R17, increasing the potential for clustering. This is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective; however, this is dependent on the distance. Therefore, this effect is uncertain.</p> <p>Alternative Option 4 would involve setting the criteria as a percentage, rather than a distance. However this alternative may still lead to clusters of betting shops. As the supporting text highlights, clusters of betting shops can create an intimidating atmosphere, and adversely affect the ambience of the high street. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p>
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+		+ /?	- /?	-	<p>By placing a 400m exclusion zone between existing and new betting shops Draft Policy R17 is likely to enhance local services, by encouraging more diverse uses of units within town and local centres. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would restrict the number of betting shops in the Borough further than draft policy R17. This is also likely to have a minor positive effect on the objective; however, this is dependent on the distance. Therefore, this effect is uncertain.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 would be less restrictive than draft policy R17, increasing the potential for clustering. This is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective; however, this</p>

SA Objectives	R17	Alternative				Justification
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						is dependent on the distance. Therefore, this effect is uncertain. Alternative Option 4 would involve setting the criteria as a percentage, rather than a distance. This alternative may still lead to clusters of betting shops. This could in turn displace other high street uses and potentially the diversity of the local services and facilities available. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0		0	0	0	Draft Policy R17 nor Alternative Options 2, 3 or 4 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0		0	0	0	Draft Policy R17 nor Alternative Options 2, 3 or 4 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0		0	0	0	Draft Policy R17 nor Alternative Options 2, 3 or 4 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0		0	0	0	Draft Policy R17 nor Alternative Options 2, 3 or 4 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0		0	0	0	Draft Policy R17 nor Alternative Options 2, 3 or 4 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is	0		0	0	0	Draft Policy R17 nor Alternative Options 2, 3 or 4 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	R17	Alternative				Justification
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prepared for the impacts of climate change						
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0		0	0	0	Draft Policy R17 nor Alternative Options 2, 3 or 4 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0		0	0	0	Draft Policy R17 nor Alternative Options 2, 3 or 4 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Chapter 9 – Promoting Sustainable Transport Policies

SA Objectives	Chapter 9 Promoting sustainable transport							
	TS1	TS2/ TS5	TS3	TS4	TS6	TS7	TS8	TS9
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough.	?	--/?	0	0	0	0	0	0
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough.	?	+/-/?	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it.	?	--/?	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration.	++	+	0	+	+	+	0	+
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development.	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	+/-
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough.	+	0	+	++	0	+	+	0
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment.	+/-	+/-	+	++	+	+/-	+/-	0
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced.	0	+/-	+	+	+	++	0	0
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough.	+/?	0	0	+/?	0	0	0	0
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities.	++	+	++	++	+	+	+	+
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings.	0	-/?	+	0	0	0	0	0
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring.	0	-/?	0	0	0	0	0	0
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels.	+/-	+/-	+	+	+	+/-	+/-	+

SA Objectives	Chapter 9 Promoting sustainable transport							
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures.	+/-	+/-	+	+	+	+/-	+/-	+
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management.	0	-/?	0	0	0	0	0	0
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the effects of climate change.	0	?	0	0	0	0	0	0
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations.	+/-	++/-	+	+	++	+/-	+/-	+

Policy TS1 – Transport Strategy

Alternative Option 1: Rely upon policies contained in within the Essex Local Transport Plan. Not considered to be a reasonable alternative so has not been appraised. Although the Council does provide input into Local Transport Plans, they are strategic documents which take a long term view. The current Essex Local Transport Plan is still an emerging document and reliance upon this option would not allow Basildon Borough Council to use the LTP in a way which works best for the Council. As Local Transport Plans are strategic documents they do not contain guidance which can be used on a development management basis to guide development.

Alternative Option 2: Rely upon national advice and policies. Not considered to be a reasonable alternative so has not been appraised. Whilst national guidance is relevant, it does not account for regional and local issues and would not allow for variations in national policy that may not be in accordance with the Council's spatial and strategic objectives. This approach would also not give the Council the flexibility to protect land for local schemes.

SA Objectives	TS1	Alternative		Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	?			Draft Policy T1 is a strategic policy that does not provide sufficient detail to enable the identification of effects. It is possible that transport schemes coming forward under this policy could have effects on the landscape, countryside and green space, but given the lack of specificity the effects are uncertain.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	?			Draft Policy T1 is a strategic policy that does not provide sufficient detail to enable the identification of effects. It is possible that transport schemes coming forward under this policy could have effects on the cultural heritage of the Borough, but given the lack of specificity the effects are uncertain.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	?			Draft Policy T1 is a strategic policy that does not provide sufficient detail to enable the identification of effects. It is possible that transport schemes coming forward under this policy could have effects on the biodiversity of the Borough, but given the lack of specificity the effects are uncertain.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	++			Draft Policy T1 seeks to deliver an enhanced and better integrated transport network which is particularly important to supporting and promoting economic growth and investment, especially as commercial developments often require improved transport infrastructure connections for their establishment and subsequent success. A significant positive effect is therefore likely for this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+			Improved accessibility to key services and facilities via an enhanced and better integrated transport network is likely to encourage more people to visit town centres for retail purposes, particularly if town centre car parking is not a viable option, which in turn may also encourage increased investment within town centres. A minor positive effect is likely for

SA Objectives	TS1	Alternative		Justification
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				this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+			Improved accessibility to key services and facilities via an enhanced and better integrated transport network is likely to particularly benefit those in the Borough who are currently not served by adequate public transport or other reasonable modes of transport which would reduce their reliance on private car. A minor positive effect on this objective is therefore likely.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0			Draft Policy T1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+/-			Draft Policy T1 seeks to deliver an enhanced and better integrated transport network and promote the use of sustainable modes of transport such as walking and cycling as an alternative to private cars. Whilst the policy also seeks to reduce traffic congestion and improve traffic safety through sustainable modes, it seeks to improve transport infrastructure such as the A127. A mixed effect on health is likely as whilst people's health is likely to be improved as they engage in more sustainable forms of transport to access services, and congestion is likely to be eased, people may be exposed to increased air pollution emissions if transport improvements increases the attractiveness and reliance on the private car.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0			Draft Policy T1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+/?			Whilst draft Policy T1 is a strategic policy it is likely that, given the support it will give to the local economy, and the emphasis on encouraging the use of sustainable modes of transport, a minor positive effect on addressing regeneration and areas of disadvantage could result.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	++			The main purpose of Draft Policy T1 is to deliver an enhanced and better integrated transport network that provides accessibility to key services and facilities across the Borough. A significant positive effect is therefore likely for this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously	0			Draft Policy T1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	TS1	Alternative		Justification
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developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings				
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0			Draft Policy T1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+/-			Draft Policy T1 seeks to deliver the improved accessibility to key services and facilities via an enhanced and better integrated transport network and promote the use of sustainable modes of transport such as walking and cycling to reduce reliance on private cars which has a direct effect on reduced greenhouse gas emissions. However, the policy also seeks to improve transport infrastructure such as the A127 which could lead to more people using private cars to commute or travel leading to increased greenhouse gas emissions. A mixed effect is therefore likely for this objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+/-			Draft Policy TS1 seeks to reduce congestion through the development and promotion of sustainable modes of transport and this would have a positive effect on reducing air and noise pollution. However, the policy also seeks to improve transport infrastructure such as the A127 which would likely increase traffic in and around town centres and leading to increased traffic emissions, although the aim is to reduce congestion. A mixed effect is therefore likely.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0			Draft Policy T1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0			Draft Policy T1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0			Draft Policy T1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its	+/-			Draft Policy T1 seeks to deliver the improved accessibility to key services and facilities via

SA Objectives	TS1	Alternative		Justification
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related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations				an enhanced and better integrated transport network and promote the use of sustainable modes of transport such as walking and cycling. It seeks to reduce traffic congestion through less reliance on private car, and through improvements to the A127 and other components of the highways network. Easing congestion could have the reverse effect of making travel by car more attractive. A mixed effect is therefore likely for this objective.

Policy TS2 – Improvements to carriageway infrastructure

Alternative Option 1: *Rely upon policies contained in within the Essex Local Transport Plan: Not a reasonable alternative so has not been appraised. Although the Council does provide input into Local Transport Plans, they are strategic documents which take a long term view. The current Essex Local Transport Plan is still an emerging document and reliance upon this option would not allow Basildon Borough Council to use the LTP in a way which works best for the Council. By including the improvements to carriageway infrastructure in the Basildon Local Plan, this presents a commitment from Basildon Council to deliver improvements to the transport network.*

Policy TS5 –Transport Improvement Areas – Safeguarded Land

Alternative Option 1: *Do not allocate areas of reserve for transport improvements and negotiate transport improvements on a case by case basis: Not considered to be a reasonable alternative so has not been appraised. This is not in accordance with the NPPF, which states that local planning authorities should identify and protect sites and routes which could be critical in developing infrastructure to widen transport choice, where there is robust evidence*

Notes: Policy TS2 lists the highways transport improvements to be included in the Local Plan and TS5 safeguards land for the delivery of the highways transport improvements. They are closely inter-linked and therefore Policies TS2 and TS5 have been appraised together.

The majority of the improvements to the highways carriageway infrastructure are localised junction and network improvements and are likely to be in close proximity to the existing highways network and/or within the existing urban areas or integral components of proposed allocations. Therefore they are unlikely to give rise to significant effects.

The highways improvements most likely to give rise to significant effects are (i) widening of the A127 in line with the A127 Corridor for Growth Strategy (ii) improvements to the A13 in line with the A13 Route Management Strategy (iii) the provision of a new grade separated junction on the A127 at Pound Lane, and (iv) the provision of a south/south-west relief route for Billericay alongside new housing development.

SA Objectives	TS2 & TS5	Alternative		Justification
		1 (TS1)	1 (TS5)	
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	--/?			The proposed new grade separated junction on the A127 at Pound Lane and the proposed south/south-west relief route for Billericay have the potential to result in significant negative effects on the landscape in these two locations, due to the urbanisation effect in more rural and sensitive landscapes (despite their proximity to the existing built-up areas) from both the built structure and related increases in noise from traffic. The significance of the effect is uncertain as it will depend upon the precise routing and design of the highways infrastructure. The improvements to the A127 and A13 could also give rise to adverse effects on the landscape depending on the extent of land take and scale of physical improvements required.

SA Objectives	TS2 & TS5	Alternative		Justification
		1 (TS1)	1 (TS5)	
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+/-/?			Most of the road improvements are not in close proximity to designated heritage assets. The proposed new grade separated junction on the A127 at Pound Lane is c 200m from a Grade II listed building to the south and c 500 m of another Grade II listed building also to the south. The significance of the adverse effect will depend upon the grade separated junction design (e.g. whether it involves a raised or sunken design). There are a small number of Grade II listed buildings along the A13 and A127 corridors, although these are already subject to effects from the existing highways, and therefore any additional effect of highways improvements could be marginal. However, it is not known whether the highways improvements will directly impact upon the listed buildings immediately adjacent to the highways corridors. The south/south-west relief route in Billericay is unlikely to be in close proximity to designated heritage assets, although the area is characterised by historic landscape patterns. The relief road could have the effect of reducing impacts of through traffic on the historic Billericay town centre Conservation Area, which contains a number of listed buildings, resulting in a minor positive effect.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	--/?			There are a number of Local Wildlife Sites that could be affected by the road improvements, both through physical disturbance and air pollution from vehicles. These include a Local Wildlife Site at Wick Country Park to the north of the proposed new grade separated junction on the A127 at Pound Lane, a Local Wildlife Site and ancient woodland to the south of Frithwood Lane. There are a number of Local Wildlife Sites adjacent to the A127 and A13 and as SSSI immediately adjacent to the south of the A13. The details of the highways improvements are not known but there is the potential for adverse effects. Taking all the above potential effects into account, an uncertain significant effect is recorded against this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+			The highways improvements are required in order to address traffic congestion, particularly at peak times, and also to accommodate the additional traffic generated by the additional housing and employment development in the Local Plan. This should help to support economic growth, resulting in a minor positive effect overall.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+			Policy TS2 provides for highways improvements to Basildon town centre, and the proposed south/south-west Billericay relief route should relieve Billericay town centre of traffic pressure. A minor positive effect is likely to result.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most	0			Neither Policy TS2 or TS5 is likely to affect this objective.

SA Objectives	TS2 & TS5	Alternative		Justification
		1 (TS1)	1 (TS5)	
deprived areas of the Borough				
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0			Neither Policy TS2 or TS5 is likely to affect this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+/-			Reductions in congestion are likely to facilitate free-flowing movement of traffic, addressing in particular congestion at peak times, which should help to alleviate air pollution and its effects on the health of residents and workers. Conversely, this could make the road network more attractive for car journeys, offsetting some of these benefits, and also encouraging residents to use a car rather than cycle or walk. Mixed minor effects on this objective are predicted.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+/-			The highways improvements should improve safety for both car users and pedestrians, although they could lead to greater volumes of traffic. Mixed minor effects on this objective are predicted.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0			The highways improvements do not clearly relate to disadvantaged areas, and therefore the effects on this SA objective are likely to be negligible.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+			The highways improvements should improve to services and facilities by car, with congestion eased, and this could also be of benefit for public transport. A minor positive effect on this objective is predicted.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	-/?			It is likely that there will be a need to use some greenfield land for the delivery of some of the highways improvements (e.g. the south/south-west Billericay relief route, and the new grade separated junction on the A127 at Pound Lane). The scale of land-take is likely to be such that a minor negative effect is predicted. It is not known whether the A13 and A127 improvements are likely to require the development of greenfield land. Therefore the effect is uncertain.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events	-/?			New roads and road improvements can disrupt flood flows and also result in surface water runoff exacerbating existing flooding issues. These are normally mitigated through sustainable drainage techniques. The figures included in the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment indicate that there is the risk of flooding in many of the locations where road improvements are likely to take place, although these appear to be quite localised and can

SA Objectives	TS2 & TS5	Alternative		Justification
		1 (TS1)	1 (TS5)	
can bring				probably be dealt with using normal highways mitigation measures. The main exception is the proposed new grade separated junction on the A127 at Pound Lane. In this area, there is significant flood risk (Flood Zone 3a) associated with the watercourse that runs alongside Pound Lane and through Wick Country Park. Given the nature of development (i.e. road rather than property), and the potential for mitigation through sustainable drainage systems, it is considered that the overall risk is uncertain minor.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+/-			Reductions in congestion are likely to facilitate free-flowing movement of traffic, addressing in particular congestion at peak times, which should help to reduce greenhouse emissions. Conversely, this could make the road network more attractive for car journeys, offsetting some of these benefits, and also encouraging residents to use a car rather than cycle or walk. Mixed minor effects on this objective are predicted.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+/-			Reductions in congestion are likely to facilitate free-flowing movement of traffic, addressing in particular congestion at peak times, which should help to alleviate air pollution. Conversely, this could make the road network more attractive for car journeys, offsetting some of these benefits, and also encouraging residents to use a car rather than cycle or walk. In addition, noise pollution from faster flowing traffic could increase or be introduced into areas where currently there is little disturbance (e.g. the south/south-west Billericay relief route). Mixed minor effects on this objective are predicted.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	-/?			New roads and road improvements can result in surface water runoff and pollution including from spillages and accidents. These are normally mitigated through sustainable drainage techniques.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	?			The extent to which the highways improvements are climate proofed (e.g. extreme weather events) is not known.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0			Neither Policy TS2 or TS5 is likely to affect this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its	++/-			The primary purpose of Policies TS2 and TS5 are to alleviate congestion and support

SA Objectives	TS2 & TS5	Alternative		Justification
		1 (TS1)	1 (TS5)	
related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations				proposed development in the Local Plan. This is likely to give rise to a significant positive effect on this SA objective. Conversely, this could make the road network more attractive for car journeys that otherwise would not have taken place, offsetting some of these benefits. As a result a minor negative effect is also recorded.

Policy TS3 – Improvements to footpaths and cycle infrastructure

Alternative Option 1: *Rely on national policies and the Essex and Basildon Cycle strategies: Not considered to be a reasonable alternative so has not been appraised. This is not in accordance with the NPPF, which states that Local Plans should protect and exploit opportunities for the use of sustainable modes of transport, with particular reference to giving priority to pedestrian and cycle movements and creating safe and secure layouts which minimise conflicts between traffic and cyclists*

SA Objectives	TS3	Alternative 1	Justification
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	0		Draft Policy TS3 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0		Draft Policy TS3 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0		Draft Policy TS3 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0		Draft Policy TS3 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+		Draft Policy TS3 seeks to provide additional footpaths and cycleways which link up with the existing network, and provide access to nearby residential, commercial, retail and education and leisure opportunities, which tend to be concentrated in the town centres. A minor positive effect is likely.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+		Draft Policy TS3 seeks to encourage, as part of new developments, the provision of additional footpaths, bridleways and cycleway routes between the countryside and built up areas. This is likely to have benefits for those who live in the countryside and who have poor access to built up areas via sustainable modes of transport, and this would reduce inequalities. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.

SA Objectives	TS3	Alternative 1	Justification
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0		Draft Policy TS3 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+		The purpose of Draft Policy TS3 is to encourage the development of the Borough's footpath and cycle infrastructure through new development or proposals to improve this infrastructure. This policy is likely to encourage more people within the Borough to lead more healthy lifestyles by walking and cycling to access services and facilities. This in turn would have benefits on the reducing emissions that is associated with public transport and public car use. A minor positive effect is likely for this objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+		Draft Policy TS3 seeks to deliver improvements to the footpath, cycleway and bridleway networks. This is likely to lead to people being more satisfied with the safety of the environment and being less concerned about safety. A minor positive effect is likely.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0		Draft Policy TS3 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	++		Draft Policy TS3 encourages the development of footpath and cycle infrastructure which facilitates access to nearby residential, commercial, retail, educational and leisure facilities, therefore a significant positive effect is likely for this SA objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	+		Draft Policy TS3 seeks to deliver improvements to the footpath, cycleway and bridleway networks. Such networks tend to require less land take than roads, and they therefore represent a more efficient use of land for transportation. A minor positive effect is likely.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0		Draft Policy TS3 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions	+		The purpose of Draft Policy TS3 is to encourage the development of the Borough's footpath and cycle infrastructure through new development or proposals to improve this

SA Objectives	TS3	Alternative 1	Justification
of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels			infrastructure. The enhancement of the Borough's walking/cycling network is likely to reduce the reliance and need to travel by public transport or private car, particularly if access to services and facilities are made easier, and this would reduce the associated greenhouse gas emissions. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+		The development of the Borough's footpath and cycle network would help to reduce air and noise pollution associated with a reliance on less sustainable modes of transport i.e. public transport and private car particularly in built up areas of the Borough. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0		Draft Policy TS3 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0		Draft Policy TS3 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0		Draft Policy TS3 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+		Draft Policy TS3 seeks to encourage the development of the Borough's walking/cycling network to provide a wider choice of transport modes for people to access the services and facilities they need. The development or improvement of new walking/cycling routes is likely to make travel by foot or bicycle more attractive and viable which should lead to less of a reliance on less sustainable forms of transport across the Borough which has benefits on traffic congestion, particularly in built up areas of the Borough. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.

Policy TS4 – Improvements to public transport infrastructure and services

Alternative Option 1: *Rely upon national advice and policies*

SA Objectives	TS4	Alternative	Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	0	0	Draft Policy TS4 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0	0	Both Draft Policy TS4 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough’s biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0	0	Both Draft Policy TS4 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+	?	<p>Draft Policy TS4 seeks to deliver improvements to public transport and services which is particularly important to supporting and promoting economic growth and investment and providing access to jobs in Basildon, especially for those with limited access. A minor positive effect is therefore likely for this objective.</p> <p>Under Alternative Option 1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan which would specifically address improvements to public transport infrastructure and services. Instead there would be a reliance on the NPPF. The NPPF provides support for more sustainable modes of transport but how this would apply in Basildon and the resulting effects are uncertain.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough’s Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+	?	<p>Improved accessibility to key services and facilities via an improved public transport network is likely to encourage more people to visit town centres for retail purposes, particularly if town centre car parking is not a viable option, which in turn may also attract investment within town centres. A minor positive effect is likely for this objective.</p> <p>Under Alternative Option 1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan which would specifically address improvements to public transport infrastructure and services. Instead there would be a reliance on the NPPF. The NPPF provides support for more sustainable modes of transport but how this would apply in Basildon and the resulting effects are</p>

SA Objectives	TS4	Alternative 1	Justification
			uncertain.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	++	?	<p>Draft Policy TS4 states that the enhancement and delivery of a public transport network will be delivered by improving equality of access to transport for everyone. This is likely to be of particular benefit to those who currently do not have reasonable access to public transport routes/services and those who are reliant on private car to gain access to services and facilities. A significant positive effect is therefore likely for this objective.</p> <p>Under Alternative Option 1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan which would specifically address improvements to public transport infrastructure and services. Instead there would be a reliance on the NPPF. The NPPF provides support for more sustainable modes of transport but how this would apply in Basildon and the resulting effects are uncertain.</p>
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	Both Draft Policy TS4 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	++	?	<p>Draft Policy TS4 seeks to protect and enhance pedestrian routes, cycle networks and Public Rights of Way as a means of improving public transport infrastructure. This is likely to encourage people to lead more active lifestyles. Moreover, by encouraging public transport use through improved transport infrastructure and providing greater access to such, there is likely to be less need to travel by private car which would have benefits on health through reduced traffic emissions. A significant positive effect is likely for this objective.</p> <p>Under Alternative Option 1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan which would specifically address improvements to public transport infrastructure and services. Instead there would be a reliance on the NPPF. The NPPF provides support for more sustainable modes of transport but how this would apply in Basildon and the resulting effects are uncertain.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+	0	<p>Draft Policy TS4 seeks to promote safe bus routes and passive surveillance. A minor positive effect is likely for this objective.</p> <p>Under Alternative Option 1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan which would specifically address improvements to public transport infrastructure and services. Instead there would be a reliance on the NPPF. Given that other policies in the Local Plan and in the</p>

SA Objectives	TS4	Alternative 1	Justification
			NPPF will continue to apply, a negligible rather than a negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+/?	0	Although Draft Policy TS4 does not specifically mention disadvantaged areas, a good public transport system is a useful means of ensuring that those who live in disadvantaged areas have access to work and other facilities, leading to uncertain indirect minor positive effects. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	++	+	Draft Policy TS4 seeks to ensure that everyone in the Borough has access to public transport which would provide everyone with access to services and facilities such as education, healthcare and jobs. In addition, the policy also seeks to protect and enhance pedestrian routes, cycle networks and Public Rights of Way, and this would provide people in the Borough with a wider range of access options. A significant positive effect is likely for this objective. Under Alternative Option 1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan which would specifically address improvements to public transport infrastructure and services. Instead there would be a reliance on the NPPF. The NPPF provides support for public transport and therefore would be likely to lead to a minor positive effect.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0	0	Both Draft Policy TS4 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	Both Draft Policy TS4 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+	?	This Draft Policy seeks to improve the public transport network by improving equality of access as well as protecting and promoting other transport modes such as walking and cycling. This policy is likely to reduce the reliance and need to travel by private car, particularly if access to services and facilities are made easier, and this would reduce the associated greenhouse gas emissions. A minor positive effect is therefore likely. Under Alternative Option 1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan which would specifically address improvements to public transport infrastructure and services. Instead there would be a reliance on the NPPF. The NPPF provides support for more sustainable

SA Objectives	TS4	Alternative 1	Justification
			modes of transport but how this would apply in Basildon and the resulting effects are uncertain.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+	?	<p>The enhancement and delivery of the Borough's public transport network would help to reduce air pollution associated with a reliance on private car particularly in built up areas of the Borough. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>Under Alternative Option 1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan which would specifically address improvements to public transport infrastructure and services. Instead there would be a reliance on the NPPF. The NPPF provides support for more sustainable modes of transport but how this would apply in Basildon and the resulting effects are uncertain.</p>
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	Both Draft Policy TS4 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	Both Draft Policy TS4 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	Both Draft Policy TS4 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+	?	<p>Draft Policy TS4 seeks to deliver improvements to public transport and services by providing access to all and enhancing pedestrian routes, cycle networks and Public Rights of Way. These measures are likely to reduce the need to travel by private car and would likely contribute to reducing traffic congestion. A minor positive effect is likely.</p> <p>Under Alternative Option 1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan which would specifically address improvements to public transport infrastructure and services. Instead there would be a reliance on the NPPF. The NPPF provides support for more sustainable modes of transport but how this would apply in Basildon and the resulting effects are uncertain.</p>

Policy TS6 – Managing Congestion

Alternative Option 1: Do not have a specific policy for managing congestion and rely on other Local Plan policies and national policy and guidance. This is not considered to be a reasonable alternative so has not been appraised. Congestion has been identified in the Highway Impact Assessments to support the Basildon Local Plan as a prevalent issue within the Basildon Borough. If congestion is not tackled through a specific local plan policy, which ensures that potential congestion is appropriately mitigated prior to the development being occupied, this could cause severe queuing at a number of major junctions within the Borough, which would not accord with the requirements of the NPPF to support reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and congestion.

SA Objectives	TS6	Alternative 1	Justification
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	0		Draft Policy TS6 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0		Draft Policy TS6 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0		Draft Policy TS6 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+		Draft Policy TS6 seeks to ensure that new developments incorporate mitigation measures to offset any adverse effects that increased traffic could have on the transport network in terms of congestion. Managing congestion and improving reliability of journey times across the Borough would have a direct economic benefit as residents and employees would be able to access services and jobs they need without being deterred by longer journey times. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+		Draft Policy TS6 seeks to ensure that new developments incorporate mitigation measures to offset any adverse effects that increased traffic could have on the transport network in terms of congestion. Managing congestion and improving reliability of journey times in Basildon would have a benefit of attracting residents and employees to town centres where access may otherwise be limited or inconvenient which could in turn attract more investment. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most	0		Draft Policy TS6 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	TS6	Alternative 1	Justification
deprived areas of the Borough			
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0		Draft Policy TS6 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+		Managing congestion is likely to lead to a reduction in road traffic accidents occurring on Basildon's transport network, particularly during peak times, and a reduction in air pollution. This would help to improve the health and safety of road users and pedestrians alike, and a minor positive effect is likely.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+		Managing congestion is likely to lead to a reduction in road traffic accidents occurring on Basildon's transport network, particularly during peak times. This would help to improve the safety of road users and pedestrians alike and would have a minor positive effect on this objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0		Draft Policy TS6 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+		Draft Policy TS6 seeks to ensure that new developments incorporate mitigation measures to offset any adverse effects that increased traffic could have on the transport network in terms of congestion. Managing congestion and improving reliability of journey times across the Borough would have a direct benefit as residents and employees would be able to access services and jobs they need without being deterred by longer journey times. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0		Draft Policy TS6 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events	0		Draft Policy TS6 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	TS6	Alternative 1	Justification
can bring			
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+		Managing congestion is likely to lead to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from private cars as improved reliability of journey times could lead to encouraging more people to use public transport to access services and jobs, thus taking more private cars off the road network. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+		Draft Policy TS6 seeks to manage congestion in the Borough which would have a direct effect on improving air quality, particularly around main towns and key routes where congestion causes a build-up of stationary vehicles. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0		Draft Policy TS6 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0		Draft Policy TS6 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0		Draft Policy TS6 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	++		The main purpose of Draft Policy TS6 is to ensure that new developments do not contribute to traffic congestion and ensure that mitigation measures are put in place to offset any impacts on the transport network. Therefore a significant positive effect is therefore likely for this objective.

Policy TS7 – Safe and Sustainable Access

Alternative Option 1: Do not have a policy and rely on national policy and guidance: Not considered to be a reasonable alternative so has not been appraised. The NPPF is quite clear on how local planning authorities should promote sustainable transport, should facilitate sustainable development through effective transport policies, should facilitate sustainable modes of transport, and develop strategies for the provision of infrastructure necessary to support sustainable development. Therefore, not having a policy which addresses safe and sustainable access would contravene the requirements of the NPPF

Alternative Option 2: Set out this policy as a strategic objective of the Local Plan rather than a Development Management Policy for determining planning applications.

SA Objectives	TS7	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	0		0	Both Draft Policy TS7 and Alternative Option 2 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0		0	Both Draft Policy TS7 and Alternative Option 2 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0		0	Both Draft Policy TS7 and Alternative Option 2 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+		0	Draft Policy TS7 seeks to allow for the increased movement across the Borough in a safe and sustainable way. This may support economic growth as commercial developments often require good transport infrastructure connections and ease of access for their establishment and subsequent success. A minor positive effect is therefore likely. Under Alternative Option 2 there would be a strategic objective in the Local Plan rather than a Development Management Policy. Although this option would not provide specific requirements in relation to sustainable access, it would provide more high level steer; therefore a negligible rather than a negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective. Moreover, other local plan and NPPF policies will continue to apply which contributes to the negligible effect.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations	0		0	Both Draft Policy TS7 and Alternative Option 2 would not have a direct effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	TS7	Alternative		Justification
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for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development				
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+		0	<p>Draft Policy TS7 seeks to strengthen links between residential areas and primary and secondary school provision, encouraging sustainable travel behaviours. This would have benefits for those who have more limited choices and access. A minor positive effect is likely for this objective.</p> <p>Under Alternative Option 2 there would be a strategic objective in the Local Plan rather than a Development Management Policy. Although this option would not provide specific requirements in relation to sustainable access, it would provide higher level steer; therefore a negligible rather than a negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective. Moreover, other local plan and NPPF policies will continue to apply which contributes to the negligible effect.</p>
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0		0	Both Draft Policy TS7 and Alternative Option 2 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+/-		0	<p>Draft Policy TS7 seeks to encourage development proposals to contribute to providing an adequate level of accessibility by all modes of transport, including walking and cycling. This would have positive benefits on health by encouraging people to lead more active lifestyles. However the policy also seeks proposals that are capable of being served with safe access to the Highway network and this may encourage ongoing car use and the associated traffic emissions. A mixed effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>Under Alternative Option 2 there would be a strategic objective in the Local Plan rather than a Development Management Policy. Although this option would not provide specific requirements in relation to sustainable access, it would provide more high level steer; therefore a negligible rather than a negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective. Moreover, other local plan and NPPF policies will continue to apply which contributes to the negligible effect.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe	++		0	Draft Policy TS7 seeks to improve road safety and a safe travelling environment in the Borough. As this policy is directly related to this objective a significant positive effect is likely.

SA Objectives	TS7	Alternative		Justification
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to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced				Under Alternative Option 2 there would be a strategic objective in the Local Plan rather than a Development Management Policy. Although this option would not provide specific requirements in relation to sustainable access, it would provide more high level steer; therefore a negligible rather than a negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective. Moreover, other local plan and NPPF policies will continue to apply which contributes to the negligible effect.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0		0	Both Draft Policy TS7 and Alternative Option 2 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+		0	Draft Policy TS7 seeks to address the need for sustainable transport. This is likely to lead to enhanced access to services and facilities across the Borough and a minor positive effect is likely. Under Alternative Option 2 there would be a strategic objective in the Local Plan rather than a Development Management Policy. Although this option would not provide specific requirements in relation to sustainable access, it would provide more high level steer; therefore a negligible rather than a negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective. Moreover, other local plan and NPPF policies will continue to apply which contributes to the negligible effect.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0		0	Both Draft Policy TS7 and Alternative Option 2 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0		0	Both Draft Policy TS7 and Alternative Option 2 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy	+/-		0	Draft Policy TS7 requires proposals to provide an adequate level of accessibility by all modes of transport. However the policy also seeks proposals that are capable of being served with safe access to the Highway network and this may encourage ongoing car use and the

SA Objectives	TS7	Alternative		Justification
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efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels				associated greenhouse gas emissions. A mixed effect is therefore likely. Under Alternative Option 2 there would be a strategic objective in the Local Plan rather than a Development Management Policy. Although this option would not provide specific requirements in relation to sustainable access, it would provide more high level steer; therefore a negligible rather than a negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective. Moreover, other local plan and NPPF policies will continue to apply which contributes to the negligible effect.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+/-		0	Draft Policy TS7 seeks to deliver safe and sustainable access across the Borough. However the policy also seeks proposals that are capable of being served with safe access to the Highway network and this may encourage ongoing car use and the associated traffic emissions which has implications on air quality. A mixed effect is therefore likely. Under Alternative Option 2 there would be a strategic objective in the Local Plan rather than a Development Management Policy. Although this option would not provide specific requirements in relation to sustainable access, it would provide more high level steer; therefore a negligible rather than a negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective. Moreover, other local plan and NPPF policies will continue to apply which contributes to the negligible effect.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0		0	Both Draft Policy TS7 and Alternative Option 2 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0		0	Both Draft Policy TS7 and Alternative Option 2 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0		0	Both Draft Policy TS7 and Alternative Option 2 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling	+/-		0	Draft Policy TS7 requires new development proposals to mitigate the impacts on the transport network which is assumed would cover the effects of increased traffic on congestion levels. However the policy also seeks proposals that are capable of being served with safe access to the Highway network and this may encourage ongoing car use,

SA Objectives	TS7	Alternative		Justification
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development to sustainable locations				<p>contributing to ongoing congestion. A mixed effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>Under Alternative Option 2 there would be a strategic objective in the Local Plan rather than a Development Management Policy. Although this option would not provide specific requirements in relation to sustainable access, it would provide more high level steer; therefore a negligible rather than a negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective. Moreover, other local plan and NPPF policies will continue to apply which contributes to the negligible effect.</p>

Policy T8 – Parking Standards

Alternative Option 1: Have no policy and rely on the Essex local parking standards and national policy and guidance

SA Objectives	TS8	Alternative	Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	0	0	Both Draft Policy TS8 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0	0	Both Draft Policy TS8 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0	0	Both Draft Policy TS8 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0	0	Both Draft Policy TS8 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0	0	Both Draft Policy TS8 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+	0	<p>Draft Policy TS8 seeks to ensure that parking provision for disabled people is met as part of new proposals. This is likely to have a minor positive effect as it ensures that those who are unable to carry out day to day activities will have easy and equal access opportunities to new developments.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would involve not having a policy in the Local Plan relating to parking standards but instead would rely on the Essex Vehicle Parking Standards and national policy. The Essex Vehicle Parking Standards do not consider the parking standards and requirements needed for Basildon Borough, although the Standards are enough for the Local</p>

SA Objectives	TS8	Alternative 1	Justification
			Plan to meet the NPPF requirements. As this is the case, Alternative Option 1 is likely to have a negligible rather than negative effect on this objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	Both Draft Policy TS8 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+/-	0	<p>Draft Policy TS8 seeks to ensure that new proposals provide safe and secure parking for bicycles which is likely to encourage the uptake of more sustainable means of transport to access services and facilities which would have benefits on health as people engage in more active travel. In addition, the policy advocates the provision of less parking for developments that are considered to be in more sustainable locations and that are well served by public transport and this is likely to encourage residents to choose to walk, cycle or use the public transport provided. On the other hand, the provision of minimum parking standards for new residential developments would potentially lead to higher ownership of private cars. This would potentially discourage the use of public transport or other sustainable modes (which would otherwise have a positive benefit on health) as access to a car would be more convenient, particularly where access to public transport is not considered to be reasonable. A mixed effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would involve not having a policy in the Local Plan relating to parking standards but instead would rely on the Essex Vehicle Parking Standards and national policy. The Essex Vehicle Parking Standards do not consider the parking standards and requirements needed for Basildon Borough, although the Standards are enough for the Local Plan to meet the NPPF requirements. As this is the case, Alternative Option 1 is likely to have a negligible rather than negative effect on this objective.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	Both Draft Policy TS8 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0	0	Both Draft Policy TS8 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	TS8	Alternative 1	Justification
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+	0	<p>Draft Policy TS8 seeks to ensure that parking provision for disabled people is met as part of new proposals. This is likely to have a minor positive effect as it ensures that those who are unable to carry out day to day activities will have easy access to new developments. In addition, the policy advocates the provision of less parking for developments that are considered to be in more sustainable locations and that are well served by public transport and this is likely to encourage modal shift. A minor positive effect is likely for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would involve not having a policy in the Local Plan relating to parking standards but instead would rely on the Essex Vehicle Parking Standards and national policy. The Essex Vehicle Parking Standards do not consider the parking standards and requirements needed for Basildon Borough, although the Standards are enough for the Local Plan to meet the NPPF requirements. As this is the case, Alternative Option 1 is likely to have a negligible rather than negative effect on this objective.</p>
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0	0	Both Draft Policy TS8 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	Both Draft Policy TS8 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+/-	0	<p>The policy encourages less parking for developments that are considered to be in more sustainable locations and that are well served by public transport and this is likely to encourage residents to choose to walk, cycle or use the public transport provided to access these developments which would have positive effects on reducing greenhouse gas emissions. However, by providing a minimum standard of parking for residential developments, there is likely to be an ongoing high ownership and use of private cars for commuting and accessing services which would have a negative effect on reducing greenhouse gas emissions. A mixed effect is therefore likely overall.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would involve not having a policy in the Local Plan relating to parking standards but instead would rely on the Essex Vehicle Parking Standards and national policy. The Essex Vehicle Parking Standards do not consider the parking standards and</p>

SA Objectives	TS8	Alternative 1	Justification
			requirements needed for Basildon Borough, although the Standards are enough for the Local Plan to meet the NPPF requirements. As this is the case, Alternative Option 1 is likely to have a negligible rather than negative effect on this objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+/-	0	Draft Policy TS8 would have a positive effect on reducing air pollution from vehicles as it seeks to encourage modal shift for accessing non-residential developments. However, by providing a minimum standard of parking for residential developments, there is likely to be an ongoing high ownership and use of private cars for commuting and accessing services which would have a negative effect on air quality. A mixed effect is therefore likely overall. Alternative Option 1 would involve not having a policy in the Local Plan relating to parking standards but instead would rely on the Essex Vehicle Parking Standards and national policy. The Essex Vehicle Parking Standards do not consider the parking standards and requirements needed for Basildon Borough, although the Standards are enough for the Local Plan to meet the NPPF requirements. As this is the case, Alternative Option 1 is likely to have a negligible rather than negative effect on this objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	Both Draft Policy TS8 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	Both Draft Policy TS8 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	Both Draft Policy TS8 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+/-	0	Draft Policy TS8 would have a positive effect on reducing congestion as it seeks to encourage modal shift for accessing non-residential developments. However, by providing a minimum standard of parking for residential developments, there is likely to be an ongoing high ownership and use of private cars for commuting and accessing services which would have a negative effect on congestion levels in the Borough. A mixed effect is therefore likely overall. Alternative Option 1 would involve not having a policy in the Local Plan relating to parking standards but instead would rely on the Essex Vehicle Parking Standards and national policy. The Essex Vehicle Parking Standards do not consider the parking standards and

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			requirements needed for Basildon Borough, although the Standards are enough for the Local Plan to meet the NPPF requirements. As this is the case, Alternative Option 1 is likely to have a negligible rather than negative effect on this objective.

Policy TS9 – Access for servicing

Alternative 1: Rely on national policy and guidance. There is no specific policy in national policy or guidance and therefore providing local policy to clarify how this matter will be addressed in proposals in the Borough is relevant in the interests of ensuring highway safety to all users and pedestrians.

SA Objectives	TS9	Alternative	Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	0	0	Neither Draft Policy TS9 or Alternative Option 1 are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0	0	Neither Draft Policy TS9 or Alternative Option 1 are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0	0	Neither Draft Policy TS9 or Alternative Option 1 are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+	0	Draft Policy TS9 aims to ensure that all development proposals that require regular servicing by HGVs should be located on main or secondary distributor routes, with appropriately designed servicing areas. All other developments should be designed to ensure that properties can be accessed in a safe and convenient way by waste collection freighters and delivery vehicles. This may support economic growth as commercial developments are often dependent on good transport infrastructure and ease of access. A minor positive effect is therefore likely. Alternative Option 1 would result in reliance upon national policy and guidance. This would be sufficient for the Local Plan to meet the NPPF requirements, and as such Alternative Option 1 is likely to have a negligible rather than negative effect on this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+/-	0	By ensuring that all new development is easily accessible by HGVs, in a safe and convenient way, Draft Policy TS9 may help to promote new developments within the Borough's town centres as sustainable locations for commercial development. However as Draft Policy TS9 also notes that development proposals that require regular servicing by HGVs should be located on main or secondary distributor routes, this could result in future development being located on more peripheral sites, decreasing the sustainability of town centres as locations for commercial enterprise. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	TS9	Alternative 1	Justification
			Alternative Option 1 would result in reliance upon national policy and guidance. This would be sufficient for the Local Plan to meet the NPPF requirements, and as such Alternative Option 1 is likely to have a negligible rather than negative effect on this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0	0	Neither Draft Policy TS9 or Alternative Option 1 are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	Neither Draft Policy TS9 or Alternative Option 1 are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0	0	Draft Policy TS9 will have a direct effect on improving air quality, and reducing noise pollution, particularly around key routes where congestion causes a build-up of stationary vehicles, which could in turn improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents. However this is not the focus of this policy, and the effect is not expected to be significant. Therefore neither Draft Policy TS9 or Alternative Option 1 are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	Neither Draft Policy TS9 or Alternative Option 1 are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0	0	Neither Draft Policy TS9 or Alternative Option 1 are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+	0	Draft Policy TS9 is likely to help improve accessibility to local services and facilities, through the reduction of congestion, especially along the west-east routes of the A127 and the A13. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would result in reliance upon national policy and guidance. This would be sufficient for the Local Plan to meet the NPPF requirements, and as such Alternative Option 1 is likely to have a negligible rather than negative effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	TS9	Alternative 1	Justification
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0	0	Neither Draft Policy TS9 or Alternative Option 1 are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	Neither Draft Policy TS9 or Alternative Option 1 are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+	0	Draft policy TS9 states that development proposals which will require regular servicing by HGVs should be located on main or secondary distributor routes, with appropriately designed servicing areas that enable HGVs to access the developments safely without creating congestion. This policy will help to reduce traffic congestion and therefore have a direct effect on reducing emissions from stationary vehicles, stuck in congestion. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would result in reliance upon national policy and guidance. This would be sufficient for the Local Plan to meet the NPPF requirements, and as such Alternative Option 1 is likely to have a negligible rather than negative effect on this objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+	0	Draft Policy TS9 states that development proposals which will require regular servicing by HGVs should be located on main or secondary distributor routes, with appropriately designed servicing areas that enable HGVs to access the developments safely without creating congestion. This would have a direct effect on improving air quality, and reducing noise pollution, particularly around key routes where congestion causes a build-up of stationary vehicles. A minor positive effect is therefore likely. Alternative Option 1 would result in reliance upon national policy and guidance. This would be sufficient for the Local Plan to meet the NPPF requirements, and as such Alternative Option 1 is likely to have a negligible rather than negative effect on this objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	Neither Draft Policy TS9 or Alternative Option 1 are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm	0	0	Neither Draft Policy TS9 or Alternative Option 1 are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	TS9	Alternative 1	Justification
designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change			objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	Neither Draft Policy TS9 or Alternative Option 1 are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+	0	<p>Draft policy TS9 states that development proposals which will require regular servicing by HGVs should be located on main or secondary distributor routes, with appropriately designed servicing areas that enable HGVs to access the developments safely without creating congestion. The supporting text highlights the fact that significant parts of the road network in the Borough are operating at or nearing capacity. This results in congestion at peak times and unreliable journey times for car and public transport users. Particularly problematic are the strategic west-east routes of the A127 and the A13 which provide important movement corridors for local traffic and freight within the Thames Gateway. This policy will therefore help to reduce traffic congestion and the related pollution levels, having a minor positive effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would result in reliance upon national policy and guidance. This would be sufficient for the Local Plan to meet the NPPF requirements, and as such Alternative Option 1 is likely to have a negligible rather than negative effect on this objective.</p>

Chapter 10 – Supporting High Quality Communications Infrastructure Policies

SA Objectives	Chapter 10 – Supporting High Quality Communications Infrastructure		
	COM1	COM2	COM3
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough.	0	+	0
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough.	0	+	0
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it.	0	0	0
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration.	+	-/?	+
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development.	+	-/?	+
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough.	+	-/?	+
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally.	0	0	0
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment.	0	+	0
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced.	0	0	0
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough.	+	0	0
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities.	+	-/?	+
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings.	0	+	0
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring.	0	0	0

SA Objectives	Chapter 10 – Supporting High Quality Communications Infrastructure		
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels.	0	0	0
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures.	0	0	0
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management.	0	0	0
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the effects of climate change.	0	0	0
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used.	0	0	0
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations.	0	0	0

Policy COM1 – Communications Infrastructure Strategy

Alternative Option 1: No Policy. Not considered a reasonable alternative. This option would be contrary to the provisions of the NPPF which makes clear that local plans should include proper consideration of communications infrastructure issues.

Alternative Option 2: Include a More Restrictive Policy.

SA Objectives	COM1	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	0		0	Draft Policy COM1 and Alternative Option 2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0		0	Draft Policy COM1 and Alternative Option 2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0		0	Draft Policy COM1 and Alternative Option 2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+		+/?	Policy COM1 seeks to support the delivery of high quality communications infrastructure across the Borough which is especially important for businesses to grow, trade and remain competitive. A minor positive effect is therefore likely for this objective. Alternative Option 2 represents a more restrictive, prescriptive policy which, although designed to support the delivery of high quality communications infrastructure, may not have the necessary flexibility for organic, efficient development. A minor positive effect is still likely; however, this effect is considered to be more uncertain.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+		+/?	Draft Policy COM1 seeks to support the delivery of high quality communications infrastructure across the Borough which is important for businesses to grow, trade and remain competitive. This should support sustainable town centres. Alternative Option 2 represents a more restrictive, prescriptive policy which, although designed to support the delivery of high quality communications infrastructure, may not have the necessary flexibility for organic, efficient development. A minor positive effect is still likely; however, this effect is considered to be more uncertain.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most	+		+/?	Policy COM1 seeks to support the delivery of high quality communications infrastructure across the Borough. This is likely to result in the provision of easier access to

SA Objectives	COM1	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
deprived areas of the Borough				communication technology networks, especially for those in areas not currently served by reliable mobile networks for example. A minor positive effect is likely for this objective. Alternative Option 2 represents a more restrictive, prescriptive policy which, although designed to support the delivery of high quality communications infrastructure, may not have the necessary flexibility for organic, efficient development. A minor positive effect is still likely; however, this effect is considered to be more uncertain.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0		0	Draft Policy COM1 and Alternative Option 2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0		0	Draft Policy COM1 and Alternative Option 2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0		0	Draft Policy COM1 and Alternative Option 2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+		+/?	Draft Policy COM1 seeks to support the delivery of high quality communications infrastructure across the Borough which is important for businesses to grow, trade and remain competitive. This should help to regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas. A minor positive effect is likely for this objective. Alternative Option 2 represents a more restrictive, prescriptive policy which, although designed to support the delivery of high quality communications infrastructure, may not have the necessary flexibility for organic, efficient development. A minor positive effect is still likely; however, this effect is considered to be more uncertain.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+		+/?	Policy COM1 seeks to support the delivery of high quality communications infrastructure across the Borough. This is likely to result in the provision of easier access and connections to communication technology networks including mobile networks where there is considerable variation between mobile network operators. A minor positive effect is likely for this objective.

SA Objectives	COM1	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
				Alternative Option 2 represents a more restrictive, prescriptive policy which, although designed to support the delivery of high quality communications infrastructure, may not have the necessary flexibility for organic, efficient development. A minor positive effect is still likely; however, this effect is considered to be more uncertain.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0		0	Draft Policy COM1 and Alternative Option 2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0		0	Draft Policy COM1 and Alternative Option 2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0		0	Draft Policy COM1 and Alternative Option 2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0		0	Draft Policy COM1 and Alternative Option 2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0		0	Draft Policy COM1 and Alternative Option 2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0		0	Draft Policy COM1 and Alternative Option 2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	COM1	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0		0	Draft Policy COM1 and Alternative Option 2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0		0	Draft Policy COM1 and Alternative Option 2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Policy COM2 - Determining applications for telecommunications equipment

Alternative Option 1: No policy on determining applications for telecommunications equipment.

SA Objectives	COM2	Alternative 1	Justification
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	+	0	<p>Draft Policy COM2 seeks to ensure that the siting and design of telecommunication equipment demonstrates the least detrimental impact on the appearance and character of an area. This is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan, providing less clarity on determining applications for telecommunications equipment. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+	0	<p>Draft Policy COM2 requires developers to demonstrate that the siting and design of any installations would have the least detrimental impact on the visual and residential amenity of neighbouring occupiers, the host building (where relevant) and the appearance and character of the area. This will help protect the character and setting of historical heritage buildings and a minor positive effect is likely.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan, providing less clarity on determining applications for telecommunications equipment. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0	0	Draft Policy COM2 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	-/?	0	<p>Whilst the delivery of high quality communications infrastructure across the Borough is important for businesses to grow, trade and remain competitive, a policy which potentially restricts the deployment of such infrastructure in certain areas could have a detrimental impact on achieving this objective, although this is uncertain and dependent on the location of proposed sites and whether there are alternative sites available. A minor negative uncertain effect is therefore likely for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan, providing less clarity on determining applications for telecommunications equipment. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres	-/?	0	Draft Policy COM2 could potentially restrict delivery of new telecommunications equipment. As such, a minor negative, uncertain effect is predicted.

SA Objectives	COM2	Alternative 1	Justification
are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development			Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	-/?	0	<p>Whilst the provision of telecommunications infrastructure would provide easier access to communication technology networks, especially for those in areas not currently served by reliable mobile networks for example, a policy which potentially restricts the deployment of such infrastructure in certain areas could have a detrimental impact on achieving this objective although this is uncertain and dependent on the location of proposed sites and whether there are alternative sites available. A minor negative uncertain effect is therefore likely for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan, providing less clarity on determining applications for telecommunications equipment. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p>
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	Draft Policy COM2 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+	0	<p>Criterion 3 of Draft Policy COM2 requires new communications infrastructure to conform to the International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) guidelines, taking account of the cumulative impact of all operators equipment located on the mast/site. This is likely to protect the health of residents in close proximity to such sites with minor positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	Draft Policy COM2 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0	0	Draft Policy COM2 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	COM2	Alternative 1	Justification
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	-/?	0	<p>Whilst the provision of communication infrastructure is likely to result in the provision of easier access and connections to communication technology networks including mobile networks where there are considerable variations between operators in the Borough, a policy which potentially restricts the deployment of such infrastructure in certain areas could have a detrimental impact on achieving this objective although, this is uncertain and dependent on the location of proposed sites and whether there are alternative sites available. A minor negative uncertain effect is likely for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan, providing less clarity on determining applications for telecommunications equipment. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p>
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	+	0	<p>Draft Policy COM2 seeks to encourage the development of communications infrastructure on existing sites with other providers. The policy states that where new sites are proposed evidence should be provided to justify that there is no possibility to sharing facilities or using alternative sites. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan, providing less clarity on determining applications for telecommunications equipment. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p>
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	Draft Policy COM2 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0	Draft Policy COM2 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation	0	0	Draft Policy COM2 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	COM2	Alternative 1	Justification
measures			
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	Draft Policy COM2 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	Draft Policy COM2 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	Draft Policy COM2 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0	0	Draft Policy COM2 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Policy COM3 - Communications infrastructure in new developments

Alternative Option 1: *No Policy: Not considered to be a reasonable alternative and has not been appraised. This option has been discounted because it could lead to unmanaged improvements in the provision of high quality communications infrastructure which is necessary to cope with existing demands, as well as cater for a growing population*

Alternative Option 2: *Substitute criteria: Have more stringent criteria for the provision of communications infrastructure in new developments*

Alternative Option 3: *Substitute criteria: Have less stringent criteria for the provision of communications infrastructure in new developments*

SA Objectives	COM3	Alternative			Justification
		1	2	3	
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	0		0	0	Draft Policy COM3 and Alternative Options 2 and 3 are not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0		0	0	Draft Policy COM3 and Alternative Options 2 and 3 are not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0		0	0	Draft Policy COM3 and Alternative Options 2 and 3 are not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+		+/- /?	+ /- /?	<p>Policy COM3 seeks to ensure that the telecommunication needs of new developments are identified and planned for prior to occupation and that provision is made for connection to broadband and mobile phone coverage across new developments. The provision of telecommunication needs is important for businesses to grow, trade and remain competitive. A minor positive effect is therefore likely for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Options 2 and 3 propose more stringent and less stringent criteria respectively. A more restrictive, prescriptive policy may increase the delivery of high quality communications infrastructure; however, it could increase costs for developers reducing the viability of new developments and inhibiting economic growth. A more flexible policy is likely to make it easier for new development to be delivered contributing to economic growth; however, the delivery of high quality communication infrastructure is likely to be more organic, potentially resulting in under and overprovision. A mixed effect is therefore likely for both alternatives with some uncertainty.</p>

SA Objectives	COM3	Alternative			Justification
		1	2	3	
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+		0	0	Draft Policy COM3 seeks to ensure that the telecommunication needs of new developments are identified and planned prior to occupation. This could contribute towards sustainable town centres resulting in a minor positive effect. Alternative Option 2 is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+		+/- /?	+ /- /?	Policy COM3 seeks to ensure that the telecommunication needs of new developments are identified and planned prior to occupation and that provision is made for connection to broadband and mobile phone coverage across new developments. This is likely to result in the provision of easy access to communication technology networks for occupiers of such developments. A minor positive effect is therefore likely. Alternative Options 2 and 3 propose more stringent and less stringent criteria respectively. A more restrictive, prescriptive policy may increase the delivery of high quality communications infrastructure to facilitate educational services; however, it could increase costs for developers reducing the viability of new educational services and facilities. A more flexible policy is likely to make it easier for new educational services and facilities to be delivered; however, the delivery of high quality communication infrastructure is likely to be more organic, potentially resulting in under and overprovision. A mixed effect is therefore likely for both alternatives with some uncertainty.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0		0	0	Draft Policy COM3 and Alternative Options 2 and 3 are not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0		0	0	Draft Policy COM3 and Alternative Options 2 and 3 are not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0		0	0	Draft Policy COM3 and Alternative Options 2 and 3 are not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live	0		0	0	Draft Policy COM3 and Alternative Options 2 and 3 are not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	COM3	Alternative			Justification
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or work in the Borough					
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+		+/- /?	+ /- /?	<p>Policy COM3 seeks to ensure that the telecommunication needs of new developments are identified and planned for prior to occupation and that provision is made for connection to broadband and mobile phone coverage across new developments. This is likely to result in the provision of easy access to communication technology networks for occupiers of such developments. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>Alternative Options 2 and 3 propose more stringent and less stringent criteria respectively. A more restrictive, prescriptive policy may increase the delivery of high quality communications infrastructure; however, it could increase costs for developers reducing the viability of new local services and facilities. A more flexible policy is likely to make it easier for new local services and facilities to be delivered; however, the delivery of high quality communication infrastructure is likely to be more organic, potentially resulting in under and overprovision. A mixed effect is therefore likely for both alternatives with some uncertainty.</p>
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0		0	0	Draft Policy COM3 and Alternative Options 2 and 3 are not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0		0	0	Draft Policy COM3 and Alternative Options 2 and 3 are not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0		0	0	Draft Policy COM3 and Alternative Options 2 and 3 are not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation	0		0	0	Draft Policy COM3 and Alternative Options 2 and 3 are not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

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16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0		0	0	Draft Policy COM3 and Alternative Options 2 and 3 are not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0		0	0	Draft Policy COM3 and Alternative Options 2 and 3 are not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0		0	0	Draft Policy COM3 and Alternative Options 2 and 3 are not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0		0	0	Draft Policy COM3 and Alternative Options 2 and 3 are not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Chapter 11 – Delivering a Wide Choice of High Quality Homes Policies

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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough.	-- /+ ?	0	-- /?	0	-	-- /?	+/ -/?	-- /?	-- /?	+/ -/?	-/?	-/?	+/- -/?	+/ -/?	-/?	+/- /?	0/?	-/?	0/?	-/?	-/?	0/?	+/- /?	-/?	-/?	-/?	-/?	-/?	-/?	-/?	-/?	-/?	-/?	-/?	0	0	0	0	0	
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough.	-- /+ ?	0	-	0	-	-/?	0/?	-- /?	-/?	-/?	0/?	-- /?	-- /?	0/?	-- /?	-- /?	-- /?	-- /?	-/?	0/?	0/?	0/?	-/?	-/?	-/?	-- /?	-- /?	-/?	-/?	-/?	-/?	-/?	-/?	-/?	-/?	0	0	0	0	0
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it.	-- /+ ?	0	-	0	-	-/?	+/ -/?	-- /?	+/ -/?	+/ -/?	-/?	+/ -/?	+/ -/?	+/ -/?	+/ -/?	+/ -/?	+/ -/?	+/ -/?	+/ -/?	+/ -/?	+/ -/?	+/ -/?	+/ -/?	+/ -/?	+/ -/?	+/ -/?	+/ -/?	+/ -/?	+/ -/?	+/- /?	-/?	-/?	-/?	0	0	0	0	0		
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration.	++	0	+/ -	+	-	+	++	+	0	+	0	+/?	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	+		
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development.	+/?	0	0	+	-	0	+/?	+/?	0/?	+/?	+/?	+/?	+/?	+/?	+/?	+/?	+/?	+/?	+/?	+/?	+/?	+/?	+/?	0/?	0/?	+/?	+/?	0/?	0/?	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	+		
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough.	+	+	+/ -/?	0	0	+	++	++	+/ -	++	+	+	++	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+		
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally.	++ /- /?	++	+/ -/?	+	+	+/- -/?	+	+	0	++	+	+	++	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	++	++	++	++	++	+/- /?	+	+/-	++ /-			
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment.	+	+	+/ -/?	0	0	+	++ /?	++ /?	++ /?	++ /?	+	++ /?	++ /?	++ /?	++ /?	++ /?	+	+	+	++ /?	+	+	0	+	+	+/?	+/?	+	0	0										
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced.	++ /- /?	+	+/ -/?	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+/- /?	0	+/-	+		
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough.	+	0	+/ -/?	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities.	+	+/?	+/ -/?	0	0	+/- /?	+/ ?	++ /?	+/ ?	+/ ?	-/?	-/?	+/ ?	+/ ?	++ /?	+/ ?	-/?	-/?	-/?	+/ ?	+/ ?	+/ ?	++ /?	++ /?	+/ ?	+/ ?	+/ ?	-/?	-/?	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0		
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings.	++ /- ?	0	++ /- ?	+/?	0	++ /- ?	-- /?	-	-- /?	-- /?	-- /?	-- /?	-- /?	-- /?	-- /?	-	-- /?	-	-	-- /?	-- /?	-- /?	-- /?	-	-	-- /?	-- /?	-	-- /?	-- /?	+/- ?	+/- /?	+/- /?	0	0	0	0	++		
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and	-- /?	0	-- /?	-/?	-	-- /?	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	-	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	

Policy H1 – Housing Strategy

Recommendations:

In respect of affordable housing, the policy should state a preference for on-site delivery of affordable homes to support mixed communities in place of financial contributions/contributions to affordable housing off-site in other locations in the borough.

In relation to criterion 5a, define what is meant by 'high' standards of design and 'high' standards of sustainability. This would bring more certainty to the appraisal.

Alternative 1: No policy. The preferred policy seeks to direct the nature of housing development in Basildon Borough, identifying target needs, the requirement for affordable housing provision and the need for high quality housing provision aligned with infrastructure. In the absence of a policy, it is not likely that the target needs or requirement for affordable housing would be met. This would be contrary to the requirements of the NPPF, and is not therefore a reasonable alternative option. Consequently, this has not been appraised further.

Alternative 2: Constant Housing Requirement – the proposed policy sets out a lower rate of delivery for years 0-5 to reflect the lag in delivery associated with releasing land from the Green Belt. This is addressed by a higher rate of delivery in years 6 onwards. An alternative approach would be to apply a constant rate of delivery of 760 homes per annum across the plan period. There are, however, indications that this would not be deliverable unless further land within the Green Belt is released for development purposes. This would see the quantum of greenfield land required by the plan increased, and would potentially have implications for the wider environment requiring development on sites which are more environmentally sensitive, which is not regarded as reasonable.

SA Objectives	H1	Alternative		Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	--/+/?		--/?	<p>Policy H1 sets out the Borough's overall Strategy for delivery of housing which includes provision of 15,260 new homes. As already set out in policy SD1, a significant proportion of these homes will be within the Borough's Green Belt, resulting in significant adverse effects (recognising the likely scale of change to the borough's natural landscapes and countryside). Criterion 5b of the policy would support the provision of integrated formal public open space and the enhancement of the Green Infrastructure network as part of development proposals, resulting in minor positive effects. There is uncertainty, as the exact design, form and layout of new housing proposals are not yet known.</p> <p>Alternative 2 seeks to ensure a constant provision of housing at 760 dwellings per annum, however, the evidence suggests that this could only be achieved in the early part of the Plan period, if additional land was released for development purposes in the Green Belt. Consequently significant adverse effects are predicted on this objective.</p> <p>Although the preferred policy and alternative 2 are both predicted to result in significant adverse effects, the impacts arising from alternative 2 are likely to be greater (as more land would need to be released from the Green Belt).</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	--/+/?		--/?	<p>Policy H1 sets out the Borough's overall Strategy for delivery of housing which includes provision of 15,260 new homes. As already set out in policy SD1, a significant proportion of these homes will be within the Borough's Green Belt, resulting in significant adverse effects (recognising the likely scale of change to the borough's cultural heritage and local</p>

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				<p>distinctiveness). Criterion 5a of the policy would support the provision of high standards of design resulting the potential for positive impacts. There is uncertainty, as the exact design, form and layout of new housing proposals are not yet known.</p> <p>Alternative 2 seeks to ensure a constant provision of housing at 760 dwellings per annum, however, the evidence suggests that this could only be achieved in the early part of the Plan period, if additional land was released for development purposes in the Green Belt. Consequently significant adverse effects are predicted on this objective.</p> <p>Although the preferred policy and alternative 2 are both predicted to result in significant adverse effects, the impacts arising from alternative 2 are likely to be greater (as more land would need to be released from the Green Belt and the additional development could worsen the impact on cultural heritage and local distinctiveness).</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	--/+/?		--/?	<p>Policy H1 sets out the Borough's overall Strategy for delivery of housing which includes provision of 15,260 new homes. As already set out in policy SD1, a significant proportion of these homes will be within the Borough's Green Belt, resulting in significant adverse effects (recognising the likely scale of change to the borough's biodiversity). Criterion 5b of the policy would support the provision of integrated formal public open space and the enhancement of the Green Infrastructure network as part of development proposals, resulting in minor positive effects (due the potential for biodiversity benefits). There is uncertainty, as the exact design, form and layout of new housing proposals are not yet known.</p> <p>Alternative 2 seeks to ensure a constant provision of housing at 760 dwellings per annum, however, the evidence suggests that this could only be achieved in the early part of the Plan period, if additional land was released for development purposes in the Green Belt (this could include greenfield land of high biodiversity value). Consequently significant adverse effects are predicted on this objective.</p> <p>Although the preferred policy and alternative 2 are both predicted to result in significant adverse effects, the impacts arising from alternative 2 are likely to be greater (as more land would need to be released from the Green Belt).</p>
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	++		++	Both Policy H1 and Alternative 2 are predicted to have significant positive effects on this objective as new housing will be provided to respond to the projected needs of the borough's residents, including large housing which is expected to help attract higher skilled and professional workers to live in the Borough.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres	+/?		+/?	Policy H2 sets out the Borough's strategy for housing delivery. Some of this housing would

SA Objectives	H1	Alternative		Justification
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are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development				<p>be provided within the Borough's existing town centres contributing positively to this objective. Large-scale development will also be provided outwith the Borough's centres and impact of this development on existing town centres is uncertain.</p> <p>Alternative 2 is assumed to be the same as preferred policy 2, except that housing delivery would be constant, potentially resulting in the need to release further greenfield land for development in the early phases of the plan period. Overall, positive uncertain impacts are also predicted for this option.</p>
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+		+	<p>Policy H2 sets out the Borough's strategy for housing delivery. Criterion 5 c states that opportunities will be sought through the location and design of development to achieve the wider objectives of this plan including: "...The wider use of public transport and active modes of transport to access employment, education, services and recreation opportunities. Access should be inclusive and encourage community cohesion. The location of new homes should not encourage social isolation.." As such, minor positive effects are predicted.</p> <p>Positive impacts are also predicted in respect of alternative option 2.</p>
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	++/-/?		++/-/?	<p>Policy H2 sets out the Borough's strategy for housing delivery. Housing delivery will be phased with a lower annual level of provision during the period 2015-2020 (recognising the time required to release land from the Green Belt) with a higher annual level of provision in the remainder of the plan period. A mix of housing will be provided to meet the borough's needs (including housing for older people, first time buyers, gypsies, travellers and travelling and showpeople etc.). At least 3,508 homes will be affordable. The policy encourages high standards of design, the provision of integrated formal public open space and the wider use of public transport to access services as part of housing developments. Significant positive effects are predicted in relation to meeting the Borough's objectively assessed need for housing, the support for a mix of housing types, support for delivery of affordable housing and support for contribution to sustainable communities. The strategy for affordable housing (delivery of 3,508 units, around 22% of objectively assessed need including options for off-site delivery where on-site would not be viable) could restrict delivery of genuinely mixed communities and potentially result in an under-delivery of affordable homes overall with potential for adverse impacts. Furthermore, there is uncertainty in achievement of annual delivery rates of housing noting that only 119 homes were delivered in Basildon in 2014.</p> <p>The effects from alternative option 2 are likely to be largely the same, however, there is significant uncertainty in the scope for the borough to achieve a constant rate of housing</p>

SA Objectives	H1	Alternative		Justification
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				delivery (i.e. 800 dwellings per annum across the plan period).
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+		+	Provision of housing to meet the range of needs within the Borough is expected to contribute positively to this objective. Both options are expected to score minor positive effects.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	++/-/?		++/-/?	Both policy H1 and alternative 2 are expected to contribute significantly positively to creating and sustaining vibrant communities through delivery of a range of housing types. Criterion 5 of policy H1 specifically seeks to ensure new homes respond to the needs of local residents, and contribute towards the creation of sustainable communities. A minor negative effect is anticipated recognising that private developers may not be required to deliver affordable homes on-site potentially resulting in development locations which solely comprise affordable housing.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+		+	Both policy H1 and alternative 2 are expected to contribute positively to the regeneration and renewal of disadvantaged areas through delivery of housing to meet the Borough's objectively assessed need, which would include housing within areas of higher deprivation.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+		+/?	<p>Policy H1 is expected contribute positively to this objective. Criterion 3 states that <i>".. the provision of new homes will be aligned with the provision of strategic and supporting infrastructure..."</i>. This is expected to include supporting public transport infrastructure. Criterion 5c goes further and supports <i>"..The wider use of public transport and active modes of transport to access employment, education, services and recreation opportunities.."</i></p> <p>There is uncertainty in respect of alternative 2, recognising that a constant rate of delivery of 800 homes per annum may not enable infrastructure delivery to keep pace with the delivery of homes. This could result in housing which has limited access to local services and facilities in the early part of the plan period.</p>
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	++/--		++/- -	<p>Policy H1 sets out the Borough's overall Strategy for delivery of housing which includes provision of 15,260 new homes. As already specified in policy SD1, a significant proportion of these homes will be within the Borough's Green Belt. However, a large proportion of housing will also be directed to existing town centres. As such a significant mixed effect is predicted.</p> <p>Alternative 2 scores the same. However, the significant adverse effects are likely to be worse (recognising that achieving a constant rate of delivery of 760 homes per annum may require further land to be released from the Green Belt in the early part of the plan period, the majority of which is expected to be on greenfield locations).</p>

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13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	--/?		--/?	<p>Policy H1 sets out the Borough's overall Strategy for delivery of housing which includes provision of 15,260 new homes. As already set out in policy SD1, a significant proportion of these homes will be within the Borough's Green Belt. Delivery of such a large number of homes will increase the amount of impermeable surfaces within the borough increasing flood risk. As such a significant adverse, uncertain effect is predicted.</p> <p>Alternative 2 scores the same. However, the significant adverse effects are expected to be worse (recognising that achieving a constant rate of delivery of 760 homes per annum may require further land to be released from the Green Belt in the early part of the plan period, the majority of which is expected to be on greenfield locations).</p>
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	--/+/?		-- /+/?	<p>Policy H1 sets out the Borough's overall Strategy for delivery of housing which includes provision of 15,260 new homes. As already specified in policy SD1, a significant proportion of these homes will be within the Borough's Green Belt. Delivery of such a large quantum of housing is expected to contribute significantly negatively to greenhouse gas emissions through increased car use. It is recognised that the policy supports the enhancement of the Green Infrastructure network "... to offer a range of environmental benefits including the management of the impacts of and impacts of climate change..." The Policy also seeks to identify opportunities through the location and design of development to achieve the wider objectives of the Plan including "... The wider use of public transport and active modes of transport to access employment, education, services and recreation opportunities." This is expected to result in minor positive impacts.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 is expected to score similarly, however, there is scope for negative impacts to be exacerbated (recognising that achieving a constant rate of delivery of 760 homes per annum may require further land to be released from the Green Belt in the early part of the plan period, the majority of which is expected to be on greenfield locations).</p>
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	-/+		-/+	<p>Policy H1 sets out the Borough's overall Strategy for delivery of housing which includes provision of 15,260 new homes. Development of this scale is expected to result in adverse impacts on air, land and noise pollution particularly during construction. There is potential for benefits in the long-term through provision of environmental enhancements through development such as remediation of contaminated land and enhancement of the Green Infrastructure network.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 is expected to score similarly.</p>
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	+/?		-/?	<p>Policy H1, criterion 3 states that "...the provision of new homes will be aligned with the provision of strategic and supporting infrastructure to meet the needs of a growing population and increased traffic on the road network. Phasing land releases will be used to</p>

SA Objectives	H1	Alternative		Justification
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				<p>ensure that this is achieved, but will not be used to hold back development where acceptable infrastructure is already in place.." Supporting infrastructure is assumed to include water supply and wastewater treatment infrastructure. A minor positive, uncertain effect is predicted.</p> <p>In respect of alternative 2, a constant rate of delivery of 760 homes per annum may not enable infrastructure delivery to keep pace with the delivery of homes. A minor negative, uncertain effect is predicted.</p>
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	+/?		+/?	<p>Criterion 5 of policy H1 notes that opportunities will be sought through the location and design of development to achieve the wider objectives of the Plan including "...High standards of design that create places people want to live now and in the future, and high standards of sustainability within the design and construction of new homes so that people can enjoy a low cost, healthy living environment.." and "... the provision of integrated formal public open space, and the enhancement of the Green Infrastructure network to offer a range of environmental benefits including the management of the impacts on and the impacts of climate change.." A minor positive, uncertain effect is predicted.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 is expected to score similarly.</p>
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	-		-	<p>Policy H1 sets out the Borough's overall Strategy for delivery of housing which includes provision of 15,260 new homes. Delivery of such a large quantum of housing will increase the amount of waste generated. Minor adverse effects are predicted.</p>
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	--/+/?		--/+/?	<p>Policy H1 sets out the Borough's overall Strategy for delivery of housing which includes provision of 15,260 new homes. Delivery of such a large quantum of housing is likely to increase the number of cars within the Borough, potentially increasing traffic congestion and contributing significantly negatively to this objective. It is recognised that criterion 3 seeks to align provision of homes with new strategic and supporting infrastructure to meet the needs of a growing population and increased traffic on the road network which should help reduce congestion. Furthermore, criterion 5c aims to realise opportunities through the location and design of development to achieve the wider objectives of the Plan including "...the wider use of public transport and active modes of transport to access employment, education, services and recreation opportunities".. Criterion 3 and 5c bring positive effects to the appraisal.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 is expected to score similarly to Policy H1. There is greater uncertainty in respect of alternative 2, recognising that a constant rate of delivery of 760 homes per annum may not enable infrastructure delivery to keep pace with the delivery of homes.</p>

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				This could result in increased traffic congestion in the short term before sufficient infrastructure is in place.

Policy H2 – Specialist Accommodations Strategy

Alternative 1: No Policy. In the absence of a policy on meeting the specialist needs of older people in particular, there is a risk that the needs of this group would go un-met as there are additional costs associated with specialist accommodation that is not associated with regular homes. This has implications for the well-being of older people and the social care budget. It would also be contrary to the NPPF which expects the special accommodation needs of older people and disabled people to be met. Consequently this is not a reasonable alternative and has not been appraised.

Alternative 2: Identify Specific Sites – there are no sites within Basildon Borough that have been specifically promoted for the provision of specialist accommodation or care home provision by landowners. There is a risk that this approach would not be effective. Additionally, the identification of specific sites may mean that new provision is isolated, whereas the inclusion of specialist accommodation and care homes within wider housing developments /residential areas ensures better integration with the community.

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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	0		0	Policy H2 provides the overall strategy for delivery of specialist accommodation in the Borough. It does not specify where this development would be located. As such, no significant direct effects are predicted. No significant direct impacts are predicted in respect of Alternative 2.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0		0	Policy H2 provides the overall strategy for delivery of specialist accommodation in the Borough. It does not specify where this development would be located. As such, no significant direct effects are predicted. No significant direct impacts are predicted in respect of Alternative 2.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0		0	Policy H2 provides the overall strategy for delivery of specialist accommodation in the Borough. It does not specify where this development would be located. As such, no significant direct effects are predicted. No significant direct impacts are predicted in respect of Alternative 2.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0		0	Policy H2 relates specifically to specialist accommodation for older people who are less likely to be economically active. As such, no significant direct effects are predicted. No significant direct impacts are predicted in respect of Alternative 2.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0		0	Policy H2 provides the overall strategy for delivery of specialist accommodation in the Borough. It does not specify where this development would be located. As such, no significant direct effects are predicted. No significant direct impacts are predicted in respect of Alternative 2.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most	+		-/?	Policy H2 sets out the strategy for delivery of specialist accommodation for older people. This includes a requiring a proportion of new homes within larger developments to be in the

SA Objectives	H2	Alternative		Justification
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deprived areas of the Borough				<p>form of specialist accommodation for older people. Requiring larger developments to accommodate a proportion of accommodation for older people will contribute to more mixed, inclusive communities resulting in a minor positive effect.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would seek to identify specific sites for provision of specialist accommodation. Whilst, the locations of such sites are uncertain, it could result in older people living in more geographically and socially isolated locations. An overall minor negative, uncertain effect is predicted.</p>
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	++		+/?	<p>Policy H2 provides the overall strategy for delivery of specialist accommodation in the Borough. The policy seeks to deliver all of the identified specialist accommodation provision (c.1,622 homes) and the lower end requirement for additional residential care/nursing beds (734). The policy approach includes working with those delivering larger development proposals to ensure a proportion of housing will be provided for older people as well as supporting proposals by private sector residential care/nursing home providers. A significant positive effect is predicted overall.</p> <p>Identification of specific sites for provision of specialist accommodation or care home provision could result in delivery of some housing for older people. This is, however, uncertain as no such sites have been specifically promoted through the plan-making process. An overall minor positive, uncertain effect is predicted.</p>
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+		+/?	<p>Policy H2 seeks to provide additional specialist accommodation for older people and to secure additional residential care / nursing beds. This is likely to result in a minor positive impact on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative 2 seeks to identify specific sites for provision of housing for older people. As such, this is also likely to result in minor positive impacts. However, there is uncertainty as to whether such accommodation would come forward noting no sites have been specifically promoted for this use to date.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+		-/?	<p>Policy H2 seeks to secure a proportion of specialist accommodation for older people as part of larger development proposals. This should help support mixed, vibrant communities.</p> <p>Alternative 2 would result in the identification of sites specifically for specialist accommodation. This may result in housing for older people which is separate from other communities. As such, a minor adverse, uncertain effect is predicted.</p>
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live	0		0	<p>This policy and Alternative 2 are not considered likely to have a direct effect on this objective.</p>

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or work in the Borough				
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+/?		0	<p>Policy H2 seeks to secure a proportion of specialist accommodation for older people as part of larger development proposals. This could include access to a mix of uses such as shops, community facilities etc. Secondly it is noted in Criterion c that proposals will be supported where these are within appropriate accessible residential locations. This is assumed to include access to services. A minor positive, uncertain effect is predicted.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 is not considered to have a direct effect on this objective.</p>
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0		0	<p>Policy H2 provides the overall strategy for delivery of specialist accommodation in the Borough. It does not specify where this development would be located. As such, no direct effects are predicted.</p> <p>No significant direct impacts are predicted in respect of Alternative 2.</p>
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0		0	<p>Policy H2 provides the overall strategy for delivery of specialist accommodation in the Borough. It does not specify where this development would be located. As such, no significant direct effects are predicted.</p> <p>No direct impacts are predicted in respect of Alternative 2.</p>
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0		0	<p>Policy H2 provides the overall strategy for delivery of specialist accommodation in the Borough. No significant direct effects are predicted.</p> <p>No direct impacts are predicted in respect of Alternative 2.</p>
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0		0	<p>Policy H2 provides the overall strategy for delivery of specialist accommodation in the Borough. No significant direct effects are predicted.</p> <p>No significant direct impacts are predicted in respect of Alternative 2.</p>
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0		0	<p>Policy H2 provides the overall strategy for delivery of specialist accommodation in the Borough. No significant direct effects are predicted.</p> <p>No significant direct impacts are predicted in respect of Alternative 2.</p>

SA Objectives	H2	Alternative		Justification
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17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0		0	Policy H2 provides the overall strategy for delivery of specialist accommodation in the Borough. No significant direct effects are predicted. No significant direct impacts are predicted in respect of Alternative 2.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0		0	Policy H2 provides the overall strategy for delivery of specialist accommodation in the Borough. No significant direct effects are predicted. No significant direct impacts are predicted in respect of Alternative 2.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+/?		0	Policy H2 seeks to secure a proportion of specialist accommodation for older people as part of larger development proposals. Policy Criterion c notes that proposals will be supported where these are within appropriate accessible residential locations. This is assumed to include locations which are accessible by public transport. A minor positive, uncertain effect is predicted. No significant direct impacts are predicted in respect of Alternative 2.

Policy H3 – Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Strategy

Recommendations:

To create more certainty in the delivery of pitches through cross-boundary working, consider scope for production of Joint Development Plans that set targets on a cross-boundary basis to provide more flexibility.

Consider safeguarding other suitable and available land for future use as gypsy and traveller needs later in the Plan period, noting that Green Belt boundaries will continue to be a significant constraint to future planning applications.

Consider whether strategy needs to include additional land in the event that major development sites come forward that require the permanent or temporary relocation of a traveller site.

Alternative 1: No Policy: The NPPF makes it clear that Local Planning Authorities should consider the Government’s Planning Policy for Traveller Sites in conjunction with the NPPF, when preparing plans or making decisions on Travellers Sites in their area. Failure to include a strategic policy is therefore likely to be contrary to the NPPF and would be likely to result in the Local Plan being found to be unsound. This is not considered to be a reasonable option and as such has not been considered further.

Alternative 2: Introduce a requirement for sites of 100 units in size or greater to provide 1 pitch per 100 units up to a maximum of 15 pitches on those sites released from the Green Belt. In addition to (1a), (1b) and (1c) of Policy H3, this would require all development sites in the edge of the settlement boundaries allocated from the Green Belt to provide 1 pitch per 100 homes, up to a maximum of 15 pitches.

Alternative 3: Introduce a staggered criterion for securing new pitch provision through different smaller and larger strategic development sites released from the Green Belt. In addition to (a), (b) and (c) of Policy H3, this would require all development sites on the edges of settlement boundaries allocated from the Green Belt that provide 501 dwelling units or more to incorporate a 15 pitch Gypsy and Traveller site, or Park Home site, as part of the residential mix of development, regardless of its total unit provision.

Alternative 4: 100 unit site size threshold and varied ratios of provision from 2 pitches per 100 units to 4 pitches per 100 units on sites released from the Green Belt: In addition to (a), (b) and (c) of Policy H3 this would see any major development of above 100 units being released from the Green Belt being required to contribute towards Gypsy and Traveller site, or Park Home site at a ratio of 1 pitch per 10 dwelling units, up to a maximum of 15 pitches per site.

Alternative 5: Increasing the ratio of pitch provision from every 100 units of houses on sites released from Green Belt: In addition to (a), (b) and (c) of Policy H3, this would see any major development of above 100 units being released from the Green Belt being required to contribute towards a Gypsy and Traveller site or Park Home site supply, at a ratio greater than 1 pitch per 100 dwelling units, up to a maximum of 15 pitches per new site.

Alternative 6: In addition, allocate and release sites for Affordable Gypsy and Traveller sites through a Rural Exception Site policy: In addition to (a), (b) and (c) of Policy H3, this would seek to address the PPTS policy requirement D for the Local Planning Authority to consider allocating and releasing sites solely for affordable Gypsy or Traveller pitches using a Rural Exception Site policy to increase supply where there is a lack of affordable land to meet local needs.

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SA Objectives	H3	Alternative						Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	--/?		/?	/?	/?	/?	- /?	<p>Policy H3 sets out the Borough's Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Strategy. The policy seeks to meet the need of all authorised sites and small unauthorised sites (104 pitches), meeting the remaining unmet need on large unauthorised sites through working with other local authorities as part of the duty to cooperate.</p> <p>The majority of sites which are potentially available and suitable for future Gypsy and Traveller needs are within the Green Belt. Most of these are in plotland locations to the north, east and south of Basildon and are related to existing sites. One of the sites proposed for future use outside of the Green Belt is an area of former allotments (currently disused). Developing this land for Gypsy/Travellers/Travelling Showpeople would likely prevent its future use as allotments (with adverse effects on this objective).</p> <p>Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS) is clear that Traveller sites (temporary or permanent) in the Green Belt are inappropriate development. Policy H (Determining Applications) of the PPTS seeks to strictly limit new traveller site development in open countryside away from existing settlements or outside areas allocated in the development plan. Policy H3 is therefore likely to have a significant negative, uncertain impact on this objective .</p> <p>Options 2 and 3 result in additional pitch provision in the Green Belt (i.e. more than policy H3). An overall significant negative, uncertain effect is predicted on the Borough's landscape and countryside.</p> <p>Option 4 seeks to lower the site size threshold from which securing new pitch provision through sites released from the Green Belt would apply. This could, in theory, increase the number of pitches in the Green Belt. An overall significant negative, uncertain effect is predicted.</p> <p>Option 5 seeks to increase the ratio of pitch provision from every 100 units of houses on sites released from the Green Belt. This could also, in theory, increase the number of pitches in the Green Belt. An overall significant negative, uncertain effect is predicted.</p> <p>Option 6, would also seek to allocate and release sites for Affordable Gypsy and Traveller Sites through a rural exception policy. This is also likely to result in significant adverse, uncertain effects against this objective.</p>

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2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	-							<p>Policy H3 sets out the Borough's Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Strategy. The policy seeks to meet the need of all authorised sites and small unauthorised sites (104 pitches), meeting the remaining unmet need on large unauthorised sites through working with other local authorities as part of the duty to cooperate.</p> <p>The majority of the existing and proposed sites are on/close to plotland locations in the Green Belt. Direct impacts on designated cultural heritage assets are not considered likely, however, there could be setting impacts, for example on Grade II and II* Listed Buildings (including the Church of All Saints II* to the south of Vange; The Church of All Saints II* to the east of North Benfleet) through additional development in the plotland locations of North Benfleet, in and around Fairmead plotland and to the south of Vange. Development in these locations may also erode the gaps between existing settlements, impacting on local distinctiveness. An overall minor, adverse impact is predicted.</p> <p>As Options 2-6 could result in greater delivery of pitches, additional negative impacts are predicted.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	-							<p>Policy H3 sets out the Borough's Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Strategy. The policy seeks to meet the need of all authorised sites and small unauthorised sites (104 pitches), meeting the remaining unmet need on large unauthorised sites through working with other local authorities as part of the duty to cooperate.</p> <p>The majority of the existing and proposed sites are on/close to plotland locations in the Green Belt. Direct impacts on designated nature conservation sites are unlikely, although there is potential for indirect impacts from sites proposed to the south-east of Basildon close to the Vange & Fobbing Marshes and Pitsea Marsh SSSI and Basildon Meadows SSSI. There are also likely to be localised impacts on habitats and protected species. An overall minor negative impact is predicted.</p> <p>As Options 2-6 could result in greater delivery of pitches additional negative impacts are predicted.</p>
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+/-	+	+	+	+	+	+	<p>Policy H3 sets out the Borough's Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Strategy. The policy seeks to meet the need of all authorised sites and small unauthorised sites (104 pitches), meeting the remaining unmet need on large unauthorised sites through working with other local authorities as part of the duty to</p>

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								<p>cooperate. Such provision is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. However, the policy does not seek to meet the needs arising from the large scale unauthorised site at Dale Farm (136 pitches). As the Plan is not proposing to meet the total need identified in the Basildon Borough Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Site Provision Study (BBSPPS) in August 2015, instead relying on the duty to cooperate, the preferred policy could inhibit economic growth by not providing enough homes for the Borough's residents/local workforce, resulting in a minor negative effect.</p> <p>As all the other options seek to meet total need to varying degrees, they are expected to help stimulate economic growth to a certain extent by ensuring Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople residents and their businesses can remain in the borough, with minor positive effects on this objective.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<p>Policy H3 is not considered to have a direct impact on this objective as most existing and future sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople are expected to be remote from town centres.</p> <p>A similar score is predicted for Options 2-6.</p>
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+/- -/?	+	+	+	+	+	+	<p>Policy H3 sets out the Borough's Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Strategy. The policy seeks to meet the need of all authorised sites and small unauthorised sites (104 pitches), meeting the remaining unmet need on large unauthorised sites through working with other local authorities as part of the duty to cooperate. Such provision is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. However, the policy does not seek to meet the needs arising from the large scale unauthorised site at Dale Farm (136 pitches). As the Plan is not proposing to meet the total need identified in the Basildon Borough Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Site Provision Study (BBSPPS) in August 2015, instead relying on the duty to cooperate. There is considerable uncertainty over whether the duty to cooperate will be able to deliver the pitches required in other authorities to accommodate the unmet need. Therefore, the preferred policy is likely to have an uncertain significant adverse effect on the social inclusion component of this objective as it does not accommodate the existing and future Gypsy and Travelling communities.</p> <p>The alternative options seek to accommodate the needs of the Borough's existing and future Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople communities by securing existing provision and seeking the delivery of an additional 240 pitches by 2033. Therefore, these policy options are expected to score positively against this objective by enabling the accommodation needs of existing and future Gypsy and Travelling communities to be met, supporting social</p>

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7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+/- -/?		+	+	+	+	+	<p>inclusion.</p> <p>The Basildon Borough Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Local Needs Accommodation Assessment (BLNAA) identifies that the gross future need for the Borough until 2033 is 255 pitches. As a site in Gardiners Lane South Basildon has a resolution for approval (15 pitches), there is a need to secure the delivery of the remaining 240 pitches by 2033. The Essex Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Local Needs Accommodation Assessment identifies an additional need for at least two publicly provided transit pitches within the Greater Essex area by 2033. The BLNAA does identify an immediate need for additional yards for Travelling Showpeople.</p> <p>Policy H3 sets out the Borough's Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Strategy. The policy seeks to meet the need of all authorised sites and small unauthorised sites (104 pitches), meeting the remaining unmet need on large unauthorised sites through working with other local authorities as part of the duty to cooperate. Such provision is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. However, the policy does not seek to meet the needs arising from the large scale unauthorised site at Dale Farm (136 pitches). As the Plan is not proposing to meet the total need, instead relying on the duty to cooperate. There is considerable uncertainty over whether the duty to cooperate will be able to deliver the pitches required in other authorities to accommodate the unmet need. The preferred policy is therefore likely to have an uncertain significant adverse effect on this objective as it may not accommodate the accommodation needs of the existing and future Gypsy and Travelling communities.</p> <p>Option 2 introduces a requirement for sites of 100 units in size or greater to provide 1 pitch per 100 units up to a maximum of 15 pitches on those sites released from the Green Belt. Option 2 is considered to respond positively to the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites to meet the need over the Plan period. An overall significant positive effect is identified. However, there is uncertainty as to whether need can be met over the Plan period and through the Duty to Cooperate with other Essex Authorities in Greater Essex. There is scope for minor adverse effects where delivery of pitches undermines the viability of general housing schemes.</p> <p>Option 3 introduces different thresholds for delivery of pitches depending on the size of new development sites. This could potentially render some schemes unviable (particularly those of around 501 units) or mean that developers deliberately bring forward fewer homes to result in delivery of fewer pitches (also resulting in less supply of other types of homes). An overall significant negative mixed effect is predicted.</p>

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								<p>Option 4 seeks to lower the site size threshold from which securing new pitch provision through sites released from the Green Belt would apply. This could render smaller schemes unviable and could result in an under delivery of other types of homes. An overall significant negative, mixed effect is predicted.</p> <p>Option 5 seeks to increase the ratio of pitch provision from every 100 units of houses on sites released from the Green Belt. Whilst this could result in delivery of more pitches, it could also render delivery of other types of housing unviable. An overall significant negative, mixed effect is predicted.</p> <p>Option 6 would be as per policy H3 and additionally allocate and release sites for Affordable Gypsy and Traveller Site through a Rural Exception Site policy (where there is a lack of affordable land to meet local needs). This could in theory increase supply, however, this is uncertain and not currently supported by the evidence. Option 6 consequently scores the same as policy H3.</p>
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+/- -/?		+	+	+	+	+	<p>Policy H3 sets out the Borough's Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Strategy. The policy seeks to meet the need of all authorised sites and small unauthorised sites (104 pitches), meeting the remaining unmet need on large unauthorised sites through working with other local authorities as part of the duty to cooperate. Such provision is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. However, the policy does not seek to meet the needs arising from the large scale unauthorised site at Dale Farm (136 pitches). As the Plan is not proposing to meet the total need, the preferred policy is likely to have an uncertain significant adverse effect on this objective as it does not accommodate the existing and future Gypsy and Travelling communities, relying instead on the duty to cooperate.</p> <p>The alternative options seek to accommodate a greater proportion of the Borough's existing and future Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople pitch need. Therefore, these policy options are expected to score positively against this objective by enabling the accommodation needs of existing and future Gypsy and Travelling communities to be met, supporting the health and wellbeing of the Borough's Gypsy & Traveller and Travelling Showpeople communities.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+/- /?		+	+	+	+	+	<p>Policy H3 sets out the Borough's Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Strategy. The policy seeks to meet the need of all authorised sites and small unauthorised sites (104 pitches), meeting the remaining unmet need on large unauthorised sites through working with other local authorities as part of the duty to cooperate. Such provision is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p>

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								<p>However, the policy does not seek to meet the needs arising from the large scale unauthorised site at Dale Farm (136 pitches). As the Plan is not proposing to meet the total need, the preferred policy is likely to have an uncertain minor adverse effect on this objective as it does not accommodate the existing and future Gypsy and Travelling communities, instead relying on the duty to cooperate. This could increase tensions between settled communities in the Borough and the Gypsy and Travelling community.</p> <p>The alternative options seek to accommodate a greater proportion of the Borough's existing and future Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople pitch need. Therefore, these policy options are expected to score positively against this objective by enabling the accommodation needs of existing and future Gypsy and Travelling communities to be met, helping to sustain the existing Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople communities.</p>
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+/- /?		+	+	+	+	+	<p>Policy H3 sets out the Borough's Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Strategy. The policy seeks to meet the need of all authorised sites and small unauthorised sites (104 pitches), meeting the remaining unmet need on large unauthorised sites through working with other local authorities as part of the duty to cooperate. Such provision is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. However, the policy does not seek to meet the needs arising from the large scale unauthorised site at Dale Farm (136 pitches). As the Plan is not proposing to meet the total need, the preferred policy is likely to have an uncertain minor adverse effect on this objective as it is not planning to regenerate and renew the Dale Farm Gypsy and Traveller community.</p> <p>The alternative options seek to accommodate a greater proportion of the Borough's existing and future Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople pitch need. Therefore, these policy options are expected to score positively against this objective by enabling the accommodation needs of existing and future Gypsy and Travelling communities to be met, helping to regenerate and renew areas where existing communities live.</p>
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+/- /?		+	+	+	+	+	<p>Policy H3 sets out the Borough's Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Strategy. The policy seeks to meet the need of all authorised sites and small unauthorised sites (104 pitches), meeting the remaining unmet need on large unauthorised sites through working with other local authorities as part of the duty to cooperate.</p> <p>A mixed effect is predicted, recognising that pitches provided as part of wider development</p>

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								<p>proposals should be well located in respect of services and facilities (or facilities will be provided as part of development proposals). There is less certainty with existing and new sites on Green Belt land likely be on plotland locations which are not well located to existing centres.</p> <p>Similar effects are predicted for options 2 – 6. With regards to this objective, these options largely replicate policy H3.</p>
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	++ /--?		+	+	+	+	+	<p>Policy H3 sets out the Borough's Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Strategy. The policy seeks to meet the need of all authorised sites and small unauthorised sites (104 pitches), meeting the remaining unmet need on large unauthorised sites through working with other local authorities as part of the duty to cooperate.</p> <p>An overall significant mixed effect is expected recognising that the majority of the pitch provision will be on Green Belt sites, but on a mixture of greenfield and brownfield sites (e.g. plotland locations).</p> <p>Options 2-6 are expected to score similarly.</p>
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	--/?		/?	/?	/?	/?	/?	<p>Planning Policy for Traveller Sites, Policy B: Planning for Traveller Sites criterion 13(g) states that Local planning authorities should ensure their planning policies do not locate sites in areas at high risk of flooding including functional floodplains, given the particular vulnerability of caravans.</p> <p>The SFRA Level 1 confirmed that the primary mechanism of flooding in the Borough is pluvial flooding associated with the urban centres of Billericay, Wickford and Basildon, which often coincides with fluvial flooding associated with the River Crouch and its tributaries. Parts of borough are also particularly susceptible to surface water flooding. Due to existing flood defences along the Southern edge of the Borough, the risk of flooding from tidal sources is a residual risk.</p> <p>Policy H3 sets out the Borough's Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Strategy. The policy seeks to meet the need of all authorised sites and small unauthorised sites (104 pitches), meeting the remaining unmet need on large unauthorised sites through working with other local authorities as part of the duty to cooperate.</p> <p>The provision of new pitches (through allocation of suitable, available and achievable land)</p>

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								will likely increase the number of people and accommodation at risk of flooding, particularly plotland areas located in and around North Benfleet (includes land in flood zones 2 and 3a); Nevendon (includes land in flood zones 2, 3a and 3b) and Crays Hill. Consequently a significant adverse, uncertain effect is predicted.
								Significant adverse, uncertain effects are also expected in respect of the alternative options.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	-/?		- /?	- /?	- /?	- /?	- /?	<p>Policy H3 sets out the Borough's Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Strategy. The policy seeks to meet the need of all authorised sites and small unauthorised sites (104 pitches), meeting the remaining unmet need on large unauthorised sites through working with other local authorities as part of the duty to cooperate.</p> <p>Sites with potential within the Green Belt are generally located on existing plotland sites around Nevendon, Crays Hill, North Benfleet and South Basildon. Plotland locations are relatively remote from existing centres. As such, it is unclear whether new residents would travel by car. An overall, minor negative uncertain effect is predicted.</p> <p>Minor adverse, uncertain effects are also expected in respect of the alternative options.</p>
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+/- /?		+ /- /?	+ /- /?	+ /- /?	+ /- /?	+ /- /?	<p>Policy H3 sets out the Borough's Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Strategy. The policy seeks to meet the need of all authorised sites and small unauthorised sites (104 pitches), meeting the remaining unmet need on large unauthorised sites through working with other local authorities as part of the duty to cooperate.</p> <p>Sites with potential within the Green Belt are generally located on existing plotland sites around Nevendon, Crays Hill, North Benfleet and South Basildon. Impacts on this objective are considered to be mixed and site dependent. For example, some locations already incorporate (or are close to) uses which may conflict with future uses like residential accommodation (e.g. scrapyards, metal recycling areas). Conversely development for accommodation could provide opportunities to clean up former contaminated sites. An overall mixed, uncertain effect is predicted.</p> <p>Mixed, uncertain effects are also expected in respect of the alternative options.</p>
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve	?		?	?	?	?	?	Policy H3 sets out the Borough's Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople

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sustainable water resource management								<p>Accommodation Strategy. The policy seeks to meet the need of all authorised sites and small unauthorised sites (104 pitches), meeting the remaining unmet need on large unauthorised sites through working with other local authorities as part of the duty to cooperate.</p> <p>Sites with potential within the Green Belt are generally located on existing plotland sites around Nevendon, Crays Hill, North Benfleet and South Basildon. There is uncertainty in respect of this objective noting that plotland locations can be varied in respect of connections to the supply network.</p> <p>Uncertain effects are also expected in respect of the alternative options.</p>
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0		0	0	0	0	0	<p>Policy H3 sets out the overall accommodation strategy for Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople. Both H3 and its reasonable alternatives are not considered to have a direct impact on the overall design of buildings.</p>
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0		0	0	0	0	0	<p>Policy H3 sets out the overall accommodation strategy for Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople. Both H3 and its reasonable alternatives are not considered to have a direct impact on waste generation.</p>
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	-/?		- / ?	- / ?	- / ?	- / ?	- / ?	<p>Policy H3 sets out the Borough's Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Strategy. The policy seeks to meet the need of all authorised sites and small unauthorised sites (104 pitches), meeting the remaining unmet need on large unauthorised sites through working with other local authorities as part of the duty to cooperate.</p> <p>Sites with potential within the Green Belt are generally located on existing plotland sites around Nevendon, Crays Hill, North Benfleet and South Basildon. Plotland locations are relatively remote from existing centres. As such, it is unclear whether new residents would travel by car. An overall, minor negative uncertain effect is predicted.</p> <p>Minor adverse, uncertain effects are also expected in respect of the alternative options.</p>

Policy H4 – Established Residential Areas

Alternative 1: No Policy – The preferred policy sets out where the presumption in favour of sustainable development in relation to housing development will apply, reducing the need for the suitability of the residential development within a residential area to be questioned each time. Without such a policy, the ease of decision-making could be reduced, although the Council has not previously identified residential areas within its local plan and has maintained a distinction between residential and commercial areas, suggesting such a policy may not be necessary.

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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	0	0	<p>Policy H4 (supported by the Policies Map) defines the extent of established residential areas within Basildon Borough and notes that the principle of housing development and improvements to existing housing will be supported within these areas, having regard to all other relevant policies in the Plan.</p> <p>The established residential areas represent built up areas of the main towns in Basildon (Basildon, Billericay and Wickford). The policy is not seeking to extend the existing residential areas and as such any effects from new residential development are considered to be negligible or can be adequately managed through other policies in the Plan.</p> <p>Alternative 1 would not establish the extent of residential development, however, it is unlikely that this would lead to more housing being supported outwith established residential areas in open countryside. An overall negligible effect is also predicted in respect of this option.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0	0	<p>Policy H4 (supported by the Policies Map) defines the extent of established residential areas within Basildon Borough and notes that the principle of housing development and improvements to existing housing will be supported within these areas, having regard to all other relevant policies in the Plan.</p> <p>The established residential areas represent built up areas of the main towns in Basildon (Basildon, Billericay and Wickford). Whilst there is heritage interest within established residential areas it is unlikely that new residential development would be supported if there was likely to be significant harm to heritage assets. An overall negligible effect is predicted.</p> <p>Alternative 1 would not establish the extent of residential development, however, this not considered to have a materially different score to Policy H4. An overall negligible effect is predicted.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0	0	<p>Policy H4 (supported by the Policies Map) defines the extent of established residential areas within Basildon Borough and notes that the principle of housing development and improvements to existing housing will be supported within these areas, having regard to all other relevant policies in the Plan.</p>

SA Objectives	H4	Alternative 1	Justification
			<p>The established residential areas represent built up areas of the main towns in Basildon (Basildon, Billericay and Wickford). The policy is not seeking to extend the existing residential areas and as such any effects from new residential development on the Borough's biodiversity are considered to be negligible or can be adequately managed through other policies in the Plan.</p> <p>Alternative 1 would not establish the extent of residential development, however, it is unlikely that this would lead to more housing being supported outwith established residential areas or where significant harm is likely to biodiversity. An overall negligible effect is also predicted in respect of this option.</p>
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+	0	<p>Policy H4 (supported by the Policies Map) defines the extent of established residential areas within Basildon Borough and notes that the principle of housing development and improvements to existing housing will be supported within these areas, having regard to all other relevant policies in the Plan.</p> <p>This should help support the principle of sustainable development in these areas and as such an overall minor positive effect is predicted.</p> <p>Alternative 1 would not establish the extent of residential development which could result in delays whilst the suitability of residential development is considered. However, the presumption in favour of sustainable development runs through the NPPF and is also reiterated in policy SD3 of this Plan. As such, a negligible effect is predicted.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+	0	<p>Policy H4 (supported by the Policies Map) defines the extent of established residential areas within Basildon Borough and notes that the principle of housing development and improvements to existing housing will be supported within these areas, having regard to all other relevant policies in the Plan. This should help support promotion of the Borough's town centres as sustainable locations for living. An overall minor positive effect is predicted.</p> <p>Alternative 1 would not establish the extent of residential development, however this is not likely to materially impact on this objective. An overall negligible effect is predicted.</p>
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0	0	<p>This policy seeks to define established residential areas in the Borough to enable the principle of housing development and improvements to existing housing to be supported. As such, it is not considered to direct impact on this objective.</p> <p>Option 1 (No Policy) would not directly impact on this objective.</p>

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7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+	0	<p>Policy H4 (supported by the Policies Map) defines the extent of established residential areas within Basildon Borough and notes that the principle of housing development and improvements to existing housing will be supported within these areas, having regard to all other relevant policies in the Plan. This should contribute positively to this objective ensuring that housing is supplied without significant delay.</p> <p>Alternative 1 would not establish the extent of residential development which could result in delays whilst the suitability of residential development is considered. However, the presumption in favour of sustainable development runs through the NPPF and is also reiterated in policy SD3 of this Plan. As such, a negligible effect is predicted.</p>
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0	0	<p>This policy seeks to define established residential areas in the Borough to enable the principle of housing development and improvements to existing housing to be supported. As such, it is not considered to have a direct impact on this objective.</p> <p>Option 1 (No Policy) would not directly impact on this objective.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+	0	<p>This policy seeks to define established residential areas in the Borough to enable the principle of housing development and improvements to existing housing to be supported. This could result in a minor positive effect – helping to sustain vibrant communities within established residential areas.</p> <p>Option 1 (No Policy) would not directly impact on this objective.</p>
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+	0	<p>This policy seeks to define established residential areas in the Borough to enable the principle of housing development and improvements to existing housing to be supported. This could result in a minor positive effect – helping to regenerate and renew residential areas, particularly the more deprived parts of the Borough. A minor positive effect is predicted.</p> <p>Alternative 1 would not establish the extent of residential development which could result in delays whilst the suitability of residential development is considered. However, the presumption in favour of sustainable development runs through the NPPF and is also reiterated in policy SD3 of this Plan. As such, a negligible effect is predicted.</p>
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0	0	<p>This policy seeks to define established residential areas in the Borough to enable the principle of housing development and improvements to existing housing to be supported. Whilst the established residential areas are generally considered to be well located in respect of local services and facilities this policy would not directly contribute to new/enhanced services/facilities or improved access to these. An overall negligible effect is predicted.</p>

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			predicted. Alternative 1 would not have a direct impact on this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	+/?	0	This policy seeks to define established residential areas in the Borough to enable the principle of housing development and improvements to existing housing to be supported. The established residential areas represent built up areas of the main towns in Basildon (Basildon, Billericay and Wickford) and there is potential for new housing development to make use of previously developed land and existing buildings. A minor positive, uncertain effect is predicted. Alternative 1 would not establish the extent of residential development which could result in delays whilst the suitability of residential development is considered. However, the presumption in favour of sustainable development runs through the NPPF and is also reiterated in policy SD3 of this Plan. As such, a negligible effect is predicted.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	-/?	-/?	This policy seeks to define established residential areas in the Borough to enable the principle of housing development and improvements to existing housing to be supported. The established residential areas represent built up areas of the main towns in Basildon (Basildon, Billericay and Wickford). There are pockets of flood risk (both fluvial and pluvial) within the established residential areas. Supporting the principle of housing development in these locations would likely increase the amount of development hardstanding and could exacerbate flood risk. A minor negative, uncertain effect is predicted. Alternative 1 would not establish the extent of residential development. However, development is still likely to be supported in the main residential areas through application of the presumption in favour of sustainable development. An overall minor negative, uncertain effect is also predicted.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0	Policy H4 seeks to define the established residential areas in the borough to enable the principle of housing development and improvements to existing housing to be supported. This policy is not expected to have significant direct impacts on this objective. Alternative 1 is also not expected to have a direct impact on this objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation	0	0	Policy H4 seeks to define the established residential areas in the borough to enable the principle of housing development and improvements to existing housing to be supported. This policy is not expected to have significant direct impacts on this objective. It is expected that any pollution impacts arising from new residential development could be

SA Objectives	H4	Alternative 1	Justification
measures			adequately managed through other policies in the Plan. Alternative 1 is also not expected to have a direct impact on this objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	Policy H4 seeks to define the established residential areas in the borough to enable the principle of housing development and improvements to existing housing to be supported. This policy is not expected to have significant direct impacts on this objective. It is expected that consent for any new housing development would be contingent on achieving suitable connections to the water supply and wastewater treatment network. Alternative 1 is also not expected to have a direct impact on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	Policy H4 seeks to define the established residential areas in the borough to enable the principle of housing development and improvements to existing housing to be supported. This policy is not expected to have significant direct impacts on this objective. Alternative 1 is also not expected to have a direct impact on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	Policy H4 seeks to define the established residential areas in the borough to enable the principle of housing development and improvements to existing housing to be supported. This policy is not expected to have significant direct impacts on this objective. Alternative 1 is also not expected to have a direct impact on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	?	?	Policy H4 (supported by the Policies Map) defines the extent of established residential areas within Basildon Borough and notes that the principle of housing development and improvements to existing housing will be supported within these areas, having regard to all other relevant policies in the Plan. The established residential areas are likely to be well connected to existing services and facilities which could help reduce traffic congestion. An overall uncertain effect is predicted. Alternative 1 would not establish the extent of residential development. However, development is still likely to be supported in the main residential areas through application of the presumption in favour of sustainable development. Similarly to Policy H4 an overall uncertain effect is predicted.

Policy H5 – Established Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Sites

Alternative 1: No policy: The NPPF makes it clear that Local Planning Authorities should consider the Government’s Planning Policy for Traveller Sites, in conjunction with the NPPF, when preparing plans or making decisions on Travellers Sites in their area. This includes safeguarding existing provision, so as to ensure that sites required to meet needs are not lost to other uses. Without a policy, the Local Plan is at risk from being found unsound. This is therefore not a reasonable alternative and has not been appraised further.

SA Objectives	H5	Alternative	Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	-		Policy H5 seeks to safeguard existing Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites and will refuse permission for changes of use to uses other than for residential use. As, policy H5 seeks to control new development unless for residential use there is not expected to be a significant direct effect on this objective. A minor adverse effect is predicted recognising the potential for change to residential uses.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	-		Policy H5 seeks to safeguard existing Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites and will refuse permission for changes of use to uses other than for residential use. As, policy H5 seeks to control new development unless for residential use there is not expected to be a significant direct effect on this objective. A minor adverse effect is predicted recognising the potential for change to residential uses.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough’s biodiversity and the habitats which support it	-		Policy H5 seeks to safeguard existing Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites and will refuse permission for changes of use to uses other than for residential use. As, policy H5 seeks to control new development unless for residential use there is not expected to be a significant direct effect on this objective. A minor adverse effect is predicted recognising the potential for change to residential uses.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	-		Policy H5 seeks to safeguard existing Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites and will refuse permission for changes of use to uses other than for residential use. As, policy H5 seeks to control new development unless for residential use, there is potential for minor adverse effects against this objective – as Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople would be unable to convert to business/employment uses, unless they can demonstrate the site is no longer required to meet any identified needs.
5. Ensure the Borough’s Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	-		Policy H5 seeks to safeguard existing Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites and will refuse permission for changes of use to uses other than for residential use. As the majority of existing sites are outwith town centres policy H5 is not considered to have direct effect on this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0		Policy H5 is not considered to have a direct effect on this objective.

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7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+		Policy H5 seeks to safeguard existing Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites and will refuse permission for changes of use to uses other than for residential use. This policy is therefore considered to contribute positively to this objective ensuring that existing residential provision is protected.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0		Policy H5 seeks to safeguard existing Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites and will refuse permission for changes of use to uses other than for residential use. Policy H5 is not considered to have a direct effect on this objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+		Policy H5 seeks to safeguard existing Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites and will refuse permission for changes of use to uses other than for residential use. This policy is therefore considered to contribute positively to this objective ensuring that existing residential provision is protected, indirectly helping to maintain Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople communities. A minor positive effect is predicted.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	-		Policy H5 seeks to safeguard existing Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites and will refuse permission for changes of use to uses other than for residential use. As, policy H5 seeks to control new development unless for residential use, there is potential for minor adverse effects against this objective – as Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople would be unable to convert to business/employment uses, unless they can demonstrate the site is no longer required to meet any identified needs which could inhibit the regeneration/renewal of existing areas.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0		Policy H5 seeks to safeguard existing Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites and will refuse permission for changes of use to uses other than for residential use. As such, it is not considered to have a direct effect on this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0		Policy H5 seeks to safeguard existing Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites and will refuse permission for changes of use to uses other than for residential use. It is not considered to have a direct effect on this objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	-		Policy H5 seeks to safeguard existing Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites and will refuse permission for changes of use to uses other than for residential use. As, policy H5 seeks to control new development unless for residential use there is not expected to be a significant direct effect on this objective. A minor adverse effect is predicted recognising the potential for change to residential uses.
14. Reduce the local contribution to	0		As, policy H5 seeks to control new development unless for residential use there is not

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climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels			expected to be a significant direct effect on this objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0/?		As, policy H5 seeks to control new development unless for residential use there is not expected to be a significant direct effect on this objective. There is uncertainty recognising that there may be conflicts between existing residential uses and other land uses.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0		As, policy H5 seeks to control new development unless for residential use there is not expected to be a significant direct effect on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0		As, policy H5 seeks to control new development unless for residential use there is not expected to be a significant direct effect on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0		As, policy H5 seeks to control new development unless for residential use there is not expected to be a significant direct effect on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0/?		As, policy H5 seeks to control new development unless for residential use there is not expected to be a significant direct effect on this objective. There is uncertainty as existing sites are not considered to be well located in respect of access to public transport.

Policy H6 – New Gypsy and Traveller Sites

Alternative 1: No Policy: The NPPF makes it clear that Local Planning Authorities should consider the Government’s Planning Policy for Traveller Sites, in conjunction with the NPPF, when preparing plans or making decisions on Travellers Sites in their area. This means identifying sites which are suitable, available and achievable for creating additional provision. Without a policy, the plan is likely to be contrary to the NPPF/PPTS and would be likely to be found to be unsound. This is not therefore a reasonable alternative and has not been appraised further.

SA Objectives	H6	Alternative 1	Justification
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	--/?		<p>Policy H6 seeks to formally allocate sites to help meet the identified 15 year need of 240 pitches. 72 pitches will be allocated – 1 outside of the Green Belt (an area of former allotments) and 40 sites within the Green Belt, most of which are in plotland locations to the north, east and south of Basildon and are related to existing Gypsy and Travellers uses.</p> <p>Overall significant adverse, uncertain effects are predicted recognising:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Developing the site at the Former Haslemere Allotments would likely prevent its future use as allotments. 2) The development of additional sites in the Green Belt in plotland locations impacting on the Borough’s landscape and countryside. <p>Policy E (16) of Planning Policy for Traveller Sites states that ‘..Traveller sites (temporary or permanent) in the Green Belt are inappropriate development... Subject to the best interests of the child, personal circumstances and unmet need are unlikely to clearly outweigh harm to the Green Belt and any other harm so as to establish very special circumstances.’</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	-/?		<p>Policy H6 seeks to formally allocate sites to help meet the identified 15 year need of 240 pitches. 72 pitches will be allocated – 1 outside of the Green Belt (an area of former allotments) and 40 sites within the Green Belt, most of which are in plotland locations to the north, east and south of Basildon and are related to existing Gypsy and Travellers uses. Furthermore, all development sites on the edges of the settlement boundaries allocated in total for 100 units or more (in the Green Belt) must include provision of Gypsy and Traveller pitches and Park Home pitches.</p> <p>The majority of the proposed sites are on/close to plotland locations in the Green Belt. Direct impacts on designated cultural heritage assets are not considered likely, however, there could be setting impacts, for example on Grade II and II* Listed Buildings (including the Church of All Saints II* to the south of Vange; The Church of All Saints II* to the east of North Benfleet) through additional development in the plotland locations of North Benfleet, in and around Fairmead plotland and to the south of Vange. Development in these locations may also erode the gaps between existing settlements, impacting on local distinctiveness. An overall minor, adverse impact is predicted.</p> <p>Impacts arising from urban extensions released from the Green Belt are considered separately in the specific allocation policies to which these relate.</p>

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3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	-/?		<p>Policy H6 seeks to formally allocate sites to help meet the identified 15 year need of 240 pitches. 72 pitches will be allocated – 1 outside of the Green Belt (an area of former allotments) and 40 sites within the Green Belt, most of which are in plotland locations to the north, east and south of Basildon and are related to existing Gypsy and Travellers uses. Furthermore, all development sites on the edges of the settlement boundaries allocated in total for 100 units or more (in the Green Belt) must include provision of Gypsy and Traveller pitches and Park Home pitches.</p> <p>The majority of the proposed sites are on/close to plotland locations in the Green Belt. Direct impacts on designated nature conservation sites are unlikely, although there is potential for indirect impacts from sites proposed to the south-east of Basildon close to the Vange & Fobbing Marshes and Pitsea Marsh SSSI and Basildon Meadows SSSI. There are also likely to be localised impacts on habitats and protected species. An overall minor negative, uncertain impact is predicted.</p> <p>Impacts arising from urban extensions released from the Green Belt are considered separately in the specific allocation policies to which these relate.</p>
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+		<p>Policy H6 seeks to formally allocate sites to help meet the identified 15 year need of 240 pitches. 72 pitches will be allocated – 1 outside of the Green Belt (an area of former allotments) and 40 sites within the Green Belt, most of which are in plotland locations to the north, east and south of Basildon and are related to existing Gypsy and Travellers uses. Furthermore, all development sites on the edges of the settlement boundaries allocated in total for 100 units or more (in the Green Belt) must include provision of Gypsy and Traveller pitches and Park Home pitches.</p> <p>Policy H6 will help to meet the accommodation and wellbeing needs of the Borough's existing and future Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople communities. This is expected to help stimulate economic growth to a certain extent by ensuring Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople residents and their businesses can remain in the borough. An overall positive effect is likely.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0		<p>Policy H6 is not considered to have a direct impact on this objective as most existing and future sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople are expected to be remote from town centres.</p>
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the	+		<p>Policy H6 seeks to provide for some of the accommodation and wellbeing needs of the Borough's Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople communities through of an additional 72 pitches and additional pitches through other developments released from the Green Belt.</p>

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Borough			The policy is expected to score positively against this objective by enabling the accommodation needs of Gypsy and Travelling communities to be met, supporting social inclusion.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+/-/?		<p>Policy H6 seeks to provide for some of the accommodation and wellbeing needs of the Borough's Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople communities through delivery of land for an additional 72 pitches and additional pitches through other developments released from the Green Belt.</p> <p>The total identified need over the plan period is 240 pitches.</p> <p>Despite extensive land surveys, The Basildon Borough Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Site Provision Study has not been able to identify a full land supply for the first five years from 2013-2018 (as required by the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites), nor has it been able to find sites to meet all of the need identified. Consequently, the Borough is not able to meet the full identified need in the first five years and would likely be 168 pitches short overall.</p> <p>An overall mixed, significant adverse effect is predicted, recognising the scope to meet some need, but the significant uncertainty in delivery of nearly 100 pitches (70 pitches are expected to be delivered as part of strategic housing sites of 100 units or more and c.98 through working with other Essex authorities in Greater Essex).</p>
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+		<p>Policy H6 seeks to provide for some of the accommodation and wellbeing needs of the Borough's Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople communities through delivery of land for an additional 72 pitches and additional pitches through other developments released from the Green Belt.</p> <p>A minor positive effect is predicted, recognising that meeting accommodation needs can help support the health and wellbeing of the Borough's Gypsy & Traveller and Travelling Showpeople communities.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+		<p>Policy H6 seeks to provide for some of the accommodation and wellbeing needs of the Borough's Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople communities through delivery of land for an additional 72 pitches and additional pitches through other developments released from the Green Belt.</p> <p>A minor positive effect is predicted, recognising that meeting accommodation needs can help to sustain the existing and future Gypsy & Traveller and Travelling Showpeople communities.</p>
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+		<p>Policy H6 seeks to provide for some of the accommodation and wellbeing needs of the Borough's Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople communities through delivery of land for an additional 72 pitches and additional pitches through other developments released from the Green Belt.</p> <p>A minor positive effect is predicted, recognising that meeting accommodation needs can help to regenerate and renew areas where existing and future communities live.</p>

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11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+/-/?		<p>Policy H6 seeks to provide for some of the accommodation and wellbeing needs of the Borough's Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople communities through delivery of land for an additional 72 pitches and additional pitches through other developments released from the Green Belt.</p> <p>A mixed effect is predicted, recognising that pitches provided as part of wider development proposals should be well located in respect of services and facilities (or new facilities will be provided as part of development proposals). There is less certainty with existing and new sites on Green Belt land on plotland locations, although these can be less well located to existing centres.</p>
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	++/--/?		<p>Policy H6 seeks to provide for some of the accommodation and wellbeing needs of the Borough's Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople communities through delivery of land for an additional 72 pitches and additional pitches through other developments released from the Green Belt.</p> <p>An overall significant mixed, uncertain effect is predicted recognising that the majority of the pitch provision will be on Green Belt sites, but on a mixture of greenfield and brownfield sites (e.g. plotland locations).</p>
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	--/?		<p>Planning policy for Traveller Sites, Policy B: Planning for Traveller Sites criterion 13(g) states that local planning authorities should ensure their planning policies do not locate sites in areas at high risk of flooding including functional floodplain, given the particular vulnerability of caravans.</p> <p>Provision of new pitches will likely increase the number of people and accommodation at risk of flooding, particularly plotland areas located in and around North Benfleet, Nevendon and Crays Hill. Consequently, a significant adverse uncertain effect is predicted.</p>
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	-/?		<p>Policy H6 seeks to provide for some of the accommodation and wellbeing needs of the Borough's Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople communities through delivery of land for an additional 72 pitches and additional pitches through other developments released from the Green Belt.</p> <p>Sites with potential within the Green Belt are generally located on existing plotland sites around Nevendon, Crays Hill, North Benfleet and South Basildon. Plotland locations are relatively remote from existing centres. As such, it is unclear whether new residents will travel by car. An overall, minor negative uncertain effect is predicted.</p>
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality	+/-/?		<p>Policy H6 seeks to provide for some of the accommodation and wellbeing needs of the Borough's Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople communities through delivery of land for an additional 72 pitches and additional pitches through other developments released from the Green Belt.</p>

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through direct action or mitigation measures			Impacts on this objective are considered to be mixed and site dependent. For example, some sites incorporate (or are close to) uses which may be in conflict with future use as residential accommodation (e.g. scrapyards, metal recycling areas). Conversely, development for accommodation could provide opportunities to clean up former contaminated sites.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	?		Policy H6 seeks to provide for some of the accommodation and wellbeing needs of the Borough's Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople communities through delivery of land for an additional 72 pitches and additional pitches through other developments released from the Green Belt. There is uncertainty in respect of this objective noting that plotland locations can be varied in respect of connections to the supply network.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0		Policy H6 seeks to provide for some of the accommodation and wellbeing needs of the Borough's Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople communities through delivery of land for an additional 72 pitches and additional pitches through other developments released from the Green Belt. This policy is not considered to have a direct effect on the overall design of buildings.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0		Policy H6 seeks to provide for some of the accommodation and wellbeing needs of the Borough's Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople communities through delivery of land for an additional 72 pitches and additional pitches through other developments released from the Green Belt. This policy is not considered to have a direct impact on waste generation.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	-/?		Policy H6 seeks to provide for some of the accommodation and wellbeing needs of the Borough's Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople communities through delivery of land for an additional 72 pitches and additional pitches through other developments released from the Green Belt. Plotland locations can be relatively remote from existing centres. As such, it is unclear whether new residents would travel by car. An overall minor negative, uncertain effect is predicted.

Policies H7 & E5 – Mixed Use Development Site¹⁰ – Land west of Gardiners Lane South, Basildon

Alternative 1: No allocation.

Alternative 2: Site allocated for only housing.

Alternative 3: Site allocated for 50% less employment and around 800 homes.

SA Objectives		H7	Alternative			Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	A – Potential impact of development on natural and urban landscapes					<p>The site is not located in the open countryside and is not designated as Green Belt land. Therefore, the development of the site is considered to have a negligible effect on this part of the objective. This effect is uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development is known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 is likely to have the same effect on this part of the objective.</p>
	B – Potential impact of development on green spaces	+/-/?			+/-/?	<p>The proposed site is currently made-up of several formal open spaces, including Basildon Rugby Club; Ford Sports Club; Basildon Rifle Club; Basildon Football Club; BAE Systems Club; Royal Mail Sports and Social Club. The Borough’s Playing Pitch Study 2012 and Indoor Sports and Recreation Study 2011 found that the site’s existing sports facilities offer were an important local sporting facility resource, and will need to be relocated elsewhere in the Borough to the satisfaction of Sport England and the sports clubs any residential or employment development. Draft Policy H7 states that 6-8ha of formal open will be re-provided within the site, including sports pitches and Draft Strategic Site Allocations H10 and H13 state that they will include new and relocated sports facilities from H7. This is likely to create new and improved formal open green spaces with minor positive effects on this objective. While these new facilities are likely to be of a better quality than the existing facilities on site, there is still likely to be a net loss of such public green space within the immediate vicinity of the site, with minor adverse effects on this objective. Again, this effect is uncertain due to the lack of knowledge about the detailed design, layout and landscaping of the development.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 is likely to have the same effect on this part of the objective.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon		0/?			0/?	<p>The area allocated within draft policies H7 and E5 and alternative option 3 are located in HECZ 9.5: Pippis Hill/Burnt Mill Commercial Areas Basildon, which has limited sensitivity to change. There are no heritage designations within the allocation; however, there is one Grade II, one Grade II* and one Scheduled Monument (Moated site and fishponds at Botelers) within 500m of the site allocation. Due</p>

¹⁰ All Housing, Employment and Mixed Use Development Site Allocations have been appraised using the SA Framework and Assumptions outlined in Sustainability Appraisal Report. Preferred Site Allocation and their Reasonable Alternatives with development boundaries have been subjected to GIS analysis. In order to draw out the differences in effects on the sensitive receptors relevant to SA objective 1, SA objective 1 has been split in two – SA objective 1a assesses the effects of development on the natural and urban landscape and SA objective 1b assessed the effects of development on designated open spaces in the Borough.

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Borough					to the fact that the site is flanked on all sides by industrial development and infrastructure, both options are likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. This effect is uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+/-/?			+/- -/?	<p>The area allocated within draft policies H7 and E5 and alternative option 3 contains areas of deciduous woodland designated as BAP priority habitat and a Species Alert Area. The scale of the development proposed has the potential to have significant adverse effects; however, draft policy H7 states that development of this site must not cause harm to biodiversity, and in association with the landscaping proposals should seek to achieve a net gain in biodiversity overall. Furthermore, proposals for the site will be assessed against policy NE6 to ensure that this is the case.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, mixed minor positive and significant adverse effects are likely against this objective – for both options. This effect is uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p>
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	++			+	<p>New dwellings will accommodate new members of the local workforce, increasing demand for local goods and services with positive effects on the local economy generally. However, in isolation, the residential development and its associated new local services and facilities are considered to have a negligible effect on this objective in the long term. In addition, this draft policy H7 would deliver between 12 and 16 hectares of the Borough's 50ha employment land requirement over the plan period. This equates to between 24% and 32% of the total need, which is likely to contribute significantly to the economic growth of the Borough with significant positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 proposes 50% less employment land provision so that more housing could be accommodated on site. This would reduce the amount of employment provision to between 12% and 16% of the total employment land requirement over the plan period, which is only likely to make a minor contribution to the economic growth of the Borough with a minor positive effect on this objective. In addition, an increase in housing provision will increase the need for new local services and facilities within the development, which is also likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+/?			+/?	Draft Policy H7 and alternative option 3 would provide a significant amount of residential development, increasing demand for town centre uses, goods and services. The allocation is to include a local/sub local centre with essential community facilities and services; however, it unlikely that these facilities will compete significantly with the town centre uses in Basildon. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely for this objective. This effect is uncertain until the details of the allocation are finalised.
6. Improve educational attainment and social	++			++	Draft policy H7 and alternative option 3 provide a significant amount of housing and employment land. Essex County Council Education Authority has provided recommendations on how each Strategic Site

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inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough					should contribute to meeting the education needs they generated. Informed by the capacity of existing primary and secondary schools near the Strategic Sites, these recommendations have been incorporated in to the Plan. Furthermore, the employment component of the development is also likely to have a positive effect on this objective, providing opportunities for work-based training and skills development. Therefore, a significant positive effect is recorded for both options on this objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+			++	Draft policy H7 plans to provide at least 660 homes and a 15 pitch Gypsy and Traveller Site. This equates to less than 5% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, draft policy H7 is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. Alternative Option 2 plans to provide around 800 homes, 140 units more than Policy H7 and a 15 pitch Gypsy and Traveller Site. This represents 5% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, alternative option 2 is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	++/?			++ /?	All of the site options are likely to have at least a minor positive effect on this objective as all cater for the needs of their residents by contributing to the provision of new healthcare facilities to support the growing population, or the expansion of existing facilities, as well as new green infrastructure including walking and cycle routes, which encourage more active lifestyles. However, the area allocated within H7 and alternative option 1 is within easy walking distance of existing public rights of way, open spaces and two health surgeries. New local residents will be able to access these facilities and services as well as any new facilities. Furthermore, it may also be easier and more resource/cost efficient to expand and enhance these existing facilities to accommodate new residents as required. Therefore, overall, policy H7 and alternative option 1 are likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective; however, this effect is uncertain due to a lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand existing services.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0			0	The effects of strategic site allocations on safety, crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the inclusion of naturally surveyed open space and lighting or the implementation of initiatives such as the shared street. However, this will only be determined when the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known. The location of development is not likely to influence people's participation in community activities or the development of community spirit/civic pride or community organisations /activities. Proximity to existing community facilities is considered in objective 11. Therefore, the effects of strategic site allocations on this objective are considered to be negligible.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+			+	This strategic site allocation is located within an existing deprived area and within 600m of other deprived areas. Therefore, the redevelopment of the site has the potential to improve the area and improve the wider area remotely by generating employment opportunities in the immediate vicinity, with minor positive effects on this objective.

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11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+/?			+/?	<p>This draft development allocation is located in north Basildon. The site is within easy walking distance of footpaths running north and south, several bus stops, two small local centres, two primary schools and local health facilities. In addition, the plans for the site include the provision of a new local centre with community facilities and new formal open spaces. The majority of the site is currently made-up of outdoor sports and recreation facilities recognised as an important locally. A number of these will be lost in the redevelopment of the site with adverse effects against this objective. However, there are plans relocate these facilities in policy H7. Therefore, overall, this mixed-use development allocation is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 proposes the delivery of less employment land to accommodate a greater number of dwellings and the provision of additional community facilities, rather than relying on what could be provided within the Fryerns neighbourhood to the south, as the site would be larger and more isolated. The provision of more facilities is likely to have a greater positive effect than the preferred allocation; however, this effect is still recognised as minor positive and uncertain as it is not known what these facilities might be.</p>
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	--/?			--/?	<p>Roughly half the land within this strategic site allocation is designated as Grade 3 agricultural land (moderate to good agricultural land) and the other half is designated as urban land. The majority of the site is formal green open space and therefore constitutes greenfield land. Therefore, the development of the site will generate significant adverse effects against this objective; however, this effect is uncertain as the location of the Borough's Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land is unknown.</p>
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	-			-	<p>The site does not sit within flood zones 2 or 3; however, the majority of the site sits on top of Critical Drainage Area BAS 14 with portions of the site susceptible to surface water and groundwater flooding. Therefore, the development of the site has the potential to have a minor adverse effect on this objective,</p> <p>Draft policy H7 states that development on this site must not be at risk of inundation of surface water, and must not increase the risk of surface water flooding to properties elsewhere within the Critical Drainage Area BAS14. Furthermore, proposals for the sites will be assessed against policy CC4 to ensure this is the case. However, overall increasing the area of impermeable surfaces within a critical drainage area is likely to have minor adverse effects on this objective.</p>
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse	+/?			+/?	<p>The close proximity of a strategic site allocations to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions emitted from private cars.</p>

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gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels					<p>The preferred development site is within easy walking distance of a good range of planned and existing local facilities and services. The majority of the site is currently made-up of outdoor sports and recreation facilities recognised as an important locally. A number of these will be lost in the redevelopment of the site with adverse effects against this objective. However, there are plans to relocate these facilities in policy H7. Therefore, overall, this mixed-use development allocation is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 proposes the delivery of less employment land to accommodate a greater number of dwellings and the provision of additional community facilities, rather than relying on what could be provided within the Fryerns neighbourhood to the south, as the site would be larger and more isolated. The provision of more facilities is likely to have a greater positive effect than the preferred allocation; however, this effect is still recognised as minor positive and uncertain as it is not known what these facilities might be.</p>
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+/?			+/?	<p>The close proximity of a strategic site allocation to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing air and noise pollution.</p> <p>The preferred development site is within easy walking distance of a good range of planned and existing local facilities and services. The majority of the site is currently made-up of outdoor sports and recreation facilities recognised as an important locally. A number of these will be lost in the redevelopment of the site with adverse effects against this objective. However, there are plans to relocate these facilities in policy H7. Therefore, overall, this mixed-use development allocation is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 proposes the delivery of less employment land to accommodate a greater number of dwellings and the provision of additional community facilities, rather than relying on what could be provided within the Fryerns neighbourhood to the south, as the site would be larger and more isolated. The provision of more facilities is likely to have a greater positive effect than the preferred allocation; however, this effect is still recognised as minor positive and uncertain as it is not known what these facilities might be.</p>
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	?			?	<p>The draft policy states that development will need to be phased to align with any improvements required to accommodate growth within the drainage network or at the nearby Water Recycling Centre, and that developers will need to engage with Anglian Water in this regard, and must work with them to deliver any capacity improvements required. However, the site sits on top of an aquifer designated as a Groundwater Vulnerability Zone. Therefore, the construction of new development has the potential to pollute local water sources with minor adverse effects on this objective. However, this effect is</p>

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					recorded solely as uncertain, recognising that standard construction practices should mitigate such adverse effects.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	?			?	The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will ensure that the development is prepared for the impacts of climate change. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that H7 and option 3 will have an uncertain effect on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	?			?	The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will influence the consumption of materials or resources, volumes of waste produced including the generation of hazardous waste, or the construction/demolition waste going to landfill. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that H7 and option 3 will have an uncertain effect on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+/?			+/?	<p>All housing allocation options increase the number of homes within the Borough, increasing the population and therefore the number of private vehicles on the road. This is likely to have adverse effects against this objective. However, all strategic site allocations meet growing need through appropriate highway mitigation measures. Draft policy H7 states that development within this allocation must be supported by sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services otherwise available. In particular, development in this location is required to contribute towards and be aligned with improvements to the nearby A132/East Mayne route and junction with the A127, and contribute towards improvements to cycling and public transport provision within the vicinity of the site in order to facilitate a modal shift towards active and sustainable transport modes.</p> <p>Planned employment uses in close proximity to existing and planned residential areas, linked by sustainable transport infrastructure and sources of workers will help to play a positive role in minimising congestion by encouraging people to use alternatives to the private car to commute, with positive effects, although this is uncertain.</p> <p>The site is within easy walking distance of footpaths running north and south, several bus stops, two small local centres, two primary schools and local health facilities. In addition, the plans for the site include the provision of a new local centre with community facilities and new formal open spaces. The majority of the site is currently made-up of outdoor sports and recreation facilities recognised as an important locally. A number of these will be lost in the redevelopment of the site with adverse effects against this objective. However, there are plans relocate these facilities in policy H7. Therefore, this mixed-use development allocation is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>

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					Alternative Option 3 proposes the delivery of less employment land to accommodate a greater number of dwellings and the provision of additional community facilities, rather than relying on what could be provided within the Fryerns neighbourhood to the south, as the site would be larger and more isolated. The provision of more facilities is likely to have a greater positive effect than the preferred allocation; however, this effect is still recognised as minor positive and uncertain as it is not known what these facilities might be.

Policy H8 – Housing Development Site – Land north of Dry Street, Basildon

This site already benefits from outline planning consent for the level of growth proposed. Therefore, there are no alternative options for this policy.

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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	A – Potential impact of development on natural and urban landscapes	--/?	This strategic site has already been consented outline planning permission for development. The land is designated as Green Belt; however it has not been assessed in Revised Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study. Currently, the site is open and largely undeveloped with limited urbanising influences. The draft policy states that development in this location should respond to the environmental constraints within and adjacent to this site, principally by meeting the requirements of policies NE6, NE7 and HE3. Overall, the development of this site is considered to have a significant negative effect on this objective. Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.
	B - Potential impact of development on green spaces		The land allocated within draft policy H8 contains land designated as natural semi-natural green space. However, it is likely that the development of the site will require the retention, relocation and potentially extension of this green space as the draft policy states that development in this location should respond to the environmental constraints within and adjacent to this site, principally by meeting the requirements of policies NE6, NE7 and HE3. Therefore, this allocation is considered to have a negligible effect on this part of the objective. Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough		--/?	This strategic site allocation is located in HECZ 11.2: One Tree Hill. The landscape and below ground deposits in this strategic site allocation are highly sensitive to development and change. The allocation partially contains an archaeological priority area. In addition, a Grade II listed farm build lies close to the southern border of the site on the other side of Dry Street. The draft policy states that development in this location should respond to the environmental constraints within and adjacent to this site, principally by meeting the requirements of policies NE6, NE7 and HE3. However, the significant sensitivity of the area combined with the significant scale of the development is likely to result in significant adverse effects on this objective. Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it		--/?	The area allocated within draft policy H8 is within 1km of Basildon Meadows SSSI and contains areas of deciduous woodland designated as BAP priority habitat and a Species Alert Area. Portions of land within the allocation are also designated as the Dry Street Pastures LWS and Langdon Complex LWS. The scale of the proposed development has the potential to have a significant adverse effect on this SA objective; however, this effect is uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known. Proposals for the site will be assessed against policy NE6 to ensure that environmental constraints are taken into account.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic		+	New dwellings will accommodate new members of the local workforce, increasing demand for local goods and services with positive effects on the local economy generally. In isolation, the residential development of this development is not likely to generate positive effects on this objective in the long term; however the policy outlines plans for the provision

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regeneration		of a new primary school, local centre and open space. Furthermore, the delivery of the allocation is to be aligned with the provision of infrastructure and the relocation and re-provision of South Essex College into Basildon Town Centre. This is likely to create long term jobs with minor positive effects on this objective in the long term.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+/?	The draft policy would provide a significant amount of residential development, increasing demand for town centre uses, goods and services. The allocation is to include essential community facilities and services, including the relocation and re-provision of South Essex College into Basildon Town Centre; however, it unlikely that these facilities will compete significantly with neighbouring town centre uses. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely for all options against this objective. This effect is uncertain until the details of the allocation are finalised.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	++	Draft policy H8 states that the allocation will deliver infrastructure as detailed in the associated S106 Agreement and the relocation and re-provision of South Essex College into Basildon Town Centre. In addition, the allocation outlines plans to deliver 750 new homes. Essex County Council Education Authority has provided recommendations on how each Strategic Site should contribute to meeting the education needs they generate. Informed by the capacity of existing primary and secondary schools near the Strategic Sites, these recommendations have been incorporated in to the Plan. Therefore, a significant positive effect is recorded for this option on this objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+	Draft policy H8 plans to deliver 750 homes. This equates to less than 5% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, draft policy H8 is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	++/?	All of the site options are likely to have at least a minor positive effect on this objective as all cater for the needs of their residents by contributing to the provision of new healthcare facilities to support the growing population, or the expansion of existing facilities, as well as new green infrastructure including walking and cycle routes, which encourage more active lifestyles. However, the area allocated within the draft policy is within easy walking distance of several footpaths, a GP surgery and Basildon Hospital and there are plans for create a new formal open space within the site for recreation. New local residents will be able to access these facilities and services as well as any new facilities. Furthermore, it may also be easier and more resource/cost efficient to expand and enhance these existing facilities to accommodate new residents as required. Therefore, overall, the draft policy is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective; however, this effect is uncertain due to a lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand existing services.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and	0	The effects of strategic site allocations on safety, crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the inclusion of naturally surveyed open space and lighting or the implementation of initiatives such as the shared street. However, this will only be determined when the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known. The location of development is not likely to influence people's participation in community activities or the development of community

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where crime is reduced		spirit/civic pride or community organisations /activities. Proximity to existing community facilities is considered in objective 11. Therefore, the effects of strategic site allocations on this objective are considered to be negligible.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+	Approximately half of this strategic site allocation is located within an existing deprived area. Therefore, the development of the site has the potential to improve the area, with minor positive effects on this objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	++/?	This draft development allocation is located to the north of Dry Street, Basildon, on a primarily greenfield site. The site is within easy walking distance of a number of footpaths, several bus stops, Kibcaps local centre, a primary school, secondary school and a college. It is also within walking distance of a GP surgery and Basildon Hospital. In addition, the plans for the site include the provision of a primary school, a local centre, and new formal open space. Therefore, overall, this allocation is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	-	All the land within this strategic site allocation is designated as urban land. However, with the exception of farm buildings in the southern half of the site, the whole site is greenfield land. Therefore, the development of the site will generate minor adverse effects against this objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	-	The site does not sit within flood zones 2 or 3; however, the site sits on top of Critical Drainage Areas BAS 11 and BAS 12 with portions of the site susceptible to surface water and groundwater flooding. Therefore, the development of the site has the potential to have a minor adverse effect on this objective, although draft policy H8 states that proposals for the site will be assessed against policy CC4 to ensure that environmental constraints are taken into account. However, overall increasing the area of impermeable surfaces within a critical drainage area is likely to have minor adverse effects on this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the	++/?	The close proximity of strategic site allocations to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions emitted from private cars. This strategic development allocation is within easy walking distance of an excellent range of local facilities and services. Therefore, overall, this allocation is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.

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reliance on fossil fuels		
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	++/?	<p>The close proximity of a strategic site allocation to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing air and noise pollution.</p> <p>This strategic development allocation is within easy walking distance of an excellent range of local facilities and services. Therefore, overall, this allocation is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	?	<p>This site already benefits from outline planning consent for the level of growth proposed. Its delivery will be aligned with the provision of infrastructure as detailed in the associated S106 Agreement. However, the site sits on top of an aquifer designated as a Groundwater Vulnerability Zone. Therefore, the construction of new development has the potential to pollute local water sources with minor adverse effects on this objective. However, this effect is recorded solely as uncertain, recognising that standard construction practices should mitigate such adverse effects.</p>
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	?	<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will ensure that the development is prepared for the impacts of climate change. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that H8 will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p>
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	?	<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will influence the consumption of materials or resources, volumes of waste produced including the generation of hazardous waste, or the construction/demolition waste going to landfill. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that H8 will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p>
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	++/?	<p>All housing allocation options increase the number of homes within the Borough, increasing the population and therefore the number of private vehicles on the road. This is likely to have adverse effects against this objective. However, all strategic site allocations meet growing need through appropriate highway mitigation measures. The draft policy states that development within this allocation must provide the infrastructure detailed in the associated S106 Agreement.</p> <p>This strategic development allocation is within easy walking distance of an excellent range of local facilities and services. Therefore, overall, this allocation is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>

Policy H9 – Housing Development Site – Land North and South of London Road, Vange

Alternative 1: No Allocation in this Location.

Alternative 2: Limit Development to Parcel A. The Outline Landscape Appraisal recommends a small level of growth to the south of the London Road adjacent to Vange. It is less supportive of the parcel to the north of the London Road due to the impact of development on the rising open land in this location. However, this site incorporates the former Basildon Zoo, which benefits from planning consent.

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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	A – Potential impact of development on natural and urban landscapes	--/?	0	0/?	<p>The Revised Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study states that the area has a low/very low capacity for development. However, there is potential for a small amount of residential properties (approximately 35) extending the row off London Road into the pastures to the east or extending the Vange residential area to the west of Brickfield Drive. Draft policy H9 proposes the development of land to the north and south of London Road for approximately 25 and 30 homes, respectively. The draft policy states that development on the sites should be well screened to limit harm to the open landscape to the north and that landscaped buffers should be provided to the southern boundary of H9a and to the south-western and northern boundaries of H9b. Where appropriate, these landscape buffers should be multi-functional. Despite this mitigation, the preferred level of development is still likely to have a significant negative effect on this part of the objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 limits development to the area identified in the Outline Landscape Appraisal as being appropriate for development. Combined with the mitigation outlined in draft policy H9 this option is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
	B - Potential impact of development on green spaces				<p>Neither the preferred allocation nor the alternative allocation option (option 2) contain existing open green spaces. The draft policy states landscape buffers should be multi-functional delivering open spaces where appropriate. Therefore, both options are likely to have a negligible effect on this part of the objective. Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>

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2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	-/?	0	-/?	<p>This strategic site allocation is located in HECZ 11.2: One Tree Hill. The landscape and below ground deposits in this strategic site allocation are highly sensitive to development and change; however, the area identified for development is considered to have lower landscape sensitivity and does not sit within an archaeology priority area. Therefore, it is considered that the land within this strategic site allocation has limited sensitivity. While both the preferred development allocation and the alternative allocation outlined in option 2 are adjacent to the Grade II* listed Church of All Saints, the relatively small scale of these developments is not considered to have more than a minor adverse effect on these heritage assets. Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+/-/?	0	+/-/?	<p>The area allocated within draft policy H9 and Alternative Option 2 are both within 1km of Basildon Meadows (SSSI) and Vange & Fobbing Marshes (SSSI). Both sites contain areas of deciduous woodland designated as BAP priority habitat and a Species Alert Area and the area allocated within draft policy H9 contains land which is designated as All Saints Grass Land LWS. The development proposed has the potential to have significant adverse effects; however, it is a relatively small development allocation and draft policy H9 states that development of this site must not cause harm to biodiversity, and in association with the landscaping proposals should seek to achieve a net gain in biodiversity overall. Furthermore, proposals for the site will be assessed against policy NE6 to ensure that this is the case.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, mixed minor positive and minor adverse effects are likely against this objective – for both options. This effect is uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0	0	0	<p>New dwellings will accommodate new members of the local workforce, increasing demand for local goods and services with positive effects on the local economy generally. However, in isolation, the residential development and its associated new local services and facilities are considered to have a negligible effect on this objective in the long term – for both draft policy H9 and alternative option 2.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as	0/?	0	0/?	<p>The draft policy and alternative option 2 would provide a small amount of residential development. The allocation is to include essential community facilities and services; however, it unlikely that these</p>

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sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development				<p>facilities will compete significantly with the town centre uses in Basildon. Therefore, a negligible effect is likely for this objective. This effect is uncertain until the details of the allocation are finalised.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+	0	+	<p>Draft policy H9 would deliver around 55 new homes and alternative option 2 around 30 homes. The draft policy states that the allocation will deliver sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services. Essex County Council Education Authority has provided recommendations on how each Strategic Site should contribute to meeting the education needs they generate. Informed by the capacity of existing primary and secondary schools near the Strategic Sites, these recommendations have been incorporated in to the Plan. Given the relatively small size of these strategic allocation options, a minor positive effect is recorded on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	0	<p>Draft policy H9 plans to deliver 55 homes. This equates to less than 1% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, draft policy H9 is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 plans to provide 30 homes, 15 units less than Policy H9. This also represents less than 1% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, alternative option 2 is also likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	++/?	0	++/?	<p>All of the site options are likely to have at least a minor positive effect on this objective as all cater for the needs of their residents by contributing to the provision of new healthcare facilities to support the growing population, or the expansion of existing facilities, as well as new green infrastructure including walking and cycle routes, which encourage more active lifestyles. However, the area allocated within the draft policy and alternative option 2 are within easy walking distance of several footpaths, local green spaces and local health facilities. New local residents will be able to access these facilities and services as well as any new facilities. Furthermore, it may also be easier and more resource/cost efficient to expand and enhance these existing facilities to accommodate new residents as required. Therefore, overall, the draft policy and alternative option 2 are likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective; however, this effect is uncertain due to a lack of information about capacity</p>

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				and the potential to expand existing services. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	0	The effects of strategic site allocations on safety, crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the inclusion of naturally surveyed open space and lighting or the implementation of initiatives such as the shared street. However, this will only be determined when the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known. The location of development is not likely to influence people's participation in community activities or the development of community spirit/civic pride or community organisations /activities. Proximity to existing community facilities is considered in objective 11. Therefore, the effects of strategic site allocations on this objective are considered to be negligible. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+	0	+	Portions of strategic site allocation H9 are located within an existing deprived area. Therefore, the development of the site has the potential to improve the area, with minor positive effects on this objective. All of the land allocated within alternative option 2 is considered to be below average on the indices of multiple deprivation. Therefore, the development of just this site also has the potential to improve the area, with minor positive effects on this objective. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+/?	0	+/?	This draft development allocation is located to the south of Basildon, within a greenfield site. The A13 and the railway are both located to the south of the site creating a barrier for pedestrians; however the site is still within easy walking distance of several footpaths, a number of bus stops, Southview Park local centre, one primary school and nursery and local health facilities. There are also two areas of green space within 600m. In addition, the plans for the site include improvements to cycling and public transport provision within the vicinity of the site. Therefore, overall, this residential development allocation is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective. Alternative Option 2 seeks to limit development to the land south of London Road, adjacent to Vange.

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				This alternative would result in a decrease in the provision of residential dwellings; however, due to the proximity of local services and facilities, a minor positive effect is still likely on this objective. This effect is uncertain due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	--/?	0	--/?	<p>Approximately 85% of the land allocated within draft policy H9 and over half of the land allocated within alternative option 2 is designated as Grade 3 agricultural land (moderate to good agricultural land) and the rest is designated as urban land. Therefore, the development of these allocations will generate significant adverse effects against this objective; however, this effect is uncertain as the location of the Borough's Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land is unknown.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	-	0	-	<p>Neither the site allocated within draft Policy H9 or Alternative Option 2 are within flood zones 2 or 3, however, a small proportion of the allocated site is within Critical Drainage Area BAS18. In addition, the whole of both the allocated site and Alternation Option 2 are within areas susceptible to groundwater flooding. While the development of both sites has the potential to have a minor adverse effect on this objective, draft policy H9 states that development on this site must not be at risk of inundation of surface water, and must not increase the risk of surface water flooding to properties elsewhere within the Critical Drainage Area BAS18. Furthermore, proposals for the sites will be assessed against policy CC4 to ensure this is the case. However, overall increasing the area of impermeable surfaces within a critical drainage area is likely to have minor adverse effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+/?	0	+/?	<p>The close proximity of strategic site allocations to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions emitted from private cars.</p> <p>This draft development allocation is located to the south of Basildon, within a greenfield site.</p> <p>The preferred development allocation is within easy walking distance of good range of planned and existing local facilities and services. In addition, the plans for the site include improvements to cycling and public transport provision within the vicinity of the site. Therefore, overall, this residential development allocation is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>

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				<p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks to limit development to the land south of London Road, adjacent to Vange. This alternative would result in a decrease in the provision of residential dwellings; however due to the proximity of local services and facilities, a minor positive effect is still likely on this objective. This effect is uncertain due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+/?	0	+/?	<p>The close proximity of a strategic site allocation to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing air and noise pollution.</p> <p>The preferred development allocation is within easy walking distance of good range of planned and existing local facilities and services. In addition, the plans for the site include improvements to cycling and public transport provision within the vicinity of the site. Therefore, overall, this residential development allocation is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks to limit development to the land south of London Road, adjacent to Vange. This alternative would result in a decrease in the provision of residential dwellings; however due to the proximity of local services and facilities, a minor positive effect is still likely on this objective. This effect is uncertain due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	0	<p>Draft policy H9 states that development within this allocation will be phased to align with any improvements required to accommodate growth within the drainage network or at the nearby Water Recycling Centre. The developers will need to engage with Anglian Water in this regard, and must work with them to deliver any capacity improvements required. The site does not sit on top of or in close proximity to any watercourses, aquifers or groundwater vulnerability zones. Therefore, draft policy H9 and alternative options 1 and 2 are likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p>
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for	?	0	?	<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will ensure that the development is prepared for the impacts of climate change. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered</p>

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the impacts of climate change				<p>that H9 and option 2 will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	?	0	?	<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will influence the consumption of materials or resources, volumes of waste produced including the generation of hazardous waste, or the construction/demolition waste going to landfill. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that H9 and option 2 will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+/?	0	+/?	<p>All housing allocation options increase the number of homes within the Borough, increasing the population and therefore the number of private vehicles on the road. This is likely to have adverse effects against this objective. However, all strategic site allocations meet growing need through appropriate highway mitigation measures. The draft policy states that development must be supported by sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services. In particular, development in this location is required to contribute towards, and be aligned with improvements to the nearby Five Bells/Fobbing High Road junction on the A13, and towards improvements to cycling and public transport provision within the vicinity of the site in order to facilitate a modal shift towards active and sustainable transport modes.</p> <p>The preferred development allocation is within easy walking distance of good range of planned and existing local facilities and services. In addition, the plans for the site include improvements to cycling and public transport provision within the vicinity of the site. Therefore, overall, this residential development allocation is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks to limit development to the land south of London Road, adjacent to Vange. This alternative would result in a decrease in the provision of residential dwellings; however due to the proximity of local services and facilities, a minor positive effect is still likely on this objective. This effect is uncertain due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services</p>

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Policies H10 & E7 – Mixed Use Development Site – West Basildon Urban Extension

Alternative 1: No Allocation in this Location.

Alternative 2: Increase density to 45 dwellings per hectare, increasing the capacity of the allocation 3,650 homes.

Alternative 3: Construct a Dunton Garden Suburb in conjunction with Brentwood Borough Council, creating a larger cross-boundary urban extension including draft policy H10 and adjacent land in Brentwood. This option has the potential to deliver up to 6,000 homes in total, of which approximately 4,000 would contribute towards meeting the housing needs of Basildon Borough.

Alternative 4: Allocate additional land for delivery during the plan period (1,600 homes capacity) – The Outline Landscape Appraisal indicates that there is potential capacity in the northern and eastern portions of this location for around 1,600 homes. However, not all the land in these locations is being promoted for development and therefore the Council cannot assure the delivery of this higher level of growth in this location at this time.

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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	A – Potential impact of development on natural and urban landscapes	+/-/?	0	+	+/-	+/-	<p>The Revised Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study states that the area has a low capacity for development due to its openness. The study also notes that the area as a whole is in relatively poor condition and development could create scope for a potential improvement as part of a co-ordinated mixed-use western extension. While the site is very open and largely undeveloped, Draft Policy H10 requires new development to be well screened in order to limit harm to the open landscape to the west. Landscaped buffers are to be provided to the northern, western boundaries and running east-west and north-south through the site following the route of electricity pylons and gas pipelines. Therefore, while the significant amount of development proposed in draft policy H10 is considered to have a significant adverse effect on this currently undeveloped and open area, there is still potential for some minor positive effects associated with improving the rural/urban edge of west Basildon. This mixed effect is uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development is known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Options 2, 3 and 4 are likely to increase the significance of adverse effects on this objective further.</p>
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						Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	-/?	0	-- /?	--/?	-/?	<p>The area allocated with draft policies H10 and E7 is located in HECZ 8.1: Langdon Hills and west of Laindon. The rural landscape within this area is highly sensitive to development and change. The Grade II listed Dunton Hall and Church of St Mary sit within close proximity to the urban edge of the southern half of this large urban extension. Two archaeology priority areas fall within part b of the site which is safeguarded for development beyond the plan period.</p> <p>Draft policy H10 requires the design and layout of development to respect the historic assets of the settlement of Dunton Village, the medieval field patterns in the area, medieval buildings and long-distance views towards St Mary's the Virgin Church in Little Burstead. Consideration must also be given to the requirements of policies in Chapter 17 in order to ensure elements of the historic environment, and their setting, are adequately protected from harm. These policy requirements are likely to mitigate the significance of the adverse effects of this large urban extension from significant adverse to minor adverse; however, this effect is uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Options 2, 3 and 4 propose greater densities of development and a larger urban extension, respectively. Both options will significantly increase the amount of development within close proximity to the heritage assets near the allocation, making it less likely that the measures outlined in draft policy H10 would mitigate the significant adverse effects on this objective. Again, this effect is uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+/-/?	0	+ /- - /?	+/- -/?	+/- -/?	<p>The area allocated within draft policies H10 and E7 contain areas of deciduous woodland designated as BAP priority habitat and a Species Alert Area. The scale of the development proposed has the potential to have significant adverse effects; however, draft policy H10 states that development of this site must not cause harm to biodiversity, and in association with the landscaping proposals should seek to achieve a net gain in biodiversity. Furthermore, proposals for the sites will be assessed against policy NE6. Therefore, overall, mixed minor positive and significant adverse effects are likely against this objective – for all options. This effect is uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>

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						Alternative Options 2, 3 and 4 propose greater densities of development and a larger urban extension, respectively. As both are likely to seek to achieve a net gain in biodiversity and meet the requirements of policy NE6, the same effects are considered to apply as draft policy H10.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+	0	+	+	+	<p>Draft policy H10 and the alternative development allocations would deliver 5.5ha of the Borough's 50ha employment land requirement over the plan period. This equates to roughly 11% of the total need, contributing to the economic growth of the Borough with minor positive effects on this objective. Furthermore, the local services and facilities required to service an urban extension of the scale proposed in the plan would also have minor positive effects on this objective in the long term.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+/?	0	+/?	++/-/?	+/?	<p>Draft Policy H10 would provide a significant amount of residential development, increasing demand for town centre uses, goods and services. It unlikely that these facilities provided within this allocation would compete significantly with the town centre uses in Laindon. Therefore, draft policy H10 is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 proposes developing the area allocated in H10 at a greater density. This is likely to bring greater benefits to Laindon Town Centre's vitality; however, the significance of this effect is still considered to be minor positive.</p> <p>Alternative option 3 proposes developing a much larger area, including significantly more housing, community facilities and services in a 'Dunton Garden Suburb'. An urban extension on this scale would significantly increase the demand for town centre uses, goods and services, potentially significantly improving the vitality of Laindon Town Centre; however, if these facilities were incorporated within the suburb they could compete with existing businesses in local town centres, with adverse effects on this objective. Therefore, overall, this option has the potential to have mixed significant positive, minor adverse effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 4 proposes developing a greater number of homes within part a of the allocation within the plan period. This is likely to bring greater benefits to Laindon Town Centre's vitality; however, the significance of this effect is still considered to be minor positive.</p> <p>All these effects are uncertain until the details of the allocation are finalised.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in</p>

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						current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	++	0	+	++	++	<p>Draft policy H10 and its alternative options provide a significant amount of housing and employment land. Essex County Council Education Authority has provided recommendations on how each Strategic Site should contribute to meeting the education needs they generated. Informed by the capacity of existing primary and secondary schools near the Strategic Sites, these recommendations have been incorporated in to the Plan. Furthermore, the employment component of the development is also likely to have a positive effect on this objective, providing opportunities for work-based training and skills development. Therefore, a significant positive effect is recorded for all options on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	++	0	+	++	++	<p>Draft policy H10 plans to provide around 1,000 high quality homes, a residential care / nursing home and a 15 pitch Gypsy and Traveller site within part a of the site within the plan period and will safeguard the land within part b for development of a further r1,350 high quality homes and a residential care/nursing home beyond the plan period. Only the effects of the planned development within the plan period have been appraised. The 1,000 dwellings planned for development within part a of the allocation equates to more than 5% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, draft policy H10 is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks to increase the density of residential development in the allocation to 45duph, increasing the capacity of part 'a' of the site to 2,400 homes and part 'b' to around 1,250 homes. This represents over 5% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, alternative option 2 is likely to have a positive effect of greater significance than Policy H10 on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 3 has the potential to deliver up to 6,000 homes in total (including H10a and H10b), of which approximately 4,000 would contribute towards meeting the housing needs of Basildon Borough due to the site's relationship with the settlement of Basildon, despite the Basildon Borough capacity only being able to deliver 2,450 homes. Therefore, alternative option 3 is likely to have a significant positive effect of greater magnitude than policy H10 and alternative option 1 on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 4 outlines plans for the delivery of an extra 600 homes within part a of the</p>

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						allocation in the plan period and plans to safeguard land for the delivery of an additional 750 homes within part b beyond the plan period. The delivery of an additional 600 homes within the plan period is likely to have more significant positive effects on this objective than preferred policy H10.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	++/?	0	+ + /?	++ /?	++ /?	<p>All of the site options are likely to have at least a minor positive effect on this objective as all cater for the needs of their residents by contributing to the provision of new healthcare facilities to support the growing population, or the expansion of existing facilities, as well as new green infrastructure including walking and cycle routes, which encourage more active lifestyles. However, the area allocated within H10 and alternative options 2, 3 and 4 are within easy walking distance of existing public rights of way, open spaces and two health surgeries. New local residents will be able to access these facilities and services as well as any new facilities. Furthermore, it may also be easier and more resource/cost efficient to expand and enhance these existing facilities to accommodate new residents as required. In addition, the provision of employment can have indirect long term health benefits. Therefore, overall, policy H10 and The alternative options are likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective; however, this effect is uncertain due to a lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand existing services.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	0	0	0	The effects of strategic site allocations on safety, crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the inclusion of naturally surveyed open space and lighting or the implementation of initiatives such as the shared street. However, this will only be determined when the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known. The location of development is not likely to influence people's participation in community activities or the development of community spirit/civic pride or community organisations /activities. Proximity to existing community facilities is considered in objective 11. Therefore, the effects of strategic site allocations on this objective are considered to be negligible.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+	0	+	+	+	<p>This strategic site allocation and its reasonable alternatives are located within an existing deprived area and within 600m of other deprived areas. Therefore, the redevelopment of the allocations has the potential to improve the area and improve the wider area remotely by generating employment opportunities in the immediate vicinity, with minor positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>

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11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+/?	0	+/?	++/?	+/?	<p>This draft development allocation is located in west Basildon. The A127 runs along the northern boundary of the site, while the railway runs along the south. There is however a footpath crossing the railway which provides pedestrian access to facilities to the south. The site is within easy walking distance of a number of footpaths, (with at least two bisecting the site), numerous bus stops, President's Court local centre, local health facilities and areas of green space. In addition, the plans for the site include the provision of pre-school and primary requirements, formal areas of open space, new and relocated sports facilities, sustainable transport routes including improvements to cycling and public transport provisions within the vicinity of the site. The potential exists for existing footpaths to be lost in the redevelopment of the site with adverse effects against this objective. However, the services which will be provided are likely to replace these. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 proposes to increase the density of the site, thus increasing the number of residential dwellings provided. It would require the provision of additional infrastructure. It may also enable a greater number of residents to live closer to services and facilities. A minor positive effect is still likely on this objective. This effect is uncertain due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 proposes the delivery of a much larger urban extension, which would include adjacent land in Brentwood. This alternative would deliver a larger number of residential dwellings which would place strain on existing facilities and services; however it could result in less Green Belt land being required to be released from the Basildon Borough to meet housing needs. It is likely that a development on this scale would be able to provide for a comprehensive range of services and facilities as an integrated component of the development, resulting in a potentially significant positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 4 outlines plans for the delivery of an extra 600 homes within part a of the allocation in the plan period and plans to safeguard land for the delivery of an additional 750 homes within part b beyond the plan period. This increased provision of dwellings would require the provision of additional infrastructure within the plan period; however due to the proximity of local services and facilities, a minor positive effect is still likely on this objective. This effect is uncertain due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and</p>

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						facilities if required.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	--/?	0	--/?	--/?	--/?	<p>All the land within this strategic site allocation is designated as Grade 3 agricultural land (moderate to good agricultural land). There is very little development within the site. Therefore, the development of the site will generate significant adverse effects against this objective; however, this effect is uncertain as the location of the Borough's Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land is unknown.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	-	0	-	-	-	<p>The site does not sit within flood zones 2 or 3; however, a significant portion of the site sits on top of Critical Drainage Area BAS6, with portions of the site susceptible to surface water and groundwater flooding. While the development of the site has the potential to have a minor adverse effect on this objective, draft policy H10 states that development on this site must not be at risk of inundation of surface water, and must not increase the risk of surface water flooding to properties elsewhere within the Critical Drainage Area BAS6. Furthermore, proposals for the sites will be assessed against policy CC4 to ensure this is the case. However, overall increasing the area of impermeable surfaces within a critical drainage area is likely to have minor adverse effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+/?	0	+/?	+/?	+/?	<p>The close proximity of a strategic site allocation to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions emitted from private cars.</p> <p>The preferred development site is within easy walking distance of a good range of planned and existing local facilities and services. The potential exists for existing footpaths to be lost in the redevelopment of the site with adverse effects against this objective. However, the services which will be provided are likely to replace these. Finally, draft policy H10 states that the opportunity should be taken to investigate, and if possible make provision for decentralised energy provision, and that any provision that is secured on this site must comply with policy CC7 in order to limit impacts to residential amenity. Therefore, overall, draft policy H10 is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>

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						<p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 proposes to increase the density of the site, thus increasing the number of residential dwellings provided. It would require the provision of additional infrastructure provision; however due to the proximity of existing local services and facilities, a minor positive effect is still likely on this objective. This effect is uncertain due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 proposes the delivery of a much larger urban extension, which would include adjacent land in Brentwood. Due to the proximity of existing local services and facilities, a minor positive effect is still likely on this objective; however this is uncertain due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative option 4 outlines plans for the delivery of an extra 600 homes within part a of the allocation in the plan period and plans to safeguard land for the delivery of an additional 750 homes within part b beyond the plan period. However due to the proximity of local services and facilities, a minor positive effect is still likely on this objective. This effect is uncertain due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+/?	0	+/?	+/?	+/?	<p>The close proximity of a strategic site allocation to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing air and noise pollution.</p> <p>The A127 runs along the northern boundary of the site, while the railway runs along the south. There is however a footpath crossing the railway which provides pedestrian access to facilities to the south. The site is within easy walking distance of a number of footpaths, (with at least two bisecting the site), numerous bus stops, President's Court local centre, local health facilities and areas of green space. In addition, the plans for the site include the provision of pre-school and primary requirements, formal areas of open space, new and relocated sports facilities, sustainable transport routes including improvements to cycling and public transport provisions within the vicinity of the site. The potential exists for existing footpaths to be lost in the redevelopment of the site with adverse effects against this objective. However, the services which will be provided are likely to replace these. Finally, draft policy H10 states that the opportunity should be taken to investigate, and if possible make provision for decentralised energy provision, and that any provision that is secured on this site must comply with policy CC7 in order to limit impacts to residential amenity. Therefore, overall, draft policy H10 is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>

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						<p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 proposes to increase the density of the site, thus increasing the number of residential dwellings provided. It would require the provision of additional infrastructure provision; however due to the proximity of local services and facilities, a minor positive effect is still likely on this objective. This effect is uncertain due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 proposes the delivery of a much larger urban extension, which would include adjacent land in Brentwood. Due to the proximity of existing local services and facilities, a minor positive effect is still likely on this objective; however this is uncertain due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative option 4 outlines plans for the delivery of an extra 600 homes within part a of the allocation in the plan period and plans to safeguard land for the delivery of an additional 750 homes within part b beyond the plan period. However due to the proximity of local services and facilities, a minor positive effect is still likely on this objective. This effect is uncertain due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	?	0	?	?	?	<p>A small brook flows through the northern corner of the site and portions of the site sit on top of an aquifer. Therefore, the construction of new development has the potential to pollute local water sources with minor adverse effects on this objective. However, this effect is recorded solely as uncertain, recognising that standard construction practices should mitigate such adverse effects.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	?	0	?	?	?	<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will ensure that the development is prepared for the impacts of climate change. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that draft policy H10 and alternative options 2, 3 and 4 will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of	?	0	?	?	?	<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will influence the consumption of materials or resources, volumes of waste produced including the generation of</p>

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waste which is recycled or re-used						<p>hazardous waste, or the construction/demolition waste going to landfill. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that draft policy H10 and alternative options 2, 3 and 4 will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+/?	0	+/?	+/?	+/?	<p>All housing allocation options increase the number of homes within the Borough, increasing the population and therefore the number of private vehicles on the road. This is likely to have adverse effects against this objective. However, all strategic site allocations meet growing need through appropriate highway mitigation measures. Draft policy H10 states that development within this allocation must be supported by sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services. In particular, development in this location is required to provide a link road between the site and West Mayne, Laindon during the first phase of development, have regard to the route, impacts and implications of the Lower Thames Crossing, should Route Option C be pursued by the Government during the plan period, and provide active and sustainable transport routes and facilities within the site, and contribute towards improvements towards cycling and public transport provision within the vicinity of the site in order to facilitate a model shift towards active and sustainable transport modes.</p> <p>Planned employment uses in close proximity to existing and planned residential areas, linked by sustainable transport infrastructure and sources of workers will help to play a positive role in minimising congestion by encouraging people to use alternatives to the private car to commute, with minor positive effects, although this is uncertain.</p> <p>The A127 runs along the northern boundary of the site, while the railway runs along the south. There is however a footpath crossing the railway which provides pedestrian access to facilities to the south. The site is within easy walking distance of a number of footpaths, (with at least two bisecting the site), numerous bus stops, President's Court local centre, local health facilities and areas of green space. In addition, the plans for the site include the provision of pre-school and primary requirements, formal areas of open space, new and relocated sports facilities, sustainable transport routes including improvements to cycling and public transport provisions within the vicinity of the site. The potential exists for existing footpaths to be lost in the redevelopment of the site with adverse effects against this objective. However, the services which will be provided are likely to replace these. Therefore, draft policy H10 is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the</p>

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						<p>potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 proposes to increase the density of the site, thus increasing the number of residential dwellings provided. It would require the provision of additional infrastructure provision and could result in greater demand for, and accessibility to, public transport services; however due to the proximity of, and uncertainty over, local services and facilities and transport mitigation and enhancement measures, a minor positive effect is still likely on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 proposes the delivery of a much larger urban extension, which would include adjacent land in Brentwood. Due to the proximity of existing local services and facilities and transport mitigation and enhancement measures, and the greater potential for including a comprehensive range of services and facilities within the development. It is also more likely to support public transport services and potentially a new station. However, given the uncertainty over what may actually be delivered, an uncertain a minor positive effect is likely on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 4 outlines plans for the delivery of an extra 600 homes within part a of the allocation in the plan period and plans to safeguard land for the delivery of an additional 750 homes within part b beyond the plan period. However due to the proximity of local services and facilities, a minor positive effect is still likely on this objective. This effect is uncertain due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>

Policy H11 – Housing Development Site – Land West of Steeple View, Laindon

Alternative 1: No Allocation.

Alternative 2: Provide 270 residential units. This is not considered a reasonable alternative due to the associated landscape and visual impacts.

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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	A – Potential impact of development on natural and urban landscapes	-/?	0		<p>The Revised Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study states that the area has a low capacity for development. However, there is potential 'to extend residential development (approximately 161 dwellings) slightly to the west of Kings Road towards Steeple View Farm'. Draft policy H11 allocates land for the development of 140 dwellings. The draft policy states that the development on the site should be well screened to limit harm to the open landscape to the north, and that the existing tree belt to the south and west should be retained, along with the hedgerow on Dunton Road, and incorporated into landscaped buffers along these boundaries. Where appropriate, these landscape buffers should be multi-functional. The implementation of these extensive site-based mitigation measures is likely to reduce adverse effects on this part of the objective from significant to minor adverse. Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
	B - Potential impact of development on green spaces				
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough		0/?	0		<p>This strategic site allocation is located in HECZ 1.2: South of Little Burstead. The overall historic landscape pattern and landscape features are particularly sensitive to change, and any below ground archaeological deposits will also be sensitive; however, the area identified for development is considered to have lower landscape sensitivity and does not sit within an archaeology priority area. Therefore, it is considered that the land within this strategic site allocation has limited sensitivity. As there are no heritage assets within or in the immediate vicinity of this development allocation, draft policy H11 is considered to have a negligible effect on this objective. Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p>

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				Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+/-/?	0		<p>The area allocated within draft policy H11 is designated as a Species Alert Area. The scale of the development proposed has the potential to have minor adverse effects; however, draft policy H11 states that development of this site must not cause harm to biodiversity, and in association with the landscaping proposals should seek to achieve a net gain in biodiversity. Furthermore, proposals for the sites will be assessed against policy NE6. Therefore, overall, mixed minor positive and minor adverse effects are likely against this objective. This effect is uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0	0		<p>New dwellings will accommodate new members of the local workforce, increasing demand for local goods and services with positive effects on the local economy generally. However, in isolation, the residential development and its associated new local services and facilities are considered to have a negligible effect on this objective in the long term.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+/?	0		<p>The draft policy would provide a moderate amount of residential development, increasing demand for town centre uses, goods and services. The allocation is to include essential community facilities and services; however, it unlikely that these facilities will compete significantly with neighbouring town centre uses. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely for all options against this objective. This effect is uncertain until the details of the allocation are finalised.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+	0		<p>Draft policy H11 would deliver around 140 new homes. The draft policy states that the allocation will deliver sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services. Essex County Council Education Authority has provided recommendations on how each Strategic Site should contribute to meeting the education needs they generate. Informed by the capacity of existing primary and secondary schools near the Strategic Sites, these recommendations have been incorporated in to the Plan. Given the relatively small size of this strategic allocation option, a minor positive effect is recorded on this objective.</p>

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				Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+	0		Draft policy H11 plans to deliver 140 homes. This equates to less than 5% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, draft policy H11 is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+	0		All of the site options are likely to have at least a minor positive effect on this objective as all cater for the needs of their residents by contributing to the provision of new healthcare facilities to support the growing population, or the expansion of existing facilities, as well as new green infrastructure including walking and cycle routes, which encourage more active lifestyles. While, the area allocated within the draft policy is within easy walking distance of several footpaths and formal open spaces suitable for sport and recreation, the allocation is not within easy walking distance of existing local health facilities. Therefore, new local residents are unlikely to significantly benefit from improvements to existing health facilities. Therefore, overall, the draft policy is only likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0		The effects of strategic site allocations on safety, crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the inclusion of naturally surveyed open space and lighting or the implementation of initiatives such as the shared street. However, this will only be determined when the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known. The location of development is not likely to influence people's participation in community activities or the development of community spirit/civic pride or community organisations /activities. Proximity to existing community facilities is considered in objective 11. Therefore, the effects of strategic site allocations on this objective are considered to be negligible. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the	+	0		This strategic site allocation is wholly located within an area which is considered to be below average on the indices of multiple deprivation. Therefore, the development of the site has the potential to improve the area, with minor positive effects on this objective.

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Borough				Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	-/?	0		This draft development allocation is located to the west of Steeple View, Laindon and is currently a greenfield site. The A127 runs along the southern boundary of the site; however there is what looks like a footbridge crossing the road which may provide pedestrian access to facilities directly to the south. The site is within easy walking distance of several footpaths, a number of bus stops, a primary school and several areas of open space. In addition, the plans for the site include the improvement of cycling and public transport provision. This site is not however within easy walking distance of a town or local centre. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	--/?	0		All the land allocated within the allocation is designated as Grade 3 agricultural land (moderate to good agricultural land). Therefore, the development of the allocation will generate significant adverse effects against this objective; however, this effect is uncertain as the location of the Borough's Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land is unknown. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	-	0		The site does not sit within flood zones 2 or 3; however, the whole site sits on top of Critical Drainage Area BAS8. In addition, the whole site is also susceptible to groundwater flooding. While the development of the site has the potential to have a minor adverse effect on this objective, draft policy H11 states that development on this site must not be at risk of inundation of surface water, and must not increase the risk of surface water flooding to properties elsewhere within the Critical Drainage Area BAS8. Furthermore, proposals for the site will be assessed against policy CC4 to ensure this is the case. However, overall increasing the area of impermeable surfaces within a critical drainage area is likely to have minor adverse effects on this objective. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving	-/?	0		The close proximity of strategic site allocations to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions emitted from private cars.

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energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels				<p>This draft development allocation is in close proximity to a poor range of planned and existing local services and facilities. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	-/?	0		<p>The close proximity of a strategic site allocation to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing air and noise pollution.</p> <p>This draft development allocation is in close proximity to a poor range of planned and existing local services and facilities. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	?	0		<p>Draft policy H11 states that development within this allocation will be phased to align with any improvements required to accommodate growth within the drainage network or at the nearby Water Recycling Centre. The developers will need to engage with Anglian Water in this regard, and must work with them to deliver any capacity improvements required. The site sits on top of an aquifer. Therefore, the construction of new development has the potential to pollute local water sources with minor adverse effects on this objective. However, this effect is recorded solely as uncertain, recognising that standard construction practices should mitigate such adverse effects.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	?	0		<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will ensure that the development is prepared for the impacts of climate change. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that this option will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
18. Reduce waste generation	?	0		<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will influence</p>

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and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used				<p>the consumption of materials or resources, volumes of waste produced including the generation of hazardous waste, or the construction/demolition waste going to landfill. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that this option will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	-/?	0		<p>All housing allocation options increase the number of homes within the Borough, increasing the population and therefore the number of private vehicles on the road. This is likely to have adverse effects against this objective. However, all strategic site allocations meet growing need through appropriate highway mitigation measures. The draft policy states that development must be supported by sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services. In particular, development in this location is required to contribute towards, and be aligned with improvements to the nearby A127 Fortune of War and/ or Dunton junctions, and towards improvements to cycling and public transport provision within the vicinity of the site in order to facilitate a model shift towards active and sustainable transport modes.</p> <p>This draft development allocation is in close proximity to a poor range of planned and existing local services and facilities. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>

Policy H12 – Housing Development Site – Land East of Noak Bridge, Basildon

Alternative 1: No allocation. This is not considered a reasonable alternative in light of detailed evidence and mitigation proposals.

Alternative 2: Develop at a greater density. This is considered to be an unreasonable alternative due to the fact that the urban edge adjacent to the site is of a lower density developed. Higher densities would therefore be over-dominating.

Alternative 3: Alternative allocation to the north of Wash Road. 25ha of land has been promoted for development to the north of Wash Road, fronting onto Wash Road.

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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	A – Potential impact of development on natural and urban landscapes	-/?			-/?	<p>The Revised Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study states that the area has a medium capacity for development, with limited opportunity for small scale low density residential development on Goodview Road. This study goes on to say that there is no opportunity in the remainder of area due to the historic character and condition of the landscape, and the importance of area in retaining separation between Noak Bridge and Crays Hill. However, the Outline Landscape Study of Potential Strategic Development Sites identifies potential for 420 dwellings in the area. Draft policy H12 proposes 360 dwellings. The draft policy states that development should not cause coalescence of built form between Noak Bridge and Crays Hill, and that landscape buffers should be provided to the east of this site and between any development on this site and the Noaks Bridge Nature Reserve. Any the development should be well screened with existing tree belts, hedgerows and specimen trees retained. Finally, the policy states that development should complement the existing character of the Noak Bridge village in respects of building styles, street layout, open spaces and boundary treatments. Wash Road should form a key frontage and ensure that the development relates well to its surroundings. The implementation of these extensive site-based mitigation measures is likely to reduce any adverse effects on this part of the objective to minor negative.</p> <p>Alternative option 3 outlines details of an alternative location for the development outlined in draft policy H12. The Revised Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study states that the area has no/very low capacity for development due to the importance of the land in maintaining separation between Basildon and Noak Hill, and the role of the area plays in acting as a green corridor along the Crouch Valley. Therefore, this strategic site allocation is likely to have a significant negative effect on this part of the objective.</p> <p>Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p>
	B - Potential impact of development					<p>The preferred allocation and alternative allocation do not contain existing formal open green spaces. The draft policy states landscape buffers should be multi-functional delivering open spaces where appropriate. Therefore, both options are likely to have a negligible effect on this</p>

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	on green spaces					part of the objective. Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough		--/?			--/?	<p>This strategic site allocation is located in HECZ 5.3: Ramsden Bellhouse and the River Crouch. The below ground deposits and surviving landscape features within the area are considered to be sensitive to change. The land within the site is considered to be of particular historic sensitivity and is partially within an area designated as an archaeology priority area. Therefore, the landscape and below ground deposits in this strategic site allocation are considered to be highly sensitive to development and change. The allocation partially contains an archaeological priority area. In addition, the preferred development site is directly adjacent to two Grade II listed buildings and the Noak Bridge Conservation Area.</p> <p>The alternative allocation (option 2) is located in HECZ 1.2: South of Little Burstead. The overall historic landscape pattern and landscape features are particularly sensitive to change and this alternative allocation is in an area of the borough with high landscape sensitivity. Therefore, it is considered that the land within this allocation is highly sensitivity. The alternative location outlined in alternative option 2 is further to the west; however, it too is adjacent to the Noak Bridge Conservation Area and the two Grade II listed buildings.</p> <p>The draft policy states that development should be designed and laid out not to harm the setting of the designated heritage asset at Laindon Ponds or Daniels Farm in Wash Road, and should integrate the long distance views to St Mary Magdelene Church in Great Burstead into the development. However, even with these mitigation measures, both allocations are likely to have a significant adverse effect on the heritage assets within this area of the Borough. Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it		+/-/?			+/-/?	<p>The area allocated within draft policy H12 contains land designated as Noak Bridge LWS. This site also contains areas of deciduous woodland designated as BAP priority habitat and is also in a Species Alert Area. The area covered by Alternative Option 3 is also in a Species Alert Area and comes within 100m of River Crouch at Noak LWS. The development proposed has the potential to have significant adverse effects; however, draft policy H12 states that development of this site must not cause harm to biodiversity, and in association with the landscaping proposals should seek to achieve a net gain in biodiversity overall. Furthermore, proposals for the site will be assessed against policy NE6 to ensure that this is the case.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a mixed minor positive and significant negative effect is likely against this objective for the allocated area under draft policy H12, and a mixed minor positive and minor negative is likely for Alternative Option 3. Adverse effects are however uncertain until such time</p>

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					as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+/?			+/?	New dwellings will accommodate new members of the local workforce, increasing demand for local goods and services with positive effects on the local economy generally. In isolation, the residential development of this development is not likely to generate positive effects on this objective in the long term; however, the policy outlines plans for the possible provision of a new GP surgery, early years/education provision and a local shop. This has the potential to create long term jobs with minor positive effects on this objective; however, due to the uncertainty attached to the provision of these services this effect is uncertain.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+/?			+/?	The draft policy and alternative option 3 would provide a moderate amount of residential development, increasing demand for town centre uses, goods and services. The allocation is to include essential community facilities and services; however, it unlikely that these facilities will compete significantly with the town centre uses in Basildon. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely for this objective. This effect is uncertain until the details of the allocation are finalised.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+			+	Draft policy H12 would deliver around 360 new homes and the alternative location outlined in option 3 around 510 new homes. The draft policy states that the allocation will deliver sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services, including early years/education provision. Essex County Council Education Authority has provided recommendations on how each Strategic Site should contribute to meeting the education needs they generate. Informed by the capacity of existing primary and secondary schools near the Strategic Sites, these recommendations have been incorporated in to the Plan. Given the relatively moderate size of these strategic allocation options, a minor positive effect is recorded on this objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+			+	Draft policy H12 plans to deliver 360 homes. This equates to less than 5% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, draft policy H12 is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. Alternative Option 2 plans to provide 510 homes. This also represents less than 5% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, alternative option 2 is also likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the	++/?			++/?	All of the site options are likely to have at least a minor positive effect on this objective as all cater for the needs of their residents by contributing to the provision of new healthcare facilities to support the growing population, or the expansion of existing facilities, as well as new green infrastructure including walking and cycle routes, which encourage more active lifestyles. However, the areas allocated within the draft policy and alternative option 3 are within easy

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environment					walking distance of several footpaths and open spaces and local GP surgeries. New local residents will be able to access these facilities and services as well as any new facilities. Furthermore, it may also be easier and more resource/cost efficient to expand and enhance these existing facilities to accommodate new residents as required. Therefore, overall, the draft policy and alternative option 3 are likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective; however, this effect is uncertain due to a lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand existing services.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0			0	The effects of strategic site allocations on safety, crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the inclusion of naturally surveyed open space and lighting or the implementation of initiatives such as the shared street. However, this will only be determined when the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known. The location of development is not likely to influence people's participation in community activities or the development of community spirit/civic pride or community organisations /activities. Proximity to existing community facilities is considered in objective 11. Therefore, the effects of strategic site allocations on this objective are considered to be negligible.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+			+	The land allocated in draft policy H12 is wholly located within an area which is considered to be below average on the indices of multiple deprivation. The land allocated in alternative option 3 is partially within an area which is considered to be below average on the indices of multiple deprivation. Therefore, both options have the potential to improve the area, with minor positive effects on this objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	-/?			+/?	<p>This draft development allocation is located east of Noak Bridge, Basildon on a predominantly greenfield site. The A127 is situated to the south of the site; however there is a pedestrian crossing place which will provide pedestrian access to facilities directly to the south. The site is therefore within easy walking distance of several footpaths, areas of open space, a number of bus stops, a primary school, higher education facility and a local GP. In addition, the plans for the site include the provision of preschool and primary education facilities, areas of open space, contribution towards the expansion of the current GP facilities and the improvement of sustainable transport links. There is a higher education facility within 600m however this appears to be to the south of the A127 and may not be easily accessible from this site. There is also not a town or local centre within 600m of the site. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 proposes the development of an alternative land parcel, to the north of Wash Road, fronting onto Wash Road. As with site H12, the A127 is situated to the south of the site; however there is a pedestrian crossing place in close proximity to the site, allowing pedestrian</p>

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					access the facilities to the south. This site is within easy walking distance of several footpaths (two of which bisect the site and may be lost during development), a number of bus stops, areas of open space, a primary school, a GP and Steepleview Neighbourhood local centre. A minor positive effect on this objective is likely; however, this effect is uncertain due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	--/?			--/?	Approximately 50% of the land allocated within the draft policy and over 75% of the land allocated within alternative option 3 is designated as Grade 3 agricultural land (moderate to good agricultural land) and the rest is designated as urban land. Therefore, the development of these allocations will generate significant adverse effects against this objective; however, this effect is uncertain as the location of the Borough's Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land is unknown.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	-			-	<p>The site allocated within draft Policy H12 is on land that is designated as being within a flood zone 2 area, albeit that this is only 1% of the site area. In addition, approximately 80% of the allocated site is susceptible to groundwater flooding. While the development of the site has the potential to have a minor adverse effect on this objective, draft policy H12 states that development on this site must not be at risk of inundation of surface water, and must not increase the risk of surface water flooding to properties elsewhere. Furthermore, proposals for the sites will be assessed against policy CC4 to ensure this is the case. Overall, due to the presence of Flood Zone 2 within and directly adjacent to the site, a minor adverse effect is recorded for this option on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 is within both flood zones 2 and 3, albeit that only 1% of the site area falls within these zones. In addition, approximately 50% of the site area is susceptible to groundwater flooding. While the development of this site has the potential to have a significant adverse effect on this objective, draft policy H12 states that development on this site must not be at risk of inundation of surface water, and must not increase the risk of surface water flooding to properties elsewhere. Furthermore, proposals for the sites will be assessed against policy CC4 to ensure this is the case. Therefore, the significance of the adverse effect has been reduced to minor adverse.</p>
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for	-/?			+/?	<p>The close proximity of strategic site allocations to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions emitted from private cars.</p> <p>This draft development allocation is located within easy walking distance of a poor range of existing and planned local services and facilities. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>

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local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels					Alternative Option 3 proposes the development of an alternative land parcel, to the north of Wash Road, fronting onto Wash Road. This alternative location is within easy walking distance of a better range of existing and planned local facilities and services. Therefore, a minor positive effect on this objective is likely; however, this effect is uncertain due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	-/?			+/?	<p>The close proximity of a strategic site allocation to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing air and noise pollution.</p> <p>This draft development allocation is located within easy walking distance of a poor range of existing and planned local services and facilities. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 proposes the development of an alternative land parcel, to the north of Wash Road, fronting onto Wash Road. This alternative location is within easy walking distance of a better range of existing and planned local facilities and services. Therefore, a minor positive effect on this objective is likely; however, this effect is uncertain due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	?			?	Draft policy H12 states that development within this allocation will be phased to align with any improvements required to accommodate growth within the drainage network or at the nearby Water Recycling Centre. The developers will need to engage with Anglian Water in this regard, and must work with them to deliver any capacity improvements required. Both the land allocated with H12 and the alternative land outline in alternative option 3 sit on top of an aquifer. In addition, a brook flows close to both locations, with a small portion of its floodplain sitting within the allocations. Therefore, the construction of new development has the potential to pollute local water sources with minor adverse effects on this objective. However, this effect is recorded solely as uncertain, recognising that standard construction practices should mitigate such adverse effects.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	?			?	The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will ensure that the development is prepared for the impacts of climate change. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that all options will have an uncertain effect on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-	?			?	The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will influence the consumption of materials or resources, volumes of waste produced including the generation of hazardous waste, or the construction/demolition waste going to landfill. These will be

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used					determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that all options will have an uncertain effect on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	-/?			+/?	<p>All housing allocation options increase the number of homes within the Borough, increasing the population and therefore the number of private vehicles on the road. This is likely to have adverse effects against this objective. However, all strategic site allocations meet growing need through appropriate highway mitigation measures. The draft policy states that development must be supported by sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services. In particular, development in this location is required to contribute towards local and strategic highway improvements, and towards improvements to cycling and public transport provision within the vicinity of the site in order to facilitate a model shift towards active and sustainable transport modes.</p> <p>This draft development allocation is located within easy walking distance of a poor range of existing and planned local services and facilities. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 proposes the development of an alternative land parcel, to the north of Wash Road, fronting onto Wash Road. This alternative location is within easy walking distance of a better range of existing and planned local facilities and services. Therefore, a minor positive effect on this objective is likely; however, this effect is uncertain due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>

Policy H13 – Housing Development Site – East Basildon Urban Extension

Alternative 1: Secure a lower level of development in this location – 1,230 homes only, and place greater weight on protecting the landscape.

Alternative 2: Provide 5.5ha of employment and 2,000 homes at East Basildon by delivering 5.5ha of employment and 750 homes at land east of Burnt Mills, 550 homes to the south east of Pitsea and 610 homes to the west of Bowers Gifford.

Alternative 3: Providing no development in this location is not considered to be a reasonable alternative due to the significant need for additional residential development within Basildon Borough, and the fact that there is sufficient evidence to indicate that some development in this location is appropriate.

Alternative 4: Alternative allocation to the east on North Benfleet.

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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	A – Potential impact of development on natural and urban landscapes	+/-/?	+/-/?	+/-/?		+/-/?	<p>The Revised Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study states that the area allocated within Draft Policy H13 and alternative option 1 has a low/medium capacity for development, with only limited opportunity for small scale infill development with appropriate landscape measures. The Outline Landscape Study of Potential Strategic Development Sites identifies potential for 1,246 dwellings within the area.</p> <p>Draft policy H13 allocates land for the development of 2,000 homes. The draft policy requires the delivery of a landscape buffer between the settlements of Pitsea and Bowers Gifford which should extend north-south through the entire site, and must be 500m wide at its frontage with the London Road, and at least 200m wide elsewhere within the site. While this will prevent the merging of these two large built-up areas in the Green Belt, the scale of the strategic site allocation proposed is likely to have a significant negative effect on the landscape. This effect is uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development is known.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 allocates land for the development of 1,230 dwellings within the areas identified in the Outline Landscape Study of Potential Strategic Development Sites. Therefore, this option is likely to only have a minor negative effect on this part of the objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 proposes a significant number of dwellings in the areas allocated in alternative option 1. In addition, it also proposes 5.5ha of employment development and 750 dwellings to the north on the land east of Burnt Mills. This area has no to very low capacity for housing development. Therefore, this option is also likely to have a significant negative effect on this part of the objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 4 represents an alternative location for the development outlined with Draft Policy H13. The Revised Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study states</p>

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B - Potential impact of development on green spaces							<p>that the area allocated for alternative option 4 has very limited capacity for development due to its significance as a strategic green corridor between Thundersley, Basildon and Wickford, and the importance of the historic setting of All Saint's Church and Hall. The Outline Landscape Study of Potential Strategic Development Sites identifies potential for 70 dwellings. Therefore, the scale and density of the development proposed within this alternative option is likely to have a significant negative effect on this part of the objective.</p> <p>All these effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development is known.</p>
							<p>The area allocated within Draft Policy H13 and Alternative Options 1 and 2 are currently made-up of several formal open spaces, including areas of Amenity Green Space Natural/Semi-natural Green Space and the Eversley Leisure Centre and recreation ground. This existing open space provision will need to be relocated within the open element of the site, alongside the pitches and facilities required to meet needs of new development within H13 and relocated from allocation H7 – Gardiners Lane South. Draft Policy H13 states that the required formal and informal open spaces will be delivered as a landscape buffer between the settlements of Pitsea and Bowers Gifford, extending north-south through the entire site. These new and improved facilities are likely to have minor positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 4 does not contain the Eversley Leisure Centre and recreation ground; however it does contain the All Saint's Churchyard, which it is assumed will be retained. It is also assumed that the pitches and facilities required to meet the needs of the new development within the development and relocated from allocation H7 – Gardiners Lane South will be provided within the alternative location. Therefore, the same minor positive effect is recorded for this option.</p> <p>All these effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development is known.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough		--/?	-/?	--/?		--/?	<p>All options would respect designated historic assets by incorporating the requirements of policies in Chapter 17 in order to ensure elements of the historic environment, and their setting are adequately protected from harm; however:</p> <p>The areas allocated within Draft Policy H13 and Alternative Option 1 are located in HECZ 10.1: North Benfleet. The historic field pattern, character of the plotlands and moated sites within this area are sensitive to change. Both options are within 500m of the Grade II listed Great Clavedon Hall; however, this heritage asset sits well within the urban edge of Basildon and development further to the east is not considered to adversely affect its setting. There are other heritage assets within the immediate vicinity. The significant development planned within draft policy H13</p>

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						<p>would have a significant adverse effect on the sensitive features described above. The extent of development within alternative option 1 is less significant; therefore, its effects on the heritage features within the area are only considered to be minor adverse.</p> <p>The area located within Alternative Option 2 is located in HECZ 10.1: North Benfleet and HECZ 10.2: North and west of North Benfleet. Again, the historic field pattern, character of the plotlands and moated sites and archaeology in these areas is sensitive to change. In addition, an archaeology priority area and two Grade II listed farmhouses sit within the site and the site is within the setting of the Grade II* Church of All Saints to the east. Therefore, the significant scale of the development proposed within this alternative allocation is considered to have a significant adverse effect on this objective.</p> <p>The area located within Alternative Option 4 is located in HECZ 10.2: North and west of North Benfleet. The settlement pattern, World War II defences, and below-ground archaeology in this area is highly sensitive to change. In addition, two archaeology priority areas and the Grade II* Church of All Saints sit within the site. Therefore, the significant scale of the development proposed within this alternative allocation is considered to have a significant adverse effect on this objective.</p> <p>All these effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new developments are known.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+/-/?	+ /- - /?	+/- -/?		+/- -/?	<p>The area allocated within draft policy H13 and all other options are within 5km of the Benfleet and Southend Marshes Ramsar and SPA. In addition, draft policy H13 and alternative options 1 and 2 are located within 1km of the Pitsea Marsh SSSI.</p> <p>All the allocation options contain deciduous woodland either designated as BAP priority habitat or Species Alert Area. The scale of the development proposed within these allocation options is likely to have significant adverse effects on biodiversity; however, draft policy H13 states that development must not cause harm to biodiversity, and in association with the landscaping proposals should seek to achieve a net gain in biodiversity. Furthermore, proposals for the sites will be assessed against policy NE6. Therefore, overall, mixed minor positive and significant adverse effects are likely against this objective – for all options. This effect is uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p>
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic	+	+	+		+	<p>Draft policy H13 and the alternative development allocations would all deliver a significant number of dwellings. These new households will require a significant number of new local facilities to service the urban extension, including on/off-site for pre-school and primary school provision and additional GP services with minor positive effects on this objective in the long term.</p>

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regeneration						In addition to providing a significant number of homes and associated local services and facilities, alternative option 2 would deliver 5.5ha of the Borough's 50ha employment land requirement over the plan period. This equates to roughly 11% of the total need, contributing to the economic growth of the Borough with minor positive effects on this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+/?	+/?	+/?		+/?	Draft Policy H13 would provide a significant amount of residential development, increasing demand for town centre uses, goods and services. The allocation is to include essential community facilities and services; however, it unlikely that these facilities will compete significantly with neighbouring town centre uses. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely for all options against this objective. This effect is uncertain until the details of the allocation are finalised.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	++	+	++		++	Draft policy H13 and its alternative options provide a significant amount of housing and employment land. Essex County Council Education Authority has provided recommendations on how each Strategic Site should contribute to meeting the education needs they generated. Informed by the capacity of existing primary and secondary schools near the Strategic Sites, these recommendations have been incorporated in to the Plan. Furthermore, the employment component of the development is also likely to have a positive effect on this objective, providing opportunities for work-based training and skills development. Therefore, a significant positive effect is recorded for all alternatives on this objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	++	+	++		++	Draft policy H13 and alternative options 2 and 3 plan to deliver 2,000 homes, a nursing/residential home and a gypsy and traveller site. This equates to more than 5% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, draft policy H13 and alternative options 2 and 3 are likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective. Alternative Option 1 seeks to provide fewer homes than Policy H13 and alternative options 2 and 3 - 1,230 homes. While this is likely to have a less significant effect on this objective compared to H13 and alternative options 2 and 3, this option would still provide over 5% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, alternative option 1 is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	++/?	+	++/?		++/?	All of the site options are likely to have at least a minor positive effect on this objective as all cater for the needs of their residents by contributing to the provision of new healthcare facilities to support the growing population, or the expansion of existing facilities, as well as new green infrastructure including walking and cycle routes, which encourage more active lifestyles. However, the area allocated within H13 and alternative options 2 and 3 is within easy walking distance of existing public rights of way, open spaces and local health facilities. New local residents will be able to access these facilities and services as well as any new facilities.

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						<p>Furthermore, it may also be easier and more resource/cost efficient to expand and enhance these existing facilities to accommodate new residents as required. Therefore, overall, policy H13 and alternative options 2 and 3 are likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective; however, this effect is uncertain due to a lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand existing services.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 is within easy walking distance of existing public rights of way; open spaces; however there are no existing health facilities within close proximity of the site. Therefore, there is no potential to enhance and expand existing surgeries and health centres within easy walking. Instead, local residents will have to rely on the services provided within the new development. Therefore this alternative is only likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	0		0	<p>The effects of strategic site allocations on safety, crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the inclusion of naturally surveyed open space and lighting or the implementation of initiatives such as the shared street. However, this will only be determined when the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known. The location of development is not likely to influence people's participation in community activities or the development of community spirit/civic pride or community organisations /activities. Proximity to existing community facilities is considered in objective 11. Therefore, the effects of strategic site allocations on this objective are considered to be negligible.</p>
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+	+	+		+	<p>This strategic site allocation and its reasonable alternatives are located within an existing deprived area and within 600m of other deprived areas. Therefore, the redevelopment of the allocations has the potential to improve the area and improve the wider area remotely by generating employment opportunities in the immediate vicinity, with minor positive effects on this objective.</p>
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+/?	+/?	+/?		-/?	<p>This draft development allocation is located to the east of Basildon, between Pitsea and Bowers Gifford. The A13 is situated to the south of the site; however the majority of facilities in close proximity are located to the west. The site is within easy walking distance of several footpaths (including one which bisects the site and may be lost following development), a large number of bus stops, two small local centres, three primary schools and two GPs. In addition, the plans for the site include the provision of new community facilities, open spaces, the improvement of cycle and public transport provision and the provision of pre-school and primary school facilities. Contributions will also be made to the expansion of existing GP facilities. Some of the site is currently made-up of outdoor sports and recreation facilities, a number of which will be lost in the redevelopment of the site with adverse effects against this objective. However, there are plans to relocate these facilities in policy H13. Therefore, overall, this allocation is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>

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						<p>Alternative Option 1 seeks to secure a lower level of development, focused in the south west and east of the site, and place greater weight on protecting the landscape. This is likely to reduce both the potential loss of existing recreation facilities and the provision of additional facilities. However taking existing facilities into account a minor positive effect on this objective is still likely. This is uncertain due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks to provide a larger number of residential dwellings than Alternative Option 1 and also 5.5ha of employment development, focusing development in the south west, and east and on a land parcel to the north of the original H13 site. As with Alternative Option 1, as the full H13 site is not being developed, Alternative Option 2 is likely to reduce both the potential loss of existing recreation facilities and the provision of additional facilities. However taking existing facilities into account a minor positive effect on this objective is still likely. This is uncertain due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 4 seeks to provide development to the east of Basildon, in the North Benfleet area. The A130 is situated to the south and east of the site; however the majority of facilities in close proximity are located to the west. The site is within easy walking distance of several footpaths (including two which bisect the site and may be lost following development), areas of open space, a large number of bus stops and two healthcare facilities. In addition, the plans for the site include the provision of new community facilities, open spaces, the improvement of cycle and public transport provision and the provision of pre-school and primary school facilities. Contribution will also be made to the expansion of existing healthcare facilities. However, this alternative site is not within easy walking distance of a town or local centre; therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	--/?	--/?	--/?		--/?	The vast majority of the land within draft policy H13 and its reasonable alternative allocations is greenfield and designated as Grade 3 agricultural land (moderate to good agricultural land). The rest of the land within the allocations is recognised as urban. Therefore, their development would generate significant adverse effects against this objective; however, this effect is uncertain as the location of the Borough's Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land is unknown.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to	-	-	-		-	The land allocated within draft policy H13 and alternative option 1 do not sit within flood zones 2 or 3; however, a significant portion of the site sits on top of Critical Drainage Area BAS16 with

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public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring						<p>portions of the site susceptible to surface water and groundwater flooding. While the development of the site has the potential to have a minor adverse effect on this objective, draft policy H13 states that development on this site must not be at risk of inundation of surface water, and must not increase the risk of surface water flooding to properties elsewhere within the Critical Drainage Area BAS66. Furthermore, proposals for the sites will be assessed against policy CC4 to ensure this is the case. However, overall increasing the area of impermeable surfaces within a critical drainage area is likely to have minor adverse effects on this objective.</p> <p>The land allocated within alternative options 2 and 4 contain roughly 10% land designated as flood zone 2 and 5% flood zone 3. In addition, a significant portion of the site sits on top of Critical Drainage Area BAS16 with portions of the site susceptible to surface water and groundwater flooding. While the development of the site has the potential to have a significant adverse effect on this objective, draft policy H13 states that development on this site must not be at risk of inundation of surface water, and must not increase the risk of surface water flooding to properties elsewhere within the Critical Drainage Area BAS66. Furthermore, proposals for the sites will be assessed against policy CC4 to ensure this is the case. Therefore, the significance of the adverse effect has been reduced to minor adverse for these two options.</p>
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+/?	+/?	+/?		-/?	<p>The close proximity of a strategic site allocation to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions emitted from private cars.</p> <p>The preferred development site is within easy walking distance of a good range of planned and existing local facilities and services. The draft policy H10 states that the opportunity should be taken to investigate, and if possible make provision for decentralised energy provision, and that any provision that is secured on this site must comply with policy CC7 in order to limit impacts to residential amenity. Therefore, overall, this allocation is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks to secure a lower level of development, focused in the south west and east of the site, and place greater weight on protecting the landscape. This is likely to reduce both the potential loss of existing recreation facilities and the provision of additional facilities. However taking existing facilities into account a minor positive effect on this objective is still likely. This is uncertain due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks to provide a larger number of residential dwellings than Alternative</p>

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						<p>Option 1 and also 5.5ha of employment development, focusing development in the south west, and east and on a land parcel to the north of the original H13 site. As with Alternative Option 1, as the full H13 site is not being developed, Alternative Option 2 is likely to reduce both the potential loss of existing recreation facilities and the provision of additional facilities. However taking existing facilities into account a minor positive effect on this objective is still likely. This is uncertain due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 4 seeks to provide development to the east of Basildon, in the North Benfleet area. This alternative development site is within easy walking distance of a poorer range of planned and existing local facilities and services than the other reasonable alternatives. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+/?	+/?	+/?		-/?	<p>The close proximity of a strategic site allocation to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing air and noise pollution.</p> <p>The preferred development site is within easy walking distance of a good range of planned and existing local facilities and services. The draft policy H10 states that the opportunity should be taken to investigate, and if possible make provision for decentralised energy provision, and that any provision that is secured on this site must comply with policy CC7 in order to limit impacts to residential amenity. Therefore, overall, this allocation is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks to secure a lower level of development, focused in the south west and east of the site, and place greater weight on protecting the landscape. This is likely to reduce both the potential loss of existing recreation facilities and the provision of additional facilities. However taking existing facilities into account a minor positive effect on this objective is still likely. This is uncertain due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks to provide a larger number of residential dwellings than Alternative Option 1 and also 5.5ha of employment development, focusing development in the south west, and east and on a land parcel to the north of the original H13 site. As with Alternative Option 1, as the full H13 site is not being developed, Alternative Option 2 is likely to reduce both the potential loss of existing recreation facilities and the provision of additional facilities. However</p>

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						<p>taking existing facilities into account a minor positive effect on this objective is still likely. This is uncertain due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 4 seeks to provide development to the east of Basildon, in the North Benfleet area. This alternative development site is within easy walking distance of a poorer range of planned and existing local facilities and services than the other reasonable alternatives. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	?	?	?		?	<p>The draft policy states that development will need to be phased to align with any improvements required to accommodate growth within the drainage network or at the nearby Water Recycling Centre, and that developers will need to engage with Anglian Water in this regard, and must work with them to deliver any capacity improvements required. However, portions of land allocated within all of the options sit on top of an aquifer designated as a Groundwater Vulnerability Zone.</p> <p>Alternative allocation 2 has a small brook flowing along the eastern edge of its northernmost portion east of Burnt Mills along Pound Lane, with its floodplain sitting within the site.</p> <p>Alternative allocation 4 is bordered by two brooks, the flood plains of which encroach into the site. One brook flows along Pound Lane at the western edge of the site and the other along a field boundary at the eastern edge of the site.</p> <p>Therefore, the construction of new development has the potential to pollute local water sources with minor adverse effects on this objective. However, this effect is recorded solely as uncertain, recognising that standard construction practices should mitigate such adverse effects.</p>
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	?	?	?		?	<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will ensure that the development is prepared for the impacts of climate change. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that all options will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p>
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	?	?	?		?	<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will influence the consumption of materials or resources, volumes of waste produced including the generation of hazardous waste, or the construction/demolition waste going to landfill. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that all options will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p>
19. Reduce traffic congestion	+/?	+	+/?		-/?	<p>All housing allocation options increase the number of homes within the Borough, increasing the</p>

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and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations		/- - /?				<p>population and therefore the number of private vehicles on the road. This is likely to have adverse effects against this objective. However, all strategic site allocations meet growing need through appropriate highway mitigation measures. Draft policy H13 requires that development within the allocation must be supported by sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services. In particular, development in this location is required to contribute towards local highway improvements delivered before the first phase of development comes forward, assist in the delivery of a new grade separated junction of the A127 at Pound Lane/Cranfield Park Road alongside other allocations, and provide active and sustainable transport routes and facilities within the site, and contribute towards improvements towards cycling and public transport provision within the vicinity of the site in order to facilitate a model shift towards active and sustainable transport modes.</p> <p>Furthermore, planned employment uses in close proximity to existing and planned residential areas, linked by sustainable transport infrastructure and sources of workers will help to play a positive role in minimising congestion by encouraging people to use alternatives to the private car to commute, with minor positive effects, although this is uncertain.</p> <p>The A13 is situated to the south of the area allocated in policy H13; however, the majority of facilities in close proximity are located to the west. The site is within easy walking distance of several footpaths (including one which bisects the site and may be lost following development), a large number of bus stops, two small local centres, three primary schools and two GPs. In addition, the plans for the site include the provision of new community facilities, open spaces, the improvement of cycle and public transport provision and the provision of pre-school and primary school facilities. Contributions will also be made to the expansion of existing GP facilities. Some of the site is currently made-up of outdoor sports and recreation facilities, a number of which will be lost in the redevelopment of the site with adverse effects against this objective. However, there are plans relocate these facilities in policy H13. Therefore, this allocation is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would secure a lower level of development in this location, which would put the delivery of necessary transport infrastructure improvements in this area at risk, namely highway congestion issues at the Nevedon Road junction with the A127, congestion on the Nevedon Road itself, and also congestion at junctions within Wickford on the route between the A127 and the A130, affecting the viability of housing allocations to the south of Wickford as well as the east of Basildon with significant adverse effects on this objective. However, taking existing</p>

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						<p>facilities into account and the promotion of sustainable alternatives to the private car, a minor positive effect on this objective is still likely. This is uncertain due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 would provide 5.5ha of employment and 2,000 homes at East Basildon which would increase the likelihood of securing funding for highway infrastructure improvements. Taking existing facilities into account and planned transport mitigation and enhancement measures a minor positive effect on this objective is still likely. This is uncertain due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 4 seeks to provide development to the east of Basildon, in the North Benfleet area. The A130 is situated to the south and east of the site; however the majority of facilities in close proximity are located to the west. The site is within easy walking distance of several footpaths (including two which bisect the site and may be lost following development), areas of open space, a large number of bus stops and two healthcare facilities. In addition, the plans for the site include the provision of new community facilities, open spaces, the improvement of cycle and public transport provision and the provision of pre-school and primary school facilities. Contribution will also be made to the expansion of existing healthcare facilities. However, this alternative site is not within easy walking distance of a town or local centre; therefore, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>

Policy H14 – Housing Development Site – Land South of Cranfield Park Road, Wickford

Alternative 1: No Allocation.

Alternative 2: Development of more land within Strategic Site 21 could deliver around 1,150 homes, services and open space which would provide much needed housing and facilities in the area and help with the financing of strategic and local infrastructure upgrades; however the role the area plays as an important strategic gap in the Borough’s Green Belt preventing Basildon and Wickford from merging together and the higher landscape value of the wider area make this option an unreasonable alternative.

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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	A – Potential impact of development on natural and urban landscapes	+/-?	0		<p>The Revised Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study states that the area has a medium to high capacity for residential development. The study states that there is opportunity for residential development on land between railway line and Fanton Hall Farm and the fields north of The Wick Country Park, which would form natural extension to southern edge of Wickford and, with appropriate design and landscape structure planting, could be sufficiently screened from public view and would not compromise sense of separation between Wickford and Basildon/Thundersley. The Outline Landscape Study of Potential Strategic Development Sites identifies potential for approximately 962 dwellings within the area. Draft policy H14 allocates land for 870 dwellings. The draft policy states that development should be well screened in order to limit harm to the open landscape and strategic Green Belt gap to the south separating Wickford and Basildon, and that landscaped buffers should be provided to the southern and eastern boundaries of the site. These landscape buffers should be multi-functional. The implementation of these extensive site-based mitigation measures is likely to reduce the adverse effects of this large-scale allocation on this part of the objective to minor negative. Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
	B - Potential impact of development on green spaces				<p>While the preferred development allocation does not contain any existing formal open green spaces, the draft policy states that the allocation should make provision for incidental amenity and new strategic formal open space, complimentary to the semi natural facilities provided at the nearby Wick Country Park. This is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local		0/?	0		<p>This strategic site allocation is located in HECZ 10.2: North and west of North Benfleet. The settlement pattern, World War II defences, and below-ground archaeology in this area are highly</p>

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distinctiveness of Basildon Borough				<p>sensitive to change; however, the site is an area of low landscape sensitivity and not located in an archaeology priority area. Therefore, it is considered that the land within this strategic site allocation has limited sensitivity. The draft policy states that consideration should be given to the requirements of policies in Chapter 17 in order to ensure elements of the historic environment, and their setting are adequately protected from harm. Therefore, this development allocation is considered to have a negligible effect on this objective. Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+/-/?	0		<p>The area allocated within draft policy H14 is within 5km of Essex Estuaries (SAC) and Crouch & Roach Estuaries SPA and Ramsar. In addition, the site is also within 100m of The Wick Country Par LWS and an area of deciduous woodland designated as a BAP priority habitat and contains land designated as a Species Alert Area. The scale of the development proposed is likely to have significant adverse effects on biodiversity; however, draft policy H14 states that development must not cause harm to biodiversity, and in association with the landscaping proposals should seek to achieve a net gain in biodiversity. Furthermore, proposals for the sites will be assessed against policy NE6. Therefore, overall, a mixed minor positive and minor adverse effect is likely against this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+	0		<p>Draft policy H14 would deliver a significant number of dwellings. These new households will require a significant number of new local facilities to service the allocation, including a nursing home, on-site/off-site for pre-school and primary school requirements and contributions towards additional GP services with minor positive effects on this objective in the long term.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+/?	0		<p>The draft policy would provide a significant amount of residential development, increasing demand for town centre uses, goods and services. The allocation is to include essential community facilities and services; however, it is unlikely that these facilities will compete significantly with neighbouring town centre uses. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely for all options against this objective. This effect is uncertain until the details of the allocation are finalised.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in</p>

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				current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	++	0		<p>Draft policy H14 would deliver around 870 new homes. The draft policy states that the allocation will deliver sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services, including provision of on-site/off-site pre-school and primary school requirements. Essex County Council Education Authority has provided recommendations on how each Strategic Site should contribute to meeting the education needs they generate. Informed by the capacity of existing primary and secondary schools near the Strategic Sites, these recommendations have been incorporated in to the Plan. Given the relatively large size of this allocation, a significant positive effect is recorded on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	++	0		<p>Draft policy H14 plans to deliver 870 homes and a 15 pitch Gypsy and Traveller Site. This equates to over 5% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, draft policy H14 is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	++/?	0		<p>All of the site options are likely to have at least a minor positive effect on this objective as all cater for the needs of their residents by contributing to the provision of new healthcare facilities to support the growing population, or the expansion of existing facilities, as well as new green infrastructure including walking and cycle routes, which encourage more active lifestyles. However, the area allocated within the draft policy is within easy walking distance of Wick Country Park, several footpaths and a GP surgery. New local residents will be able to access these facilities and services as well as any new facilities. Furthermore, it may also be easier and more resource/cost efficient to expand and enhance these existing facilities to accommodate new residents as required. Therefore, overall, the draft policy is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective; however, this effect is uncertain due to a lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand existing services.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and	0	0		The effects of strategic site allocations on safety, crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the inclusion of naturally surveyed open space and lighting or the implementation of

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feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced				<p>initiatives such as the shared street. However, this will only be determined when the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known. The location of development is not likely to influence people's participation in community activities or the development of community spirit/civic pride or community organisations /activities. Proximity to existing community facilities is considered in objective 11. Therefore, the effects of strategic site allocations on this objective are considered to be negligible.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0	0		<p>The land allocated in this draft policy is not located within an area which is considered to be below average on the indices of multiple deprivation. Therefore, the potential of the allocation to regenerate and renew the area is negligible.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+/?	0		<p>This draft development allocation is located south of Cranfield Park Road, Wickford. The railway is located to the north east of the site, which is likely to pose a barrier for pedestrian access to facilities to the north east; However, the majority of facilities in close proximity are to the north and north west. The site is within easy walking distance of a number footpaths (including one which bisects the site and may be lost during development), several bus stops, Silvia Island Way local centre, two primary schools and a GP. Wick Country Park is also located directly to the south of the site. In addition, the plans for the site include the provision of new formal open spaces, preschool and primary school facilities, contributions towards the expansion of GP facilities and the improvement of cycle and public transport facilities. A small part of the site is currently made-up of the Wick Open Space, which may be lost in the redevelopment of the site with adverse effects against this objective. However as mentioned, there are plans to provide new open spaces in policy H14. Therefore, overall, this allocation is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from	--/?	0		<p>All the land allocated within draft policy is designated as Grade 3 agricultural land (moderate to good agricultural land). Therefore, the development of the allocation will generate significant adverse effects against this objective; however, this effect is uncertain as the location of the Borough's Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land is unknown.</p>

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previous buildings				Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	-	0		<p>The site allocated within draft Policy H14 is on land that is designated as being within both flood zone 2 and 3 areas, however both these zones cover less than 1% of the site. In addition, approximately 90% of the allocated site area is susceptible to groundwater flooding. While the development of the site has the potential to have a significant adverse effect on this objective, draft policy H14 states that development on this site must not be at risk of inundation of surface water, and must not increase the risk of surface water flooding to properties elsewhere. Furthermore, proposals for the site will be assessed against policy CC4 to ensure this is the case. Therefore, the significance of the adverse effect has been reduced to minor adverse.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+/?	0		<p>The close proximity of strategic site allocations to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions emitted from private cars.</p> <p>This draft development allocation is located within easy walking distance of good range of existing and planned local facilities and services. In addition, there are plans for improvements to cycle and public transport facilities. Therefore, overall, this allocation is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+/?	0		<p>The close proximity of a strategic site allocation to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing air and noise pollution.</p> <p>This draft development allocation is located within easy walking distance of good range of existing and planned local facilities and services. In addition, there are plans for improvements to cycle and public transport facilities. Therefore, overall, this allocation is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>

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16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	?	0		<p>Draft policy H14 states that development within this allocation will be phased to align with any improvements required to accommodate growth within the drainage network or at the nearby Water Recycling Centre. The developers will need to engage with Anglian Water in this regard, and must work with them to deliver any capacity improvements required. However, a small brook flows through the eastern half of the site. Therefore, the construction of new development has the potential to pollute local water sources with minor adverse effects on this objective. However, this effect is recorded solely as uncertain, recognising that standard construction practices should mitigate such adverse effects.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	?	0		<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will ensure that the development is prepared for the impacts of climate change. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that H14 will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	?	0		<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will influence the consumption of materials or resources, volumes of waste produced including the generation of hazardous waste, or the construction/demolition waste going to landfill. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that H14 will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+/?	0		<p>All housing allocation options increase the number of homes within the Borough, increasing the population and therefore the number of private vehicles on the road. This is likely to have adverse effects against this objective. However, all strategic site allocations meet growing need through appropriate highway mitigation measures. The draft policy states that development must be supported by sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services. In particular, development in this location is required to contribute towards a new grade separated junction of the A127 at Pound Lane/Cranfield Park Road to serve Wickford and Pitsea East Basildon, together with local traffic management measures during the first phase of development, and provide active</p>

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				<p>and sustainable transport routes and facilities within the site, and contribute towards improvements towards cycling and public transport provision within the vicinity of the site in order to facilitate a model shift towards active and sustainable transport modes.</p> <p>This draft development allocation is located within easy walking distance of good range of existing and planned local facilities and services. In addition, there are plans for improvements to cycle and public transport facilities. Therefore, overall, this allocation is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>

Policy H15 – Housing Development Site – Land North of Southend Road, Shotgate

Alternative 1: No Allocation.

Alternative 2: Develop 150 homes as proposed in the Core Strategy. The Core Strategy assumed development could not take place within 400m of the Water Recycling Centre, due to health concerns for future occupants. Since 2013, odour plume modelling has been completed to the satisfaction of Anglian Water which have in effect meant the development can be built closer to the Centre subject to plant upgrade and a landscape buffer.

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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	A – Potential impact of development on natural and urban landscapes	-/?	0	0/?	<p>The Revised Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study states that the area has a medium capacity for residential development. The study states that there is opportunity for medium or large scale development adjacent to existing urban edge which is partly screened from the surrounding area by existing vegetation. The Outline Landscape Study of Potential Strategic Development Sites identifies potential for approximately 402 dwellings within the area. Draft policy H15 allocates land for 400 dwellings. The draft policy states that the development should be well screened, including landscaped buffers along the eastern boundary of the site. Therefore, this strategic site allocation is considered to only have a minor adverse effect on this part of the objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 is to develop a much small allocation, which, combined with the mitigation measures outlined in draft policy H15, is likely to have a negligible effect on this part of the objective. Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
	B - Potential impact of development on green spaces				<p>The preferred allocation and alternative allocation do not contain existing formal open green spaces. The draft policy states landscape buffers should be multi-functional delivering open spaces where appropriate. Therefore, both options are likely to have a negligible effect on this part of the objective. Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon		--/?	0	--/?	<p>This strategic site allocation is located in HECZ 7.1: Shot Farm area. The surviving elements of the historic landscape and below ground deposits are considered to be highly sensitive to change. While the area allocated for development is of relatively low landscape sensitivity, the allocation is partially within an archaeological priority area. Therefore the area of the allocation is considered</p>

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Borough				<p>to be highly sensitive. In addition, two Grade II listed buildings lie within 500m of the preferred development allocation within the complex of buildings which make-up Shot Farm. Therefore, this development allocation is considered to have a significant adverse effect on the historic character of this part of the Borough. Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+/--/?	0	+/--/?	<p>The area allocated within draft policy H15 is within 2.5km of Essex Estuaries (SAC) and Crouch & Roach Estuaries SPA and Ramsar. This site also contains land designated as a Species Alert Area and comes within 100m of an area of deciduous woodland designated as BAP priority habitat. Alternative Option 2 is also within 2.5km of Essex Estuaries (SAC) and Crouch & Roach Estuaries SPA and Ramsar. The development proposed has the potential to have significant adverse effects; however, draft policy H15 states that development of this site must not cause harm to biodiversity, and in association with the landscaping proposals should seek to achieve a net gain in biodiversity overall. Furthermore, proposals for the site will be assessed against policy NE6 to ensure that this is the case.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a mixed minor positive and significant negative effect is likely against this objective for both the allocated area and Alternative Option 2. Adverse effects are however uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+	0	0	<p>New dwellings will accommodate new members of the local workforce, increasing demand for local goods and services with positive effects on the local economy generally. In isolation, the residential development of this development is not likely to generate positive effects on this objective in the long term; however draft policy H15 outlines plans for the provision of on-site/off-site for pre-school and primary school requirements and contributions towards additional GP services. This is likely to create long term jobs with minor positive effects on this objective in the long term.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 proposes a significant reduction in the number of homes delivered within the allocation. This will reduce the need for new local services and facilities within and around the allocation, limiting the role of this alternative to generate long term jobs in the Borough. Therefore, this alternative is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p>

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				Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+/?	0	+/?	The draft policy and alternative option 2 would provide a moderate amount of residential development, increasing demand for town centre uses, goods and services. The allocation is to include essential community facilities and services; however, it is unlikely that these facilities will compete significantly with the town centre uses in Basildon. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely for this objective. This effect is uncertain until the details of the allocation are finalised. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+	0	+	Draft policy H15 would deliver around 400 new homes and alternative option 2 would deliver around 150 new homes. The draft policy states that the allocation will deliver sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services, including provision of on-site/off-site pre-school and primary school requirements. Essex County Council Education Authority has provided recommendations on how each Strategic Site should contribute to meeting the education needs they generate. Informed by the capacity of existing primary and secondary schools near the Strategic Sites, these recommendations have been incorporated in to the Plan. Given the relatively moderate size of the preferred allocation and the small size of alternative option 2, a minor positive effect is recorded on this objective for both options. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+	0	+	Draft policy H15 plans to deliver 400 homes. This equates to less than 5% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, draft policy H15 is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. Alternative Option 2 plans to provide 150 homes. This also represents less than 5% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, alternative option 2 is also likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's	++/?	0	++/?	All of the site options are likely to have at least a minor positive effect on this objective as all cater for the needs of their residents by contributing to the provision of new healthcare facilities to

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residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment				<p>support the growing population, or the expansion of existing facilities, as well as new green infrastructure including walking and cycle routes, which encourage more active lifestyles. However, the area allocated within the draft policy and alternative option 2 are within easy walking distance of a number of footpaths and formal open spaces and a GP surgery. New local residents will be able to access these facilities and services as well as any new facilities. Furthermore, it may also be easier and more resource/cost efficient to expand and enhance these existing facilities to accommodate new residents as required. Therefore, overall, the draft policy and alternative option 2 are likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective; however, this effect is uncertain due to a lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand existing services.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	0	<p>The effects of strategic site allocations on safety, crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the inclusion of naturally surveyed open space and lighting or the implementation of initiatives such as the shared street. However, this will only be determined when the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known. The location of development is not likely to influence people's participation in community activities or the development of community spirit/civic pride or community organisations /activities. Proximity to existing community facilities is considered in objective 11. Therefore, the effects of strategic site allocations on this objective are considered to be negligible.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0	0	0	<p>The land allocated in this draft policy is not located within an area which is considered to be below average on the indices of multiple deprivation. Therefore, the potential of the allocation to regenerate and renew the area is negligible.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	++/?	0	++/?	<p>This draft development allocation is located north of Southend Road, Shotgate, Wickford. The railway runs adjacent to a section of the north west site boundary, however there is a footpath which provides pedestrian access to facilities on the western side of it. The site is within easy walking distance of a number of footpaths (including one which runs east to west through the site, and may be lost during development), numerous bus stops, areas of open space, two local centres, two primary schools, a secondary school and a GP. In addition, the plans for the site include the provision of new areas of open space, preschool and primary school facilities, the</p>

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				<p>improvement of cycling and public transport provisions, and contribution towards the expansion of existing GP facilities. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks to develop 150 homes as proposed in the Core Strategy. Due to a decrease in the planned number of residential dwellings it is likely that there will also be a decrease in the new facilities provided. However taking into account the proximity of existing facilities a significant positive effect is still likely on this objective. This is uncertain due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	-	0	-	<p>All the land allocated within the draft policy and alternative option 2 is designated as urban land. However, all the land within the site allocations is greenfield. Therefore, the development of these allocations will generate minor adverse effects against this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	0	<p>Neither the area allocated within draft policy H15 or Alternative Option 2 are within flood zones 2 or 3. However, the whole site area allocated within policy H15 and Alternative Option 2 is susceptible to groundwater flooding and a small proportion is susceptible to surface water flooding. While the development of the site has the potential to have a minor adverse effect on this objective, draft policy H15 states that development on this site must not be at risk of inundation of surface water, and must not increase the risk of surface water flooding to properties elsewhere. Furthermore, proposals for the site will be assessed against policy CC4 to ensure this is the case. Therefore, the significance of the adverse effect has been reduced to negligible for both the allocated site and Alternative Option 2.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving	++/?	0	++/?	<p>The close proximity of strategic site allocations to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions emitted from private cars.</p> <p>The preferred development allocation and reasonable alternative 2 are within easy walking</p>

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energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels				<p>distance of an excellent range of existing and planned local services and facilities. In addition, there are plans for improvements to cycling and public transport networks. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	++/?	0	++/?	<p>The close proximity of a strategic site allocation to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing air and noise pollution.</p> <p>The preferred development allocation and reasonable alternative 2 are within easy walking distance of an excellent range of existing and planned local services and facilities. In addition, there are plans for improvements to cycling and public transport networks. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	?	0	?	<p>Draft policy H14 states that development within this allocation will be phased to align with any improvements required to accommodate growth within the drainage network or at the nearby Water Recycling Centre. The developers will need to engage with Anglian Water in this regard, and must work with them to deliver any capacity improvements required. However, the majority of the site sits on top of an aquifer designated as a Groundwater Vulnerability Zone. Therefore, the construction of new development has the potential to pollute local water sources with minor adverse effects on this objective. However, this effect is recorded solely as uncertain, recognising that standard construction practices should mitigate such adverse effects.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	?	0	?	<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will ensure that the development is prepared for the impacts of climate change. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that H15 and option 2 will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in</p>

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				current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	?	0	?	<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will influence the consumption of materials or resources, volumes of waste produced including the generation of hazardous waste, or the construction/demolition waste going to landfill. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that H15 and option 2 will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	++/?	0	++/?	<p>All housing allocation options increase the number of homes within the Borough, increasing the population and therefore the number of private vehicles on the road. This is likely to have adverse effects against this objective. However, all strategic site allocations meet growing need through appropriate highway mitigation measures. The draft policy states that development must be supported by sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services. In particular, development in this location is required to contribute towards improvements to the local and strategic highway network where they relate to this site, and also ensure the delivery of local traffic management measures that ensure safe accessibility to the site during the first phases of development, and contribute towards improvements towards cycling and public transport provision within the vicinity of the site in order to facilitate a modal shift towards active and sustainable transport modes.</p> <p>The preferred development allocation and reasonable alternative 2 are within easy walking distance of an excellent range of existing and planned local services and facilities. In addition, there are plans for improvements to cycling and public transport networks. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>

Policy H16 – Housing Development Site – Land East and South of Barn Hall, Wickford

Alternative 1: No Allocation.

Alternative 2: Only develop on the Area of Special Reserve not in the Green Belt. and therefore does offer a reasonable site to be considered for housing purposes. However, most of it also currently functions as the Barn Hall Recreation Ground and cannot be developed without replacement open space being secured from the Green Belt behind.

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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	A – Potential impact of development on natural and urban landscapes	+/-/?	0	+/?	<p>The Revised Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study states that the area has a medium capacity for residential development. The study states that there is opportunity for small scale low density residential development on the eastern side of the area on lower land adjacent to urban edge of Wickford, but no opportunity for large scale residential development due to high quality, good condition of landscape and strength of historic landscape features. The Outline Landscape Study of Potential Strategic Development Sites identifies potential for approximately 469 dwellings within the area. Draft policy H16 allocates land for 420 dwellings and a 10 pitch gypsy and traveller site. The draft policy states that landscaped buffers should be provided to the eastern boundary of the site and that these landscape buffers should be multi-functional. Therefore, this relatively large strategic site allocation is likely to only have a minor negative effect on this part of the objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 is to only develop the area of special reserve adjacent to the existing urban edge of Wickford and not located within the Green Belt, which would have less effects on the this objective and combined with the mitigation measures outlined in draft policy H16 a negligible effect overall.</p> <p>Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
	B - Potential impact of development on green spaces				<p>The preferred allocation and the alternative allocation outlined in option 2 contain the Barn Hall Recreation Ground; however, the draft policy requires the relocation of the Barn Hall Recreation Ground fully or partially within the Green Belt to the west of the site and provide new strategic open space for north Wickford, adding new connections to the Public Rights of Way to provide access to the River Crouch to the south. The relocation of these facilities has the potential to create new and improved facilities with minor positive effects on this objective. Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are</p>

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					known. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough		--/?	0	--/?	This strategic site allocation is located in HECZ 5.5: North-west of Wickford. The land within and around the site is highly sensitive to change with both key historic landscape and archaeological features. The preferred allocation and alternative allocation both partially contain archaeological priority areas. Therefore, both development options are likely to have a significant adverse effect on this objective. Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it		+/-/?	0	+/-/?	The areas allocated within both draft policy H16 and Alternative Option 2 are between 2.5km and 5km of Essex Estuaries (SAC) and Crouch & Roach Estuaries SPA and Ramsar. In addition, both the area allocated within policy H16 and Alternative Option 2 contains land designated as a Species Alert Area. The development proposed has the potential to have minor adverse effects; however, draft policy H16 states that development of this site must not cause harm to biodiversity, and in association with the landscaping proposals should seek to achieve a net gain in biodiversity overall. Furthermore, proposals for the site will be assessed against policy NE6 to ensure that this is the case. Therefore, overall, a mixed minor positive and minor negative effect is likely against this objective for both the allocated area under policy H16 and Alternative Option 2. Adverse effects are however uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration		+	0	0	New dwellings will accommodate new members of the local workforce, increasing demand for local goods and services with positive effects on the local economy generally. In isolation, the residential development of this development is not likely to generate positive effects on this objective in the long term; however draft policy H16 outlines plans for the provision of on-site/off-site for pre-school and primary school requirements and contributions towards additional GP services. This is likely to create long term jobs with minor positive effects on this objective in the long term. Alternative option 2 proposes only developing the Area of Special Reserve within the allocation,

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				<p>resulting in a significant reduction in the number of homes delivered within the allocation. This will reduce the need for new local services and facilities within and around the allocation, limiting the role of this alternative to generate long term jobs in the Borough. Therefore, this alternative is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+/?	0	+/?	<p>The draft policy and alternative option 2 would provide a moderate amount of residential development, increasing demand for town centre uses, goods and services. The allocation is to include essential community facilities and services; however, it is unlikely that these facilities will compete significantly with the town centre uses in Basildon. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely for this objective. This effect is uncertain until the details of the allocation are finalised.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+	0	+	<p>Draft policy H16 would deliver around 420 new homes and alternative option 2 would deliver approximately half this number in the area of special reserve. The draft policy states that the allocation will deliver sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services, including provision of on-site/off-site pre-school and primary school requirements. Essex County Council Education Authority has provided recommendations on how each Strategic Site should contribute to meeting the education needs they generate. Informed by the capacity of existing primary and secondary schools near the Strategic Sites, these recommendations have been incorporated in to the Plan. Given the relatively moderate size of the preferred allocation and the smaller size of alternative option 2, a minor positive effect is recorded on this objective for both options.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+	0	+	<p>Draft policy H16 plans to deliver 420 homes and a 10 pitch Gypsy and Traveller Site. This equates to less than 5% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, draft policy H9 is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 plans to provide roughly half the number of homes planned in H16 and a 10 pitch Gypsy and Traveller Site. This also represents less than 5% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, alternative option 2 is also likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p>

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				Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	++/?	0	++/?	<p>All of the site options are likely to have at least a minor positive effect on this objective as all cater for the needs of their residents by contributing to the provision of new healthcare facilities to support the growing population, or the expansion of existing facilities, as well as new green infrastructure including walking and cycle routes, which encourage more active lifestyles. However, the area allocated within the draft policy and alternative option 2 are within easy walking distance of several open spaces and formal open space, two GP surgeries and a local health centre. New local residents will be able to access these facilities and services as well as any new facilities. Furthermore, it may also be easier and more resource/cost efficient to expand and enhance these existing facilities to accommodate new residents as required. Therefore, overall, the draft policy and alternative option 2 are likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective; however, this effect is uncertain due to a lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand existing services.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	0	<p>The effects of strategic site allocations on safety, crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the inclusion of naturally surveyed open space and lighting or the implementation of initiatives such as the shared street. However, this will only be determined when the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known. The location of development is not likely to influence people's participation in community activities or the development of community spirit/civic pride or community organisations /activities. Proximity to existing community facilities is considered in objective 11. Therefore, the effects of strategic site allocations on this objective are considered to be negligible.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0	0	0	<p>The land allocated in this draft policy and the alternative location outlined in alternative option 2 is not located within an area which is considered to be below average on the indices of multiple deprivation. Therefore, the potential of the allocations to regenerate and renew the area is negligible.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>

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11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+/?	0	+/?	<p>This draft development allocation is located east and south of Barn Hall, Wickford. The railway runs to the south west of the site; however Wickford Train Station is within easy walking distance and would presumably provide a crossing point, offering pedestrian access to services located on the southern side of the railway. The site is within easy walking distance of several footpaths (one of which bisects the southern part of the site and may be lost during development), numerous bus stops, areas of open space, Alderney Gardens local centre, a primary school and 2 GPs and a local health centre. A large portion of the site is currently made-up of outdoor sports and recreation facilities which could be lost in the redevelopment of the site with adverse effects against this objective. However, there are plans relocate these facilities in policy H16. In addition new connections will be made to existing Public Rights of Way, with access being provided to the River Crouch. Preschool and primary facilities will also be provided, along with contributions towards the expansion of the existing GP facilities. Therefore, overall, this allocation is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 proposes to develop on the Area of Special Reserve which is not in the Green Belt and therefore offers a reasonable site to be considered for housing purposes. This alternative would reduce the size of site available to provide housing in the area, with an associated reduction in the new and improved facilities which would be provided. However taking into account the proximity of existing facilities a minor positive effect is still likely on this objective. This is uncertain due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	--/?	0	--/?	<p>Almost all the land allocated within the draft policy and alternative option 2 is designated as Grade 3 agricultural land (moderate to good agricultural land). Therefore, the development of these allocations will generate significant adverse effects against this objective; however, this effect is uncertain as the location of the Borough's Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land is unknown.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the	0	0	0	<p>Neither the area allocated within draft policy H16 or Alternative Option 2 are within flood zones 2 or 3 or cover Critical Drainage Areas. Only small proportions of the site areas are deemed to be susceptible to groundwater and surface water flooding. Draft policy H16 states that development on this site must not be at risk of inundation of surface water, and must not increase the risk of</p>

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natural environment flood events can bring				<p>surface water flooding to properties elsewhere. Furthermore, proposals for the site will be assessed against policy CC4 to ensure this is the case. Therefore, negligible effects are considered likely for the site allocated under policy H16 and Alternative Option 2.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+/?	0	+/?	<p>The close proximity of strategic site allocations to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions emitted from private cars.</p> <p>This draft development allocation is located within easy walking distance of a good range of planned and exist services and facilities. In addition new connections will be made to existing Public Rights of Way, with access being provided to the River Crouch. Therefore, overall, this allocation is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 proposes to develop on the Area of Special Reserve which is not in the Green Belt and therefore offers a reasonable site to be considered for housing purposes. This alternative would reduce the size of site available to provide housing in the area, with an associated reduction in the new and improved facilities which would be provided. However taking into account the proximity of existing facilities a minor positive effect is still likely on this objective. Again, this is uncertain due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+/?	0	+/?	<p>The close proximity of a strategic site allocation to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing air and noise pollution.</p> <p>This draft development allocation is located within easy walking distance of a good range of planned and exist services and facilities. In addition new connections will be made to existing Public Rights of Way, with access being provided to the River Crouch. Therefore, overall, this allocation is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>

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				<p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 proposes to develop on the Area of Special Reserve which is not in the Green Belt and therefore offers a reasonable site to be considered for housing purposes. This alternative would reduce the size of site available to provide housing in the area, with an associated reduction in the new and improved facilities which would be provided. However taking into account the proximity of existing facilities a minor positive effect is still likely on this objective. Again, this is uncertain due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	0	Draft policy H16 states that development within this allocation will be phased to align with any improvements required to accommodate growth within the drainage network or at the nearby Water Recycling Centre. The developers will need to engage with Anglian Water in this regard, and must work with them to deliver any capacity improvements required. The site does not sit on top of or in close proximity to any watercourses, aquifers or groundwater vulnerability zones. Therefore, draft policy H16 and alternative options 1 and 2 are likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	?	0	?	<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will ensure that the development is prepared for the impacts of climate change. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that H16 and option 2 will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	?	0	?	<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will influence the consumption of materials or resources, volumes of waste produced including the generation of hazardous waste, or the construction/demolition waste going to landfill. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that H16 and option 2 will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels	+/?	0	+/?	All housing allocation options increase the number of homes within the Borough, increasing the population and therefore the number of private vehicles on the road. This is likely to have

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by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations				<p>adverse effects against this objective. However, all strategic site allocations meet growing need through appropriate highway mitigation measures. The draft policy states that development must be supported by sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services. In particular, development in this location is required to contribute towards improvements to the local and strategic highway network where they relate to this site, and also ensure the delivery of local traffic management measures that ensure safe accessibility to the site during the first phases of development, and towards improvements towards cycling and public transport provision within the vicinity of the site in order to facilitate a modal shift towards active and sustainable transport modes.</p> <p>This draft development allocation is located within easy walking distance of a good range of planned and exist services and facilities. In addition new connections will be made to existing Public Rights of Way, with access being provided to the River Crouch. Therefore, overall, this allocation is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 proposes to develop on the Area of Special Reserve which is not in the Green Belt and therefore offers a reasonable site to be considered for housing purposes. This alternative would reduce the size of site available to provide housing in the area, with an associated reduction in the new and improved facilities which would be provided. However taking into account the proximity of existing facilities a minor positive effect is still likely on this objective. Again, this is uncertain due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>

Policy H17 – Housing Development Site – Land North of London Road, Wickford

Alternative 1: No Allocation.

Alternative 2: Also develop land to the north of the London Road and to the west of Sugden Avenue, providing a further 210 homes

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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	A – Potential impact of development on natural and urban landscapes	0/?	0	-/?	<p>The Revised Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study states that the area has a high capacity for residential development. The study states that there is opportunity for some vacant plots and paddocks to be infilled with small to medium scale residential development if the existing framework of mature trees and woodland are retained to provide a woodland setting and screen views from surrounding existing residential properties. The Outline Landscape Study of Potential Strategic Development Sites identifies potential for approximately 535 dwellings within the area. Draft policy H17 allocates land for around 250 dwellings. The draft policy states that landscaped buffers should be provided to the northern boundary. These landscape buffers should be multi-functional. Overall, combined with the mitigation measures outlined in draft policy H17, would result in a negligible effect on this part of the objective overall.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 proposes develop 460 homes within H18 and on land to the north increase the adverse effects of the development on this objective; however, the implementation of these site-based mitigation measures is likely to reduce any adverse effects on this part of the objective to minor negative. Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
	B - Potential impact of development on green spaces				
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough		--/?	0	--/?	<p>This strategic site allocation is located in HECZ 5.2: Ramsden Bellhouse and West Wickford. The below ground archaeological deposits, historic field pattern and plotland layout are highly sensitive to change. The preferred development allocation and its alternative location outlined in option 2 both lie within close proximity to a Grade II listed building. The relatively sensitive nature of the area combined with the relatively significant scale of the development suggests that both the</p>

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				<p>preferred and alternative development options are likely to have significant adverse effects on this objective. Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+/-/?	0	+/-/?	<p>The areas allocated within both draft policy H17 and Alternative Option 2 contain deciduous woodland which is designated as BAP priority habitat. Both areas also contain land designated as a Species Alert Area. The development proposed has the potential to have significant adverse effects; however, draft policy H17 states that development of this site must not cause harm to biodiversity, and in association with the landscaping proposals should seek to achieve a net gain in biodiversity overall. Furthermore, proposals for the site will be assessed against policy NE6 to ensure that this is the case.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a mixed minor positive and significant negative effect is likely against this objective for both the allocated area under policy H17 and Alternative Option 2. Adverse effects are however uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+	0	+	<p>New dwellings will accommodate new members of the local workforce, increasing demand for local goods and services with positive effects on the local economy generally. In isolation, the residential development of this development is not likely to generate positive effects on this objective in the long term; however draft policy H17 outlines plans for the provision of on-site/off-site for pre-school and primary school requirements and contributions towards additional GP services. Therefore policy H17 and the alternative allocation are likely to create long term jobs with minor positive effects on this objective in the long term.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related	+/?	0	+/?	<p>The draft policy and alternative option 2 would provide a moderate amount of residential development, increasing demand for town centre uses, goods and services. The allocation is to include essential community facilities and services; however, it is unlikely that these facilities will compete significantly with the town centre uses in Basildon. Therefore, a minor positive effect is</p>

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commercial development				likely for this objective. This effect is uncertain until the details of the allocation are finalised. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+	0	+	Draft policy H17 would deliver around 250 new homes and alternative option 2 would deliver approximately 460. The draft policy states that the allocation will deliver sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services, including provision of on-site/off-site pre-school and primary school requirements. Essex County Council Education Authority has provided recommendations on how each Strategic Site should contribute to meeting the education needs they generate. Informed by the capacity of existing primary and secondary schools near the Strategic Sites, these recommendations have been incorporated in to the Plan. Given the relatively moderate size of the preferred allocation and the smaller size of alternative option 2, a minor positive effect is recorded on this objective for both options. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+	0	+	Draft policy H17 plans to deliver roughly 250 homes. This equates to less than 5% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, this draft policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. Alternative Option 2 plans to provide approximately 460 homes. This also represents less than 5% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, alternative option 2 is also likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+	0	+	All of the site options are likely to have at least a minor positive effect on this objective as all cater for the needs of their residents by contributing to the provision of new healthcare facilities to support the growing population, or the expansion of existing facilities, as well as new green infrastructure including walking and cycle routes, which encourage more active lifestyles. While, the area allocated within the draft policy and alternative option 2 are within easy walking distance of a number of footpaths and areas of open space, the allocation options are not within easy walking distance of existing local health facilities. Therefore, new local residents are unlikely to significantly benefit from improvements to existing health facilities. Therefore, overall, the draft policy and alternative option 2 are only likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.

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				Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	0	<p>The effects of strategic site allocations on safety, crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the inclusion of naturally surveyed open space and lighting or the implementation of initiatives such as the shared street. However, this will only be determined when the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known. The location of development is not likely to influence people's participation in community activities or the development of community spirit/civic pride or community organisations /activities. Proximity to existing community facilities is considered in objective 11. Therefore, the effects of strategic site allocations on this objective are considered to be negligible.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0	0	0	<p>The land allocated in this draft policy and the alternative location outlined in alternative option 2 is not located within an area which is considered to be below average on the indices of multiple deprivation. Therefore, the potential of the allocations to regenerate and renew the area is negligible.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	-/?	0	-/?	<p>This draft development allocation is located north of London Road, Wickford. The developable area is within easy walking distance of a number of footpaths, areas of open space and numerous bus stops. In addition, the plans for the site include the provision of preschool and primary school facilities, improvement to the cycling and public transport links, and a contribution towards the expansion of existing health care facilities. However the site is not within walking distance to a town or local centre, any higher education facilities or existing health care facilities. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks to develop a similar sized plot of land in addition to the preferred allocation, which would lead to an increase in the number of new residential dwellings which would be provided, and a likely increase in the new and improved facilities and services which would be</p>

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				provided. However, this increase is not likely to alter the score.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	-	0	-	<p>Almost all the land designated within the draft policy is designated as Grade 3 agricultural land (moderate to good agricultural land). The rest is designated as urban land. Approximately 9% of the land allocated within alternative option 2 is designated as urban land. However, in both allocations, almost all the land is greenfield land. Therefore, both allocations are likely to have minor adverse effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	-	0	-	<p>Both areas allocated within draft policy H17 and Alternative Option 2 are within flood zone 2 areas, albeit that these zones cover less than 1% of the sites. In addition, the whole of both sites are on land susceptible to groundwater flooding, and portions of land are also susceptible to surface water flooding. While the proposed development has the potential to have a minor adverse effect on this objective, draft policy H17 states that development on this site must not be at risk of inundation of fluvial or surface water, and must not increase the risk of surface water flooding to properties elsewhere. Furthermore, proposals for the site will be assessed against policy CC4 to ensure this is the case. Overall, due to the presence of Flood Zone 2 within and directly adjacent to the site, a minor adverse effect is recorded for both development options on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	-/?	0	-/?	<p>The close proximity of strategic site allocations to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions emitted from private cars.</p> <p>This draft development allocation is within easy walking distance of a poor range of existing and planned local facilities and services. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks to develop a similar sized plot of land in addition to the preferred</p>

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				allocation, which would lead to an increase in the number of new residential dwellings which would be provided, and a likely increase in the new and improved facilities and services which would be provided. However, this increase is not likely to alter the score.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	-/?	0	-/?	<p>The close proximity of a strategic site allocation to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing air and noise pollution.</p> <p>This draft development allocation is located north of London Road, Wickford. The developable area comprises of two land parcels, and is within easy walking distance of a number of footpaths, areas of open space and numerous bus stops. In addition, the plans for the site include the provision of preschool and primary school facilities, improvement to the cycling and public transport links, and a contribution towards the expansion of existing health care facilities. However the site is not within walking distance to a town or local centre, any higher education facilities or existing health care facilities. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks to develop a similar sized plot of land in addition to the preferred allocation, which would lead to an increase in the number of new residential dwellings which would be provided, and a likely increase in the new and improved facilities and services which would be provided. However, this increase is not likely to alter the score.</p>
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	?	0	?	<p>Draft policy H17 states that development within this allocation will be phased to align with any improvements required to accommodate growth within the drainage network or at the nearby Water Recycling Centre. The developers will need to engage with Anglian Water in this regard, and must work with them to deliver any capacity improvements required. However, the River Crouch does flow close to the northern border of the site. Therefore, the construction of new development has the potential to pollute local water sources with minor adverse effects on this objective. However, this effect is recorded solely as uncertain, recognising that standard construction practices should mitigate such adverse effects.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the	?	0	?	The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will ensure that the development is prepared for the impacts of climate change. These will be determined

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Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change				through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that H17 and option 2 will have an uncertain effect on this objective. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	?	0	?	The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will influence the consumption of materials or resources, volumes of waste produced including the generation of hazardous waste, or the construction/demolition waste going to landfill. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that H17 and option 2 will have an uncertain effect on this objective. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	-/?	0	-/?	All housing allocation options increase the number of homes within the Borough, increasing the population and therefore the number of private vehicles on the road. This is likely to have adverse effects against this objective. However, all strategic site allocations meet growing need through appropriate highway mitigation measures. The draft policy states that development must be supported by sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services. In particular, development in this location is required to contribute towards improvements to the local and strategic highway network where they relate to these sites, and also ensure the delivery of local traffic management measures that ensure safe accessibility to these sites during the first phases of development, and towards cycling and public transport provision within the vicinity of these sites in order to facilitate a model shift towards active and sustainable transport modes. This draft development allocation is located north of London Road, Wickford. The developable area comprises of two land parcels, and is within easy walking distance of a number of footpaths, areas of open space and numerous bus stops. In addition, the plans for the site include the provision of preschool and primary school facilities, improvement to the cycling and public transport links, and a contribution towards the expansion of existing health care facilities. However the site is not within walking distance to a town or local centre, any higher education facilities or existing health care facilities. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in

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				<p>current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks to develop a similar sized plot of land in addition to the preferred allocation, which would lead to an increase in the number of new residential dwellings which would be provided, and a likely increase in the new and improved facilities and services which would be provided. However, this increase is not likely to alter the score.</p>

Policy H18 – Housing Development Site – Land South of London Road, Wickford

Alternative 1: No allocation due to the allocations contribution to the coalescence of Wickford with Crays Hill as set out in Core Strategy. This is not considered to be a reasonable alternative due to the fact that the concerns raised by the Core Strategy approach to PADCs have been addressed through more detailed evidence and mitigation proposals.

Alternative 2: Develop a larger area between Tudor Way and Ramsden View Road.

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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	A – Potential impact of development on natural and urban landscapes	-/?		-/?	<p>The Revised Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study states that the area has no to very low capacity for residential development due to its importance in preventing coalescence between Crays Hill and Wickford, and the strong character and condition of the landscape. The Outline Landscape Study of Potential Strategic Development Sites identifies potential for approximately 196 dwellings within the area. Draft policy H18 allocates land for 160 dwellings. The draft policy states that landscaped buffers should be provided to the eastern, southern and western boundaries of the site, and that these landscape buffers should be multi-functional. Therefore, this strategic site allocation is likely to only have a minor negative effect on this part of the objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 is to develop a larger area between Tudor Way and Ramsden View Road, which would significantly increase the adverse effects on this part of the objective.</p> <p>Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p>
	B - Potential impact of development on green spaces				<p>The preferred allocation and alternative allocation do not contain existing formal open green spaces. The draft policy states landscape buffers should be multi-functional delivering open spaces where appropriate. Therefore, both options are likely to have a negligible effect on this part of the objective. Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough		-/?		-/?	<p>This strategic site allocation is located in HECZ 5.4: Land West of Wickford. The below ground archaeological deposits and the structure of historic landscape are highly sensitive to change. The preferred development allocation and its alternative location outlined in option 2 both lie within close proximity to a Grade II listed building. The relatively sensitive nature of the area combined with the scale of the development suggests that both the preferred and alternative development options are likely to have significant adverse effects on this objective. Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known. Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p>

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3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+/-/?		+/-/?	<p>The areas allocated within both draft policy H18 and Alternative Option 2 are within 100m of deciduous woodland designated as BAP priority habitat. In addition, both areas also contain land designated as a Species Alert Area. The development proposed has the potential to have minor adverse effects; however, draft policy H18 states that development of this site must not cause harm to biodiversity, and in association with the landscaping proposals should seek to achieve a net gain in biodiversity overall. Furthermore, proposals for the site will be assessed against policy NE6 to ensure that this is the case.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a mixed minor positive and minor negative effect is likely against this objective for both the allocated area under policy H18 and Alternative Option 2. Adverse effects are however uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p>
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0		+	<p>New dwellings will accommodate new members of the local workforce, increasing demand for local goods and services with positive effects on the local economy generally. However, in isolation, the residential development and its associated new local services and facilities proposed within draft policy H18 are considered to have a negligible effect on this objective in the long term.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 proposes the development of a larger area between Tudor Way and Ramsden View Road. This will deliver more homes within the allocation, which will require more investment in local services and facilities, creating more jobs in the long term. Therefore, this alternative option is likely to generate minor positive effects on this objective.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+/?		+/?	<p>The draft policy and alternative option 2 would provide a moderate amount of residential development, increasing demand for town centre uses, goods and services. The allocation is to include essential community facilities and services; however, it is unlikely that these facilities will compete significantly with the town centre uses in Basildon. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely for this objective. This effect is uncertain until the details of the allocation are finalised.</p>
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+		+	<p>Draft policy H18 would deliver around 160 new homes and alternative option 2 would deliver more homes in a larger area between Tudor Way and Ramsden View Road. The draft policy states that the allocation will deliver sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services, including provision of on-site/off-site pre-school and primary school requirements. Essex County Council Education Authority has provided recommendations on how each Strategic Site should contribute to meeting the education needs they generate. Informed by the capacity of existing primary and secondary schools near the Strategic Sites, these recommendations have been incorporated in to the Plan. Given the relatively small size of the preferred allocation and the moderate size of</p>

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				alternative option 2, a minor positive effect is recorded on this objective for both options.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+		+	Draft policy H18 plans to deliver 160 homes. This equates to less than 5% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, this draft policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. Alternative Option 2 plans to provide more homes in a larger area between Tudor Way and Ramsden View Road. This is also likely to represent less than 5% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, alternative option 2 is also likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+		+	All of the site options are likely to have at least a minor positive effect on this objective as all cater for the needs of their residents by contributing to the provision of new healthcare facilities to support the growing population, or the expansion of existing facilities, as well as new green infrastructure including walking and cycle routes, which encourage more active lifestyles. While, the area allocated within the draft policy and alternative option 2 are within easy walking distance of a number of footpaths and areas of open space, the allocation options are not within easy walking distance of existing local health facilities. Therefore, new local residents are unlikely to significantly benefit from improvements to existing health facilities. Therefore, overall, the draft policy and alternative option 2 are only likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0		0	The effects of strategic site allocations on safety, crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the inclusion of naturally surveyed open space and lighting or the implementation of initiatives such as the shared street. However, this will only be determined when the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known. The location of development is not likely to influence people's participation in community activities or the development of community spirit/civic pride or community organisations /activities. Proximity to existing community facilities is considered in objective 11. Therefore, the effects of strategic site allocations on this objective are considered to be negligible.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0		0	The land allocated in this draft policy is not located within an area which is considered to be below average on the indices of multiple deprivation. Therefore, the potential of the allocation to regenerate and renew the area is negligible.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	-/?		-/?	This draft development allocation is located to the south of London Road, Wickford. The site is within easy walking distance of several footpaths, a number of bus stops, areas of open space, a primary school and a secondary school. In addition, the plans for the site include the provision preschool and primary school facilities, improvements towards cycling and public transport links,

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				<p>and contribution towards the expansion of existing healthcare facilities. However the site is not within easy walking distance of a town or local centre, or any existing healthcare facilities. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks to develop a larger area between Tudor Way and Ramsden View Road, which would suggest the possibility of a larger number of new residential dwellings and the possibility of more extensive improvements and provisions of new facilities and services. However expanding this site to the west may further isolate the new development from existing facilities and services. In addition a town or local centre would still not be within easy walking distance. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	-		--/?	<p>Approximately 30% of the land allocated within the draft policy is designated as Grade 3 agricultural land (moderate to good agricultural land). The rest is designated as urban land. However, almost all the land is greenfield land. Therefore, the preferred allocation is likely to have minor adverse effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 is to develop a larger area between Tudor Way and Ramsden View Road, land which is largely designated as Grade 3 agricultural land. Therefore, this reasonable alternative is likely to generate a significant adverse effect against this objective; however, this effect is uncertain as the location of the Borough's Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land is unknown.</p>
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0		0	<p>Neither the area allocated within draft policy H18 or Alternative Option 2 are within flood zone 2 or 3 areas, however approximately 70% of the site area allocated within policy H15 and Alternative Option 2 is susceptible to groundwater flooding. While the proposed development has the potential to have a minor adverse effect on this objective, draft policy H18 states that development on this site must not be at risk of inundation of surface water, and must not increase the risk of surface water flooding to properties elsewhere. Furthermore, proposals for the site will be assessed against policy CC4 to ensure this is the case. Therefore, negligible effects are considered likely for the site allocated under policy H18 and Alternative Option 2.</p>
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings	-/?		-/?	<p>The close proximity of strategic site allocations to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions emitted from private cars.</p> <p>The preferred development allocation and reasonable alternative 2 are located within easy walking distance of a poor range of existing and planned local facilities and services. While there are plans</p>

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and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels				for the site to include improvements towards cycling and public transport links, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	-/?		-/?	<p>The close proximity of a strategic site allocation to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing air and noise pollution.</p> <p>The preferred development allocation and reasonable alternative 2 are located within easy walking distance of a poor range of existing and planned local facilities and services. While there are plans for the site to include improvements towards cycling and public transport links, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	?		?	Draft policy H18 states that development within this allocation will be phased to align with any improvements required to accommodate growth within the drainage network or at the nearby Water Recycling Centre. The developers will need to engage with Anglian Water in this regard, and must work with them to deliver any capacity improvements required. However, a portion of the site sits on top of an aquifer. Therefore, the construction of new development has the potential to pollute local water sources with minor adverse effects on this objective. However, this effect is recorded solely as uncertain, recognising that standard construction practices should mitigate such adverse effects.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	?		?	The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will ensure that the development is prepared for the impacts of climate change. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that H18 and option 2 will have an uncertain effect on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	?		?	The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will influence the consumption of materials or resources, volumes of waste produced including the generation of hazardous waste, or the construction/demolition waste going to landfill. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that H18 and option 2 will have an uncertain effect on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels	-/?		-/?	All housing allocation options increase the number of homes within the Borough, increasing the population and therefore the number of private vehicles on the road. This is likely to have adverse effects against this objective. However, all strategic site allocations meet growing need

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by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations				<p>through appropriate highway mitigation measures. The draft policy states that development must be supported by sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services. In particular, development in this location is required to contribute towards improvements to the local and strategic highway network where they relate to this site, and also ensure the delivery of local traffic management measures that ensure safe accessibility to the site during the first phases of development, and towards improvements to cycling and public transport provision within the vicinity of the site in order to facilitate a model shift towards active and sustainable transport modes.</p> <p>The preferred development allocation and reasonable alternative 2 are located within easy walking distance of a poor range of existing and planned local facilities and services. While there are plans for the site to include improvements towards cycling and public transport links, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>

Policy H19 – Housing Development Site – Land North of Potash Road, Billericay

Alternative 1: No Allocation.

Alternative 2: Develop a larger area with 380 homes.

Alternative 3: Alternative allocation to the east of Stock Road.

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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	A – Potential impact of development on natural and urban landscapes	0/?	0	-/?	--/?	<p>The Revised Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study states that the area has a medium capacity for residential development. It also states that there are limited opportunities for residential development, equal to a few individual units or very small developments. The Outline Landscape Study of Potential Strategic Development Sites identifies potential for approximately 366 dwellings within the area. Draft policy H19 allocates land for 150 dwellings. The draft policy states that landscaped buffers should be provided to the eastern boundary of the site, and that where possible these should be multi-functional. Therefore, this strategic site allocation, combined with the mitigation measures outlined in the draft policy, is likely to have a negligible effect on this part of the objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 outlines plans to develop a larger area with 380 homes, which is similar to the area identified as being appropriate for development in the landscape study. Combined with the mitigation measures outlined in the draft policy, this alternative allocation is likely to have a minor adverse effect on this part of the objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 3 outlines an alternative location for the development outlined in draft policy H19. The Revised Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study states that the area has a low capacity for residential development. However, the study does state that there is some opportunity for small scale residential development on the grass field north of Queen's Park Avenue between the Country Park woodland and Stock Brook Golf and Country Club. The Outline Landscape Study of Potential Strategic Development Sites identifies potential for approximately 77 dwellings within the area. This alternative allocation allocates land for 150 dwellings. Therefore, this strategic site allocation is likely to have a significant negative effect on this part of the objective.</p> <p>Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>

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B - Potential impact of development on green spaces						<p>The preferred allocation and alternative allocation 2 do not contain existing formal open green spaces. The draft policy states landscape buffers should be multi-functional delivering open spaces where appropriate. Therefore, both options are likely to have a negligible effect on this part of the objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 3 proposes a new location for the development outlined in draft policy H19. However, this location partially contains land associated with the Stock Brook Manor Country Club, a local outdoor sports facility. Therefore, this development option is likely to have significant negative effect on this part of the objective.</p> <p>Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough		-/?	0	-/?	--/?	<p>Alternative option 3 proposes a new location for the development outlined in draft policy H19. This alternative site contains a Grade II listed building and partially contains an archaeology priority area. This alternative option is located in HECZ 1.3: West of Billericay. The land within and around the site is considered to have a low capacity for development and the historic characteristics of this rural landscape are sensitive to development change. Furthermore, the site falls partially within an archaeology priority area. Therefore, this alternative development allocation is considered to have significant adverse effect on this objective.</p> <p>The preferred development allocation and alternative option 2 are located in HECZ 4.6: Land to the North East of Billericay. The land within and around the site has only limited opportunity for residential development, equal to a few individual units or very small developments. The historic characteristics of this rural landscape are sensitive to development change. The preferred development allocation and alternative option 2 are located within 500m of the Grade II listed building within alternative option 3; however, development within these sites is not likely to impact upon its setting. In addition, the preferred development allocation and alternative option 2 are within 500m of the multi-period Scheduled Monument at Norsey Wood; however, there is a significant area of residential development between these allocation options and the wood; therefore, neither allocation is considered to have an effect on this scheduled monument. Overall, these strategic allocations are only likely to have a minor adverse effect on this objective.</p> <p>Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p>

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					Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+/-/?	0	+/- -/?	+/- /?	<p>The area allocated within draft policy H19 and Alternative Option 2 is within 1km of Norsey Wood SSSI. Both areas contain land which is designated as Forty Acre Plantation LWS and deciduous woodland, which is a BAP priority habitat, as well as a Species Alert Area. The development proposed has the potential to have significant adverse effects; however, draft policy H19 states that development of this site must not cause harm to biodiversity, and in association with the landscaping proposals should seek to achieve a net gain in biodiversity overall. Furthermore, proposals for the site will be assessed against policy NE6 to ensure that this is the case. A mixed minor positive and significant negative effect is likely against this objective for both the allocated area under policy H19 and Alternative Option 2. Adverse effects are however uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>The area allocated for Alternative option 3 is within 1-2km of Norsey Wood SSSI and contains land designated as Queens Park Country (LWS) and a Species Alert Area. The development proposed for alternative option 3 also has the potential to have significant adverse effects; however, draft policy H19 states that development of this site must not cause harm to biodiversity, and in association with the landscaping proposals should seek to achieve a net gain in biodiversity overall. Furthermore, proposals for the site will be assessed against policy NE6 to ensure that this is the case. A mixed minor positive and significant negative effect is. Adverse effects are however uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0	0	+	0	<p>New dwellings will accommodate new members of the local workforce, increasing demand for local goods and services with positive effects on the local economy generally. However, in isolation, the residential development and its associated new local services and facilities proposed within draft policy H19 and alternative option 3 are considered to have a negligible effect on this objective in the long term.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 proposes the development of a larger area with 380 homes. This will deliver more homes within the allocation, which will require more investment in local services and facilities, creating more jobs in the long term. Therefore, this alternative option is likely to</p>

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					generate minor positive effects on this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+/?	0	+/?	+/?	<p>The draft policy and alternative options 2 and 3 would provide a moderate amount of residential development, increasing demand for town centre uses, goods and services. The allocation is to include essential community facilities and services; however, it is unlikely that these facilities will compete significantly with the town centre uses in Basildon. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely for this objective. This effect is uncertain until the details of the allocation are finalised.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+	0	+	+	<p>Draft policy H19 would deliver around 150 new homes, alternative option 2 would deliver 380 homes and alternative option 3, 300 homes. The draft policy states that the allocation will deliver sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services, including provision of on-site/off-site pre-school and primary school requirements. Essex County Council Education Authority has provided recommendations on how each Strategic Site should contribute to meeting the education needs they generate. Informed by the capacity of existing primary and secondary schools near the Strategic Sites, these recommendations have been incorporated in to the Plan. Given the relatively small size of the preferred allocation and the moderate size of alternative options 2 and 3, a minor positive effect is recorded on this objective for both options.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+	0	+	+	<p>Draft policy H19 plans to deliver 150 homes. This equates to less than 5% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, this draft policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 plans to provide 380 homes, 230 units more than Policy H19. This also represents less than 5% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, alternative option 2 is also likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 plans to provide 300 homes, 80 units less than alternative option 2. This also represents less than 5% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, alternative option 3 is also likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>

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8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+	0	+	+	<p>All of the site options are likely to have at least a minor positive effect on this objective as all cater for the needs of their residents by contributing to the provision of new healthcare facilities to support the growing population, or the expansion of existing facilities, as well as new green infrastructure including walking and cycle routes, which encourage more active lifestyles. While, the areas allocated within the draft policy and alternative options 2 and 3 are within easy walking distance of a number of footpaths and areas of open space, the allocation options are not within easy walking distance of existing local health facilities. Therefore, new local residents are unlikely to significantly benefit from improvements to existing health facilities. Therefore, overall, the draft policy and alternative option 2 are only likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	0	0	<p>The effects of strategic site allocations on safety, crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the inclusion of naturally surveyed open space and lighting or the implementation of initiatives such as the shared street. However, this will only be determined when the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known. The location of development is not likely to influence people's participation in community activities or the development of community spirit/civic pride or community organisations /activities. Proximity to existing community facilities is considered in objective 11. Therefore, the effects of strategic site allocations on this objective are considered to be negligible.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0	0	0	+	<p>The land allocated in this draft policy and alternative location 2 is not located within an area which is considered to be below average on the indices of multiple deprivation. Therefore, the potential of these allocations to regenerate and renew the area is negligible. However, the land allocated within alternative option 3 is partially within an area which is considered to be below average on the indices of multiple deprivation. Therefore, this option has the potential to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and	-/?	0	-/?	-/?	<p>This draft development allocation is located north of Potash Road, Billericay. The site is within easy walking distance of several footpaths, numerous bus stops, and areas of open space. In addition, the plans for the site include the provision of preschool and primary school facilities,</p>

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facilities					<p>contribution towards the expansion of healthcare facilities, and the improvement of cycle and public transport links. However the site is not within easy walking distance of a town or local centre, or any existing healthcare or education facilities. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks to develop a larger area resulting in the provision of a larger number of residential dwellings. This could also result in the provision of a greater number of new services and facilities. However the site is not within easy walking distance to a town or local centre, therefore overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 seeks to develop an alternative site to the east of Stock Road. The site is within easy walking distance of several footpaths (one of which bisects the site and may be lost during development), numerous bus stops, areas of open space and two primary schools. However a large portion of the site is currently made-up of Stock Brook Manor Country Club which may be lost in the redevelopment with adverse effects against this objective. In addition the site is not within easy walking distance of a town or local centre, or any existing healthcare facilities; therefore overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	--/?	0	--/?	--/?	<p>Almost all the land allocated with draft policy H19 and in its reasonable alternative allocations is designated as Grade 3 agricultural land (moderate to good agricultural land). Therefore, the development of the allocations will generate significant adverse effects against this objective; however, this effect is uncertain as the location of the Borough's Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land is unknown.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to	-	0	-	0	The areas allocated within draft policy H19 and Alternative Options 2 and 3 are in areas which are susceptible to groundwater flooding. This is the case for approximately 50% of the area allocated

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public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring					<p>under policy H19 and Alternative Option 2 and 80% of the area allocated under Alternative Option 3. In addition the south western third of the site allocated under policy H19 sits on top of Critical Drainage Area BAS3. While the proposed development has the potential to have a minor adverse effect on this objective, draft policy H19 states that development on this site must not be at risk of inundation of surface water, and must not increase the risk of surface water flooding to properties elsewhere in the Critical Drainage Area. Furthermore, proposals for the site will be assessed against policy CC4 to ensure this is the case. However, overall increasing the area of impermeable surfaces within critical drainage areas is likely to have minor adverse effects on this objective.</p> <p>As the alternative location outlined in option 3 is not on top of a critical drainage area, a negligible effect is recorded for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	-/?	0	-/?	-/?	<p>The close proximity of strategic site allocations to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions emitted from private cars.</p> <p>This preferred development allocation and alternative option 2 are within easy walking distance of a poor range of existing and planned local facilities and services. While there are plans to improve cycle and public transport links, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 seeks to develop an alternative site to the east of Stock Road. This allocation is within easy walking of a poor range of existing and planned local facilities and services. Furthermore, a large portion of the site is currently made-up of Stock Brook Manor Country Club which may be lost in the redevelopment with adverse effects against this objective. While there are plans to improve cycle and public transport links, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their	-/?	0	-/?	-/?	<p>The close proximity of a strategic site allocation to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing air and noise pollution.</p>

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respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures					<p>This preferred development allocation and alternative option 2 are within easy walking distance of a poor range of existing and planned local facilities and services. While there are plans to improve cycle and public transport links, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 seeks to develop an alternative site to the east of Stock Road. This allocation is within easy walking of a poor range of existing and planned local facilities and services. Furthermore, a large portion of the site is currently made-up of Stock Brook Manor Country Club which may be lost in the redevelopment with adverse effects against this objective. While there are plans to improve cycle and public transport links, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 seeks to develop an alternative site to the east of Stock Road. The site is within easy walking distance of several footpaths (one of which bisects the site and may be lost during development), numerous bus stops, areas of open space and two primary schools. However a large portion of the site is currently made-up of Stock Brook Manor Country Club which may be lost in the redevelopment with adverse effects against this objective. In addition the site is not within easy walking distance of a town or local centre, or any existing healthcare facilities; therefore overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	?	0	?	?	<p>The draft policy states that development within this allocation will be phased to align with any improvements required to accommodate growth within the drainage network or at nearby Water Recycling Centre. The developers will need to engage with Anglian Water in this regard, and must work with them to deliver any capacity improvements required. However, the majority of the sites sits on top of an aquifer designated as a Groundwater Vulnerability Zone. Therefore, the construction of new development has the potential to pollute local water sources with minor adverse effects on this objective. However, this effect is recorded solely as uncertain, recognising that standard construction practices should mitigate such adverse effects.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>

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17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	?	0	?	?	<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will ensure that the development is prepared for the impacts of climate change. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that H19 and options 2 and 3 will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	?	0	?	?	<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will influence the consumption of materials or resources, volumes of waste produced including the generation of hazardous waste, or the construction/demolition waste going to landfill. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that H19 and options 2 and 3 will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	-/?	0	-/?	-/?	<p>All housing allocation options increase the number of homes within the Borough, increasing the population and therefore the number of private vehicles on the road. This is likely to have adverse effects against this objective. However, all strategic site allocations meet growing need through appropriate highway mitigation measures. The draft policy states that development must be supported by sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services. In particular, development in this location is required to contribute towards improvements to the local and strategic highway network where they relate to this site, and also ensure the delivery of local traffic management measures that ensure safe accessibility to the site during the first phases of development, and contribute towards improvements towards cycling and public transport provision within the vicinity of the site in order to facilitate a modal shift towards active and sustainable transport modes.</p> <p>This preferred development allocation and alternative option 2 are within easy walking distance of a poor range of existing and planned local facilities and services. While there are plans to improve cycle and public transport links, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in</p>

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					<p>current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 seeks to develop an alternative site to the east of Stock Road. This allocation is within easy walking of a poor range of existing and planned local facilities and services. Furthermore, a large portion of the site is currently made-up of Stock Brook Manor Country Club which may be lost in the redevelopment with adverse effects against this objective. While there are plans to improve cycle and public transport links, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 seeks to develop an alternative site to the east of Stock Road. The site is within easy walking distance of several footpaths (one of which bisects the site and may be lost during development), numerous bus stops, areas of open space and two primary schools. However a large portion of the site is currently made-up of Stock Brook Manor Country Club which may be lost in the redevelopment with adverse effects against this objective. In addition the site is not within easy walking distance of a town or local centre, or any existing healthcare facilities; therefore overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>

Policy H20 – Housing Development Site – Land West of Tye Common Lane, Billericay

Alternative 1: No Allocation.

Alternative 2: Developing a larger area with 360 homes. This is not considered to be a reasonable alternative due to the increases in impact on the surrounding landscape and neighbourhood in terms of traffic generation.

Alternative 3: Alternative location at Salmon and Richdan Farm.

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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	A – Potential impact of development on natural and urban landscapes	-/?	0		-/?	<p>The Revised Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study states that the area has a low capacity for residential development. However, the study does state that there is some opportunity to extend residential development from Tye Common Road to the west if an open space buffer is created to soften the already intrusive urban edge. The Outline Landscape Study of Potential Strategic Development Sites identifies potential for approximately 196 dwellings within the area. Draft policy H20 allocates land for 160 dwellings. The draft policy states that the development should contain landscaped buffers to the eastern, western and southern boundaries of the site, and that these landscape buffers should be multi-functional. Therefore, this strategic site allocation, combined with the mitigation measures outlined in the draft policy, is likely to only have a minor negative effect on this part of the objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 3 outlines an alternative location for the development described with draft policy H20. The Revised Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study states that the area has no/very low capacity for residential development as it would likely intrude on the Little Burstead Conservation Area and affect the separation between Little Burstead and Billericay. The Outline Landscape Study of Potential Strategic Development Sites states that there is no potential for development. Therefore, this alternative allocation is likely to have a significant negative effect on this part of the objective.</p> <p>Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
	B - Potential impact of development on green spaces					<p>The preferred allocation and alternative allocation do not contain existing formal open green spaces. The draft policy states landscape buffers should be multi-functional delivering open spaces where appropriate. Therefore, both options are likely to have a negligible effect on this part of the objective. Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p>

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					Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0/?	0		-/?	<p>The preferred development allocation is located in HECZ 1.3: West of Billericay. The land within and around the site is considered to have a low capacity for development and the historic characteristics of this rural landscape are sensitive to development change. However, there is some opportunity to extend residential development from Tye Common Road to the west if an open space buffer is created to soften the already intrusive urban edge. Therefore, the land within this allocation is considered to be of limited sensitivity. As there are no heritage assets within and within close proximity to this development allocation it is considered to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 3 proposes a new location for the development outlined in draft policy H20, which is located in HECZ 1.3: West of Billericay. The land within and around the site is considered to have no/very low capacity for development as it would likely intrude on the Little Burstead Conservation Area. Furthermore, the site sits wholly within an archaeology priority area. Therefore this alternative allocation is considered to be highly sensitive to development change. This alternative site contains a Grade II listed building and an archaeology priority area. In addition the site is within close proximity to the Little Burstead Conservation Area which contains the Grade II* Stockwell Hall. Therefore, this alternative allocation is considered to have a significant adverse effect on this objective.</p> <p>Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+/-/?	0		+/--/?	<p>The area allocated within draft policy H20 is within 1-2km of Norsey Wood SSSI and Mill Meadows SSSI. The area also contains land designated as a Species Alert Area. The development proposed has the potential to have minor adverse effects; however, draft policy H20 states that development of this site must not cause harm to biodiversity, and in association with the landscaping proposals should seek to achieve a net gain in biodiversity overall. Furthermore, proposals for the site will be assessed against policy NE6 to ensure that this is the case. Overall a mixed minor positive and minor negative effect is likely against this objective for the allocated area under policy H20.</p> <p>The area allocated under Alternative Option 3 is within 1-2km of Norsey Wood SSSI and contains</p>

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					land designated as deciduous woodland, which is a BAP priority habitat, and a Species Alert Area. In addition, Little Burstead Common LWS is within 100m of this area. The development proposed has the potential to have significant adverse effects; however, draft policy H20 states that development of this site must not cause harm to biodiversity, and in association with the landscaping proposals should seek to achieve a net gain in biodiversity overall. Furthermore, proposals for the site will be assessed against policy NE6 to ensure that this is the case. Overall a mixed minor positive and significant negative effect is likely against this objective for the allocated area under Alternative Option 3. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0	0		0	New dwellings will accommodate new members of the local workforce, increasing demand for local goods and services with positive effects on the local economy generally. However, in isolation, the residential development and its associated new local services and facilities proposed within draft policy H20 and alternative option 3 are considered to have a negligible effect on this objective in the long term. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+/?	0		+/?	The draft policy and alternative option 3 would provide a moderate amount of residential development, increasing demand for town centre uses, goods and services. The allocation is to include essential community facilities and services; however, it is unlikely that these facilities will compete significantly with the town centre uses in Basildon. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely for this objective. This effect is uncertain until the details of the allocation are finalised. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+	0		+	Draft policy H20 and the alternative location outlined in alternative option 3 would deliver around 160 new homes. The draft policy states that the allocation will deliver sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services, including provision of on-site/off-site pre-school and primary school requirements. Essex County Council Education Authority has provided recommendations on how each Strategic Site should contribute to meeting the education needs they generate. Informed by the capacity of existing primary and secondary schools near the Strategic Sites, these recommendations have been incorporated in to the Plan. Given the relatively small size of the preferred allocation and alternative option 3, a minor positive effect is recorded on this

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					<p>objective for both options.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+	0		+	<p>Draft policy H20 and alternative option 3 plan to deliver 160 homes. This equates to less than 5% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, the draft policy and alternative option 3 are likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	++/?	0		+	<p>All of the site options are likely to have at least a minor positive effect on this objective as all cater for the needs of their residents by contributing to the provision of new healthcare facilities to support the growing population, or the expansion of existing facilities, as well as new green infrastructure including walking and cycle routes, which encourage more active lifestyles.</p> <p>The area allocated within the draft policy is within easy walking distance of a number of footpaths and Billericay Community Hospital. New local residents will be able to access these facilities and services as well as any new facilities. Furthermore, it may also be easier and more resource/cost efficient to expand and enhance these existing facilities to accommodate new residents as required. Therefore, overall, the draft policy is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective; however, this effect is uncertain due to a lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand existing services.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 is within easy walking distance of various footpaths and open spaces; however, there is no local health facility within easy walking distance. Therefore, new local residents are unlikely to significantly benefit from improvements to existing health facilities. Therefore, overall, the draft policy and alternative option 2 are only likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0		0	<p>The effects of strategic site allocations on safety, crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the inclusion of naturally surveyed open space and lighting or the implementation of initiatives such as the shared street. However, this will only be determined when the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known. The location of development is not likely to influence people's participation in community activities or the development of community spirit/civic pride or community organisations /activities. Proximity to existing community facilities</p>

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					is considered in objective 11. Therefore, the effects of strategic site allocations on this objective are considered to be negligible. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0	0		0	The land allocated in this draft policy and the alternative location outlined in alternative option 3 is not located within an area which is considered to be below average on the indices of multiple deprivation. Therefore, the potential of these allocations to regenerate and renew the area is negligible. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+/?	0		-/?	This draft development allocation is located west of Tye Common Road, Billericay. The site is within easy walking distance of a number of footpaths, numerous bus stops, Western Road local centre, two primary schools and Billericay Community Hospital. In addition, the plans for the site include the provision of preschool and primary school facilities, contribution towards additional GP services, and contribution towards improvement of current cycle and public transport links. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective. Alternative Option 3 seeks to develop an alternative location at Salmon and Richdan Farm. This site, though still in easy walking distance from various footpaths, bus stops and areas of open space, is more isolated than the original H20 site. As it is not within easy walking distance to a town or local centre this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	--/?	0		--/?	All the land allocated with draft policy H20 and in its reasonable alternative allocation is designated as Grade 3 agricultural land (moderate to good agricultural land). Therefore, the development of the allocations will generate significant adverse effects against this objective; however, this effect is uncertain as the location of the Borough's Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land is unknown. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in

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					current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0		0	<p>The area allocated within draft policy H20 and Alternative Option 3 is wholly susceptible to groundwater flooding. While the proposed development has the potential to have a minor adverse effect on this objective, draft policy H20 states that development on this site must not be at risk of inundation of surface water, and must not increase the risk of surface water flooding to properties elsewhere. Furthermore, proposals for the site will be assessed against policy CC4 to ensure this is the case. Therefore, negligible effects are considered likely for the site allocated under policy H20 and Alternative Option 3.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+/?	0		-/?	<p>The close proximity of strategic site allocations to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions emitted from private cars.</p> <p>The preferred development allocation is within easy walking distance of a good range of planned and existing facilities and services and would contribute towards improvement of current cycle and public transport links. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 seeks to develop an alternative location at Salmon and Richdan Farm. This alternative allocation is within easy walking distance of a poorer range of existing and planned local facilities and services. Therefore, is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+/?	0		-/?	<p>The close proximity of a strategic site allocation to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing air and noise pollution.</p> <p>The preferred development allocation is within easy walking distance of a good range of planned and existing facilities and services and would contribute towards improvement of current cycle and public transport links. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about</p>

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					<p>capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 seeks to develop an alternative location at Salmon and Richdan Farm. This alternative allocation is within easy walking distance of a poorer range of existing and planned local facilities and services. Therefore, is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	?	0		?	<p>The draft policy states that development within this allocation will be phased to align with any improvements required to accommodate growth within the drainage network or at nearby Water Recycling Centre. The developers will need to engage with Anglian Water in this regard, and must work with them to deliver any capacity improvements required. However, the majority of the sites sits on top of an aquifer designated as a Groundwater Vulnerability Zone. Therefore, the construction of new development has the potential to pollute local water sources with minor adverse effects on this objective. However, this effect is recorded solely as uncertain, recognising that standard construction practices should mitigate such adverse effects.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	?	0		?	<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will ensure that the development is prepared for the impacts of climate change. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that H20 and option 3 will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	?	0		?	<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will influence the consumption of materials or resources, volumes of waste produced including the generation of hazardous waste, or the construction/demolition waste going to landfill. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that H20 and option 3 will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in</p>

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					current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+/?	0		-/?	<p>All housing allocation options increase the number of homes within the Borough, increasing the population and therefore the number of private vehicles on the road. This is likely to have adverse effects against this objective. However, all strategic site allocations meet growing need through appropriate highway mitigation measures. The draft policy states that development must be supported by sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services. In particular, development in this location is required to contribute towards improvements to the local and strategic highway network where they relate to this site, and also ensure the delivery of local traffic management measures that ensure safe accessibility to the site during the first phases of development, and contribute towards improvements to cycling and public transport provision within the vicinity of the site in order to facilitate a modal shift towards active and sustainable transport modes.</p> <p>The preferred development allocation is within easy walking distance of a good range of planned and existing facilities and services and would contribute towards improvement of current cycle and public transport links. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 seeks to develop an alternative location at Salmon and Richdan Farm. This alternative allocation is within easy walking distance of a poorer range of existing and planned local facilities and services. Therefore, is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>

Policy H21 – Housing Development Site – Land South of London Road, Billericay

Alternative 1: No Allocation.

Alternative 2: Develop a larger area with 360 homes.

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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	A – Potential impact of development on natural and urban landscapes	-/?	0	-/?	<p>The Revised Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study states that the area has a high capacity for residential development with opportunities for small scale residential development in enclosed fields west of Heath Close and Western View. The Outline Landscape Study of Potential Strategic Development Sites identifies potential for approximately 203 dwellings within the area. Draft policy H21 allocates land for 180 dwellings. The draft policy states that the development should contain landscaped buffers to the western boundary of the site and that the buffer should be multi-functional. Therefore, this strategic site allocation is likely to only have a minor negative effect on this part of the objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 is to develop a large area with 360 homes. This is likely to have more significant adverse effect on this objective.</p> <p>Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
	B - Potential impact of development on green spaces				<p>The preferred allocation and its reasonable alternative contain the Billericay Tennis Club. Their development will result in the loss of the local open space with adverse effects on this objective; however, these adverse effects are only considered to be minor due to the fact that vast majority of the club is made-up of hardstanding rather than open green space. The draft policy states that landscaped buffers should be multifunctional incorporating new open spaces where appropriate. Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough		0/?	0	0/?	<p>This strategic site allocation is located in HECZ 1.3: West of Billericay. The land within and around the site is considered to have a high capacity for development for residential development with opportunities for small scale residential development in enclosed fields west of Heath Close and Western View. Such development is not likely to effect the historic characteristics of the surrounding rural landscape. Therefore, the land within this allocation and its alternative (option 2) are considered to be of limited sensitivity with negligible effects on this objective. Such effects</p>

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				<p>are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+/-/?	0	+/-/?	<p>The area allocated within draft policy H21 and Alternative Option 2 is within 1-2km of Norsey Wood SSSI and Mill Meadows SSSI and contains land designated as a Species Alert Area. The development proposed has the potential to have minor adverse effects; however, draft policy H21 states that development of this site must not cause harm to biodiversity, and in association with the landscaping proposals should seek to achieve a net gain in biodiversity overall. Furthermore, proposals for the site will be assessed against policy NE6 to ensure that this is the case. A mixed minor positive and minor negative effect is likely against this objective for both the allocated area under policy H21 and Alternative Option 2. Adverse effects are however uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0	0	+	<p>New dwellings will accommodate new members of the local workforce, increasing demand for local goods and services with positive effects on the local economy generally. However, in isolation, the residential development and its associated new local services and facilities proposed within draft policy H21 are considered to have a negligible effect on this objective in the long term.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 proposes the development of a larger area with 360 homes. This will deliver more homes within the allocation, which will require more investment in local services and facilities, creating more jobs in the long term. Therefore, this alternative option is likely to generate minor positive effects on this objective.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+/?	0	+/?	<p>The draft policy and alternative option 2 would provide a moderate amount of residential development, increasing demand for town centre uses, goods and services. The allocation is to include essential community facilities and services; however, it is unlikely that these facilities will compete significantly with the town centre uses in Basildon. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely for this objective. This effect is uncertain until the details of the allocation are finalised.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>

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6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+	0	+	<p>Draft policy H21 would deliver around 180 new homes and alternative option 2 would deliver around 360 homes. The draft policy states that the allocation will deliver sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services, including provision of on-site/off-site pre-school and primary school requirements. Essex County Council Education Authority has provided recommendations on how each Strategic Site should contribute to meeting the education needs they generate. Informed by the capacity of existing primary and secondary schools near the Strategic Sites, these recommendations have been incorporated in to the Plan. Given the relatively small size of the preferred allocation and the moderate size of alternative option 2, a minor positive effect is recorded on this objective for both options.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+	0	+	<p>Draft policy H21 plans to deliver 180 homes. This equates to less than 5% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, draft policy H21 is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 plans to provide 360 homes. This also represents less than 5% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, alternative option 2 is also likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	++/?	0	++/?	<p>All of the site options are likely to have at least a minor positive effect on this objective as all cater for the needs of their residents by contributing to the provision of new healthcare facilities to support the growing population, or the expansion of existing facilities, as well as new green infrastructure including walking and cycle routes, which encourage more active lifestyles. The areas allocated within the draft policy and alternative option 2 are within easy walking distance of a number of footpaths and Billericay Community Hospital. New local residents will be able to access these facilities and services as well as any new facilities. Furthermore, it may also be easier and more resource/cost efficient to expand and enhance these existing facilities to accommodate new residents as required. Therefore, overall, the draft policy and alternative option 2 are likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective; however, this effect is uncertain due to a lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand existing services.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in</p>

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				current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	0	<p>The effects of strategic site allocations on safety, crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the inclusion of naturally surveyed open space and lighting or the implementation of initiatives such as the shared street. However, this will only be determined when the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known. The location of development is not likely to influence people's participation in community activities or the development of community spirit/civic pride or community organisations /activities. Proximity to existing community facilities is considered in objective 11. Therefore, the effects of strategic site allocations on this objective are considered to be negligible.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0	0	0	<p>The land allocated in this draft policy and alternative option 2 is not located within an area which is considered to be below average on the indices of multiple deprivation. Therefore, the potential of the allocations to regenerate and renew the area is negligible.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+/?	0	+/?	<p>This draft development allocation is located to the south of London Road, Billericay. The site is within easy walking distance of several footpaths, numerous bus stops, Western Road local centre, two primary schools and Billericay Community Hospital. In addition, the plans for the site include the provision of preschool and primary school facilities, and contributions towards both the expansion of healthcare facilities and the improvement of cycle and public transport links. Part of the site is currently made-up of Billericay Tennis Club which may be lost in the redevelopment of the site with adverse effects against this objective. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks to develop a larger area, delivering double the number of residential dwellings. This may result in the provision or improvement of a higher number of local services and facilities than the preferred alternative; however, overall, this is still likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>

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12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	--/?	0	--/?	<p>All the land allocated with draft policy H21 and in its reasonable alternative allocation is designated as Grade 3 agricultural land (moderate to good agricultural land). Therefore, the development of the allocations will generate significant adverse effects against this objective; however, this effect is uncertain as the location of the Borough's Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land is unknown.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	0	<p>The area allocated within draft policy H21 and Alternative Option 2 is wholly susceptible to groundwater flooding and portions of the area are susceptible to surface water flooding. While the proposed development has the potential to have a minor adverse effect on this objective, draft policy H21 states that development on this site must not be at risk of inundation of surface water, and must not increase the risk of surface water flooding to properties elsewhere in the neighbouring Critical Drainage Area. Furthermore, proposals for the site will be assessed against policy CC4 to ensure this is the case. Therefore, negligible effects are considered likely for the site allocated under policy H21 and Alternative Option 2.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+/?	0	+/?	<p>The close proximity of strategic site allocations to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions emitted from private cars.</p> <p>This preferred development allocation and its larger reasonable alternative 2 are within easy walking distance of a good range of services and facilities. In addition, there are plans to improve cycle and public transport links. Part of the site is currently made-up of Billericay Tennis Club which may be lost in the redevelopment of the site with adverse effects against this objective. However, overall, both allocations are likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through	+/?	0	+/?	<p>The close proximity of a strategic site allocation to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing air and noise pollution.</p>

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direct action or mitigation measures				<p>This preferred development allocation and its larger reasonable alternative 2 are within easy walking distance of a good range of services and facilities. In addition, there are plans to improve cycle and public transport links. Part of the site is currently made-up of Billericay Tennis Club which may be lost in the redevelopment of the site with adverse effects against this objective. However, overall, both allocations are likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	?	0	?	<p>The draft policy states that development within this allocation will be phased to align with any improvements required to accommodate growth within the drainage network or at nearby Water Recycling Centre. The developers will need to engage with Anglian Water in this regard, and must work with them to deliver any capacity improvements required. However, the majority of the site sits on top of an aquifer designated as a Groundwater Vulnerability Zone. Therefore, the construction of new development has the potential to pollute local water sources with minor adverse effects on this objective. However, this effect is recorded solely as uncertain, recognising that standard construction practices should mitigate such adverse effects.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	?	0	?	<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will ensure that the development is prepared for the impacts of climate change. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that H16 and option 2 will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	?	0	?	<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will influence the consumption of materials or resources, volumes of waste produced including the generation of hazardous waste, or the construction/demolition waste going to landfill. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that H16 and option 2 will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in</p>

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				current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+/?	0	+/?	<p>All housing allocation options increase the number of homes within the Borough, increasing the population and therefore the number of private vehicles on the road. This is likely to have adverse effects against this objective. However, all strategic site allocations meet growing need through appropriate highway mitigation measures. The draft policy states that development must be supported by sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services. In particular, development in this location is required to contribute towards improvements to the local and strategic highway network where they relate to this site, and also ensure the delivery of local traffic management measures that ensure safe accessibility to the site during the first phases of development, and contribute towards improvements to cycling and public transport provision within the vicinity of the site in order to facilitate a modal shift towards active and sustainable transport modes.</p> <p>This preferred development allocation and its larger reasonable alternative 2 are within easy walking distance of a good range of services and facilities. In addition, there are plans to improve cycle and public transport links. Part of the site is currently made-up of Billericay Tennis Club which may be lost in the redevelopment of the site with adverse effects against this objective. However, overall, both allocations are likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>

Policy H22 – Housing Development Site – Land West of Mountnessing Road, Billericay

Alternative 1: No allocation.

Alternative 2: Develop a larger area with 400 homes.

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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	A – Potential impact of development on natural and urban landscapes	0/?	0	-/?	<p>The Revised Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study states that the area has a medium capacity for residential development, with opportunities for medium scale residential development in keeping with existing residential patterns in the fields to the west of properties off Mountnessing Road, running in line with the shelterbelt of trees north of Courtlands and Kenilworth Close. The study states that further screening would be needed. The Outline Landscape Study of Potential Strategic Development Sites identifies potential for approximately 465 dwellings within the area. Draft policy H22 allocates land for 280 dwellings. The draft policy states that a landscaped buffer should be provided to the western boundary of the site. Therefore, combined with the mitigation measures outlined in the draft policy, this strategic site allocation is likely to only have a negligible effect on this part of the objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 is to develop a larger area with 400 homes. Outline Landscape Study of Potential Strategic Development Sites identifies potential for approximately 465 dwellings within the area, this option is only considered to have a minor adverse effect on this objective.</p> <p>Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
	B - Potential impact of development on green spaces				<p>The draft policy states that an open space should be provided between the public footpath and the London Road, to the south of the site. As there are no existing formal open green spaces within the site, the provision of additional green space is likely to have a minor positive effect on this part of the objective.</p> <p>Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local		0/?	0	0/?	<p>This strategic site allocation is located in HECZ 1.3: West of Billericay. The land within and around the site is considered to have a medium capacity for residential development, with opportunities</p>

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distinctiveness of Basildon Borough				<p>for medium scale residential development in keeping with existing residential patterns in the fields to the west of properties off Mountnessing Road, running in line with the shelterbelt of trees north of Courtlands and Kenilworth Close. Such development is not likely to affect the historic characteristics of the surrounding rural landscape. Therefore, the land within this allocation and alternative option 2 is considered to be of limited sensitivity with negligible effects on this objective. Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+/-/?	0	+/-/?	<p>The area allocated within draft policy H22 and Alternative Option 2 is within 1-2km of Norseley Wood SSSI and Mill Meadows SSSI and contains land designated as a Species Alert Area. Both areas are also within 100m of deciduous woodland. The development proposed has the potential to have minor adverse effects; however, draft policy H22 states that development of this site must not cause harm to biodiversity, and in association with the landscaping proposals should seek to achieve a net gain in biodiversity overall. Furthermore, proposals for the site will be assessed against policy NE6 to ensure that this is the case. A mixed minor positive and minor negative effect is likely against this objective for both the allocated area under policy H22 and Alternative Option 2. Adverse effects are however uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0	0	+	<p>New dwellings will accommodate new members of the local workforce, increasing demand for local goods and services with positive effects on the local economy generally. However, in isolation, the residential development and its associated new local services and facilities proposed within draft policy H22 are considered to have a negligible effect on this objective in the long term.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 proposes the development of a larger area with 400 homes and more local services and facilities, creating more jobs in the long term. Therefore, this alternative option is likely to generate minor positive effects on this objective.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living,	+/?	0	+/?	<p>The draft policy and alternative option 2 would provide a moderate amount of residential development, increasing demand for town centre uses, goods and services. The allocation is to include essential community facilities and services; however, it is unlikely that these facilities will</p>

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retail, leisure and related commercial development				<p>compete significantly with the town centre uses in Basildon. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely for this objective. This effect is uncertain until the details of the allocation are finalised.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+	0	+	<p>Draft policy H22 would deliver around 280 new homes and alternative option 2 would deliver 400. The draft policy states that the allocation will deliver sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services, including provision of on-site/off-site pre-school and primary school requirements. Essex County Council Education Authority has provided recommendations on how each Strategic Site should contribute to meeting the education needs they generate. Informed by the capacity of existing primary and secondary schools near the Strategic Sites, these recommendations have been incorporated in to the Plan. Given the relatively small size of the preferred allocation and the moderate size of alternative option 2, a minor positive effect is recorded on this objective for both options.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+	0	+	<p>Draft policy H22 plans to deliver 280 homes. This equates to less than 5% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, the draft policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 plans to provide 400 homes, 120 more than the preferred option. However, this also represents less than 5% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, alternative option 2 is also likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	++/?	0	++/?	<p>All of the site options are likely to have at least a minor positive effect on this objective as all cater for the needs of their residents by contributing to the provision of new healthcare facilities to support the growing population, or the expansion of existing facilities, as well as new green infrastructure including walking and cycle routes, which encourage more active lifestyles. The areas allocated within the draft policy and alternative option 2 are within easy walking distance of several footpaths and open spaces and Billericay Community Hospital. New local residents will be able to access these facilities and services as well as any new facilities. Furthermore, it may also</p>

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				<p>be easier and more resource/cost efficient to expand and enhance these existing facilities to accommodate new residents as required. Therefore, overall, the draft policy and alternative option 2 are likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective; however, this effect is uncertain due to a lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand existing services.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	0	<p>The effects of strategic site allocations on safety, crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the inclusion of naturally surveyed open space and lighting or the implementation of initiatives such as the shared street. However, this will only be determined when the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known. The location of development is not likely to influence people's participation in community activities or the development of community spirit/civic pride or community organisations /activities. Proximity to existing community facilities is considered in objective 11. Therefore, the effects of strategic site allocations on this objective are considered to be negligible.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0	0	0	<p>The land allocated in this draft policy and alternative option 2 is not located within an area which is considered to be below average on the indices of multiple deprivation. Therefore, the potential of the allocations to regenerate and renew the area is negligible.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+/?	0	+/?	<p>This draft development allocation is located west of Mountnessing Road, Billericay. The railway runs along the northern site boundary, however there is a footpath, providing access to facilities on the northern side of the railway. The site is within easy walking distance of several footpaths (one of which bisects the site and could be lost during development), areas of open space, numerous bus stops, two local centres, and Billericay Community Hospital. In addition, the plans for the site include the provision of preschool and primary school facilities, and contributions towards both the expansion of healthcare facilities and the improvement of cycle and public transport links. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in</p>

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				<p>current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks to develop a larger area, delivering significantly more residential dwellings. This may result in the provision or improvement of a higher number of local services and facilities than the preferred alternative. However the site will be outwith easy walking distance from a higher education facility; therefore a minor positive effect on this objective is likely, with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	--/?	0	--/?	<p>Almost all the land allocated within draft policy H22 and in its reasonable alternative allocation is designated as Grade 3 agricultural land (moderate to good agricultural land). Therefore, the development of the allocations will generate significant adverse effects against this objective; however, this effect is uncertain as the location of the Borough's Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land is unknown.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	0	<p>The areas allocated within draft policy H22 and Alternative Option 2 are wholly susceptible to groundwater flooding and portions of the areas are susceptible to surface water flooding. While the proposed development has the potential to have a minor adverse effect on this objective, draft policy H22 states that development on this site must not be at risk of inundation of surface water, and must not increase the risk of surface water flooding to properties elsewhere. Furthermore, proposals for the site will be assessed against policy CC4 to ensure this is the case. Therefore, negligible effects are considered likely for the site allocated under policy H22 and Alternative Option 2.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce	+/?	0	+/?	<p>The close proximity of strategic site allocations to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions emitted from private cars.</p> <p>This preferred development allocation and its larger reasonable alternative 2 are within easy walking distance of a good range of services and facilities. In addition, there are plans to improve cycle and public transport links. Therefore, both allocations are likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>

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the reliance on fossil fuels				Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+/?		+/?	<p>The close proximity of a strategic site allocation to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing air and noise pollution.</p> <p>This preferred development allocation and its larger reasonable alternative 2 are within easy walking distance of a good range of services and facilities. In addition, there are plans to improve cycle and public transport links. Therefore, both allocations are likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	?	0	?	<p>The draft policy states that development within this allocation will be phased to align with any improvements required to accommodate growth within the drainage network or at nearby Water Recycling Centre. The developers will need to engage with Anglian Water in this regard, and must work with them to deliver any capacity improvements required. However, the majority of the site sits on top of an aquifer designated as a Groundwater Vulnerability Zone. Therefore, the construction of new development has the potential to pollute local water sources with minor adverse effects on this objective. However, this effect is recorded solely as uncertain, recognising that standard construction practices should mitigate such adverse effects.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	?	0	?	<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will ensure that the development is prepared for the impacts of climate change. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that H22 and option 2 will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-	?	0	?	<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will influence the consumption of materials or resources, volumes of waste produced including the generation of hazardous waste, or the construction/demolition waste going to landfill. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application</p>

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used				<p>stage. Therefore it is considered that H22 and option 2 will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+/?	0	+/?	<p>All housing allocation options increase the number of homes within the Borough, increasing the population and therefore the number of private vehicles on the road. This is likely to have adverse effects against this objective. However, all strategic site allocations meet growing need through appropriate highway mitigation measures. The draft policy states that development must be supported by sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services. In particular, development in this location is required to contribute towards improvements to the local and strategic highway network where they relate to this site, and also ensure the delivery of local traffic management measures that ensure safe accessibility to the site during the first phases of development, and contribute towards improvements to cycling and public transport provision within the vicinity of the site in order to facilitate a modal shift towards active and sustainable transport modes.</p> <p>This preferred development allocation and its larger reasonable alternative 2 are within easy walking distance of a good range of services and facilities. In addition, there are plans to improve cycle and public transport links. Therefore, both allocations are likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>

Policy H23 – Housing Development Site – Land East of Frithwood Lane, Billericay

Alternative 1: No allocation.

Alternative 2: Develop a larger area with 800-1,000 homes.

Alternative 3: Alternative development location at Billericay Golf Course.

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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	A – Potential impact of development on natural and urban landscapes	+/-/?	0	--/?	--/?	<p>The Revised Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study states that the area has a low capacity for residential development; however, it does state that there is some capacity at the western edge of the allocation, adjacent to the existing urban edge, where the land is relatively well contained with housing on two sides and woodland to a third boundary. The Outline Landscape Study of Potential Strategic Development Sites identifies potential for approximately 325 dwellings within the area. Draft policy H23 allocates land for 330 dwellings. The draft policy states that landscaped buffers should be provided to the northern boundary of the site. Therefore, this strategic site allocation is likely to only have a minor negative effect on this part of the objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 is to develop a much larger area with significantly more homes (800 – 1,000), which is likely to result in significant adverse effects on this part of the objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 3 outlines an alternative location for the development described within draft policy H23. The Revised Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study states that the area has no/very low capacity for residential development as it would likely intrude on the Little Burstead Conservation Area and affect the separation between Little Burstead and Billericay. The Outline Landscape Study of Potential Strategic Development Sites states that there is no potential for development. Therefore, this alternative allocation is likely to have a significant negative effect on this part of the objective.</p> <p>Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
	B - Potential impact of development on green					<p>Alternative option 3 outlines an alternative location for the development outlined in draft policy H23. The new location is largely made-up of the Billericay Golf Club, a large portion of which would be lost if the area was developed. Therefore, this development option would have a significant adverse effect on this objective.</p>

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spaces					<p>The draft policy states that a green corridor of open space and landscaping should be provided running east-west to the south of the development area, linking to Frith Wood. The preferred allocation does not contain any existing formal green open spaces; therefore, the provision of new accessible green space is likely to have a minor positive effect on this part of the objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 would be significantly larger than the preferred allocation, resulting in development encroaching on to the formal open green spaces adjacent to the preferred allocation site. This is likely to have a significant adverse effect on this part of the objective.</p> <p>Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	-/?	0	--/?	--/?	<p>This preferred development allocation is located in HECZ 1.3: West of Billericay. The land within and around the site is considered to have a low capacity for development and the historic characteristics of this rural landscape are sensitive to development change. While there is some opportunity for small scale residential development within the site, the strategic site allocation is proposing a relatively significant number of dwellings. Therefore, the land within this allocation is considered to be sensitive to such development change. The preferred development allocation sits within 500 meters of the Billericay Conservation and a Grade II listed building which falls within this area; however, there is a significant area of residential development between the allocation and these heritage assets; therefore, this preferred allocation is not likely to significantly affect their setting. Overall, the preferred allocation is considered to have a minor adverse effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 outlines plans to develop a significantly larger development within the same location as the preferred allocation. This is likely to have a more significant adverse effect on the historic landscape character of this area and the heritage assets to north. Therefore, this development option is likely to have a significant adverse effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 3 represents an alternative location for the development outlined in draft policy H23. This alternative option is located in HECZ 1.3: West of Billericay. The land within and around the site is considered to have no/very low capacity for development as it would likely intrude on the Little Burstead Conservation Area. Furthermore, the site sits wholly within an archaeology priority area. In addition, this alternative location partially contains an archaeology priority area and abuts the Little Burstead Conservation Area at its southern boundary. This</p>

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					<p>conservation area contains several listed buildings, including the Grade II* Stockwell Hall. Therefore, this alternative allocation is considered to be highly sensitive to development change with significant adverse effects on this objective.</p> <p>Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+/-/?	0	+/-/?	+/-/?	<p>The area allocated within draft policy H23 and Alternative Option 2 is within 1km of Mill Meadows SSSI and 1-2km of Norsey Wood SSSI. These areas are also within 100m of Laindon Common LWS, Frith Wood LWS, ancient & semi-natural woodland and deciduous woodland which is designated as BAP priority habitat. This area also contains land designated as a Species Alert Area. The development proposed has the potential to have significant adverse effects; however, draft policy H23 states that development of this site must not cause harm to biodiversity, and in association with the landscaping proposals should seek to achieve a net gain in biodiversity overall. Furthermore, proposals for the site will be assessed against policy NE6 to ensure that this is the case. A mixed minor positive and significant negative effect is likely against this objective for both the allocated area under policy H23 and Alternative Option 2. Adverse effects are however uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>The area allocated under Alternative Option 3 is within 1-2km of Mill Meadows SSSI. The area also contains land which is designated as Laindon Common LWS and The Wilderness LWS and contains deciduous woodland which is a BAP priority habitat. The area also contains land designated as a Species Alert Area. The development proposed has the potential to have significant adverse effects; however, draft policy H23 states that development of this site must not cause harm to biodiversity, and in association with the landscaping proposals should seek to achieve a net gain in biodiversity overall. Furthermore, proposals for the site will be assessed against policy NE6 to ensure that this is the case. A mixed minor positive and significant negative effect is likely against this objective for Alternative Option 3. Adverse effects are however uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic	0	0	+	0	<p>New dwellings will accommodate new members of the local workforce, increasing demand for local goods and services with positive effects on the local economy generally. However, in isolation, the</p>

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growth to stimulate economic regeneration					<p>residential development and its associated new local services and facilities proposed within draft policy H23 and alternative option 3 are considered to have a negligible effect on this objective in the long term.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 proposes the development of a larger area with 800-1,000 homes together with more local services and facilities which will deliver more jobs in the long term. Therefore, this alternative option is likely to generate minor positive effects on this objective.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+/?	0	+/?	+/?	<p>The draft policy and alternative option 3 would provide a moderate amount of residential development and alternative option 2 would provide a significant amount of residential development, increasing demand for town centre uses, goods and services. The allocation is to include essential community facilities and services; however, it is unlikely that these facilities will compete significantly with the town centre uses in Basildon. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely for this objective. This effect is uncertain until the details of the allocation are finalised.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+	0	++	+	<p>Draft policy H23 would deliver around 330 new homes, alternative option 2 would deliver between 800 and 1,000 homes and alternative option 3, 330 homes. The draft policy states that the allocation will deliver sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services, including provision of on-site/off-site pre-school and primary school requirements. Essex County Council Education Authority has provided recommendations on how each Strategic Site should contribute to meeting the education needs they generate. Informed by the capacity of existing primary and secondary schools near the Strategic Sites, these recommendations have been incorporated in to the Plan. Given the relatively moderate sizes of the preferred allocation and alternative option 3, these allocations are likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. However, alternative option 2 is proposing significantly more homes than and is therefore likely to make a more significant contribution to local education needs. Therefore, this option is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
7. Ensure that everyone has	+	0	++	+	<p>Draft policy H23 and alternative option 3 plan to deliver 330 homes. This equates to less than 5%</p>

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the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally					<p>of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, the draft policy and alternative option 3 are likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 plans to provide between 800 and 1,000 homes. This represents over 5% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, alternative option 2 is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	++/?	0	++/?	+	<p>All of the site options are likely to have at least a minor positive effect on this objective as all cater for the needs of their residents by contributing to the provision of new healthcare facilities to support the growing population, or the expansion of existing facilities, as well as new green infrastructure including walking and cycle routes, which encourage more active lifestyles.</p> <p>The area allocated within the draft policy and alternative option 2 are within easy walking distance of a number of footpaths and open spaces, a GP and Billericay Community Hospital. New local residents will be able to access these facilities and services as well as any new facilities. Furthermore, it may also be easier and more resource/cost efficient to expand and enhance these existing facilities to accommodate new residents as required. Therefore, overall, the draft policy and alternative option 2 are likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective; however, this effect is uncertain due to a lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand existing services.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 is within easy walking distance of various footpaths and open spaces; however, there is no local health facility within easy walking distance. Therefore, new local residents are unlikely to significantly benefit from improvements to existing health facilities. Therefore, overall, the draft policy and alternative option 2 are only likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	0	0	<p>The effects of strategic site allocations on safety, crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the inclusion of naturally surveyed open space and lighting or the implementation of initiatives such as the shared street. However, this will only be determined when the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known. The location of development is not likely to influence people's participation in community activities or the development of community spirit/civic pride or community organisations /activities. Proximity to existing community facilities is considered in objective 11. Therefore, the effects of strategic site allocations on this objective</p>

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					<p>are considered to be negligible.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0	0	0	0	<p>The land allocated in this draft policy and alternative option 2, and the alternative location outlined in option 3 are not located within an area which is considered to be below average on the indices of multiple deprivation. Therefore, the potential of the allocations to regenerate and renew the area is negligible.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	++/?	0	++/?	-/?	<p>This draft development allocation is located east of Frithwood Lane, Billericay. The site is within easy walking distance of several footpaths (one of which is directly adjacent to the western site boundary), areas of open space, numerous bus stops, Billericay town centre, a GP and Billericay Community Hospital, two primary schools and a secondary school. In addition, the plans for the site include the provision of preschool and primary school facilities, and contributions towards both the expansion of healthcare facilities and the improvement of cycle and public transport links. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks to develop a larger area, delivering significantly more residential dwellings together with community facilities and open space. When taking existing services and facilities into account a significant positive effect on this objective is likely, with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 seeks to develop an alternative location at Billericay Golf Course, which is in a slightly more isolated area than the preferred alternative. The site is within easy walking distance of a number of footpaths (including two which currently bisect the site and may be lost during development), several bus stops and areas of open space. In addition, the plans for policy H23 seek to include the provision of preschool and primary school facilities, and contributions towards both the expansion of healthcare facilities and the improvement of cycle and public transport links. However this site is not within easy walking distance to a local or town centre. Therefore, overall,</p>

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					this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	-	0	-	--/?	<p>Approximately 7% of the land allocated within Draft Policy H23 and alternative option 2 is designated as Grade 3 agricultural land. The vast majority of the land is designated as urban land. However, all the land within these allocations is greenfield land. Therefore, the development of these allocations will generate minor adverse effects against this objective.</p> <p>Almost all the land allocated within reasonable alternative 3 is designated as Grade 3 agricultural land (moderate to good agricultural land). Therefore, the development of this allocation will generate significant adverse effects against this objective; however, this effect is uncertain as the location of the Borough's Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land is unknown.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	0	0	<p>The area allocated within draft policy H23 and Alternative Option 2 is susceptible to groundwater flooding (80% of the site area) and portions of the area are also susceptible to surface water flooding. The area allocated for Alternative Option 3 is wholly susceptible to groundwater flooding, and a small proportion is also susceptible to surface water flooding. While the proposed development has the potential to have a minor adverse effect on this objective, draft policy H23 states that development on this site must not be at risk of inundation of surface water, and must not increase the risk of surface water flooding to properties elsewhere in the neighbouring Critical Drainage Area. Furthermore, proposals for the site will be assessed against policy CC4 to ensure this is the case. Therefore, negligible effects are considered likely for the site allocated under policy H23 and Alternative Options 2 and 3.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce	++/?	0	++/?	-/?	<p>The close proximity of strategic site allocations to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions emitted from private cars.</p> <p>The preferred development allocation and its larger alternative option 2 are within easy walking distance of an excellent range of planned and existing services and facilities. In addition, the plans for the site include improvement of cycle and public transport links. Therefore, these allocations are likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if</p>

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the reliance on fossil fuels					<p>required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 seeks to develop an alternative location at Billericay Golf Course, which is in a more isolated location with a poorer range of existing and planned services and facilities within easy walking distance of the site. While this allocation is also likely to include improvements to cycle and public transport links, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	++/?	0	++/?	-/?	<p>The close proximity of a strategic site allocation to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing air and noise pollution.</p> <p>The preferred development allocation and its larger alternative option 2 are within easy walking distance of an excellent range of planned and existing services and facilities. In addition, the plans for the site include improvement of cycle and public transport links. Therefore, these allocations are likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 seeks to develop an alternative location at Billericay Golf Course, which is in a more isolated location with a poorer range of existing and planned services and facilities within easy walking distance of the site. While this allocation is also likely to include improvements to cycle and public transport links, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	?	0	?	?	<p>The draft policy states that development within this allocation will be phased to align with any improvements required to accommodate growth within the drainage network or at nearby Water Recycling Centre. The developers will need to engage with Anglian Water in this regard, and must work with them to deliver any capacity improvements required. However, the majority of the site sits on top of an aquifer designated as a Groundwater Vulnerability Zone. In addition, the alternative location outlined in option 3 has a small brook flowing along its north eastern edge. Therefore, the construction of new development has the potential to pollute local water sources</p>

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					with minor adverse effects on this objective. However, this effect is recorded solely as uncertain, recognising that standard construction practices should mitigate such adverse effects. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	?	0	?	?	The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will ensure that the development is prepared for the impacts of climate change. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that H23 and options 2 and 3 will have an uncertain effect on this objective. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	?	0	?	?	The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will influence the consumption of materials or resources, volumes of waste produced including the generation of hazardous waste, or the construction/demolition waste going to landfill. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that H23 and options 2 and 3 will have an uncertain effect on this objective. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	++/?	0	++/?	-/?	All housing allocation options increase the number of homes within the Borough, increasing the population and therefore the number of private vehicles on the road. This is likely to have adverse effects against this objective. However, all strategic site allocations meet growing need through appropriate highway mitigation measures. The draft policy states that development must be supported by sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services. In particular, development in this location is required to contribute towards improvements to the local and strategic highway network where they relate to this site, and also ensure the delivery of local traffic management measures that ensure safe accessibility to the site during the first phases of development, and contribute towards improvements to cycling and public transport provision within the vicinity of the site in order to facilitate a modal shift towards active and sustainable transport modes. The preferred development allocation and its larger alternative option 2 are within easy walking distance of an excellent range of planned and existing services and facilities. In addition, the plans for the site include improvement of cycle and public transport links. Furthermore,

SA Objectives	H23	Alternative			Justification
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					<p>developing a larger area with 800-1,000 homes as outlined in alternative option 2 would increase housing supply for meeting different needs in this area and improve the likelihood of being able to secure the A176/A129 bypass option for west Billericay. Therefore, these allocations are likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 seeks to develop an alternative location at Billericay Golf Course, which is in a more isolated location with a poorer range of existing and planned services and facilities within easy walking distance of the site. While this allocation is also likely to include improvements to cycle and public transport links, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>

Policy H24 – Housing Development Site – Land South of Windmill Heights, Great Burstead and South Green

Alternative 1: No allocation.

Alternative 2: Develop the allocation at a lower density of 20 dwellings per hectare for around 45 homes.

SA Objectives		H24	Alternative		Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	A – Potential impact of development on natural and urban landscapes	-/?	0	0/?	<p>The Revised Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study states that the area has a low capacity for residential development due to the prominent location and the role the area plays in separating Great Burstead, Noak Hill and Billericay. The Outline Landscape Study of Potential Strategic Development Sites identifies potential for approximately 168 dwellings within the area allocated between H24 and H25. Draft policy H24 allocates land for 70 dwellings. The draft policy states that landscaped buffers should be provided to the western and southern boundaries of the site, and that these should be multifunctional. Therefore, this strategic site allocation is likely to only have a minor negative effect on this part of the objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 is to develop this allocation at a lower density, constructing roughly 45 homes. This option is likely to have a less adverse effect than the preferred allocation which, when combined with the mitigation measures outlined in the draft policy is likely to have a negligible effect on this part of the objective overall.</p> <p>Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
	B - Potential impact of development on green spaces				<p>The preferred allocation and alternative allocation do not contain existing formal open green spaces. The draft policy states landscape buffers should be multi-functional delivering open spaces where appropriate. Therefore, both options are likely to have a negligible effect on this part of the objective. Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon		-/?	0	-/?	<p>This strategic site allocation and alternative option 2 are located in HECZ 1.3: West of Billericay. The land within and around the site is in a particularly prominent location and is therefore considered to have a low capacity for development. Furthermore, the historic characteristics of</p>

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Borough				<p>this rural landscape are sensitive to development change, and the site partially contains an archaeological priority area. Therefore, both allocation options are likely to have an adverse effect on this objective; however this adverse effect is only considered to be minor given the relatively small scale of the development proposed. Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+/-/?	0	+/-/?	<p>The area allocated within draft policy H24 and Alternative Option 2 is within 1km of Mill Meadows SSSI and 1-2km of Norsey Wood SSSI. This area also contains land which is designated as Species Alert Area. The development proposed has the potential to have significant adverse effects; however, draft policy H24 states that development of this site must not cause harm to biodiversity, and in association with the landscaping proposals should seek to achieve a net gain in biodiversity overall. Furthermore, proposals for the site will be assessed against policy NE6 to ensure that this is the case. A mixed minor positive and significant negative effect is likely against this objective for both the allocated area under policy H24 and Alternative Option 2. Adverse effects are however uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0	0	0	<p>New dwellings will accommodate new members of the local workforce, increasing demand for local goods and services with positive effects on the local economy generally. However, in isolation, the residential development and its associated new local services and facilities proposed within draft policy H24 and alternative option 2 are considered to have a negligible effect on this objective in the long term.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0/?	0	0/?	<p>The draft policy and alternative option 2 would provide a small amount of residential development. The allocation is to include essential community facilities and services; however, it is unlikely that these facilities will compete significantly with the town centre uses in Basildon. Therefore, a negligible effect is likely for this objective. This effect is uncertain until the details of the allocation are finalised.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in</p>

SA Objectives	H24	Alternative		Justification
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				current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+	0	+	<p>Draft policy H24 would deliver around 70 new homes and alternative option 2 would deliver 45 homes. The draft policy states that the allocation will deliver sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services, including provision of on-site/off-site pre-school and primary school requirements. Essex County Council Education Authority has provided recommendations on how each Strategic Site should contribute to meeting the education needs they generate. Informed by the capacity of existing primary and secondary schools near the Strategic Sites, these recommendations have been incorporated in to the Plan. Given the relatively small size of the preferred allocation alternative option 2, a minor positive effect is recorded on this objective for both options.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	0	<p>Draft policy H24 plans to deliver 70 homes. This equates to less than 1% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, the draft policy is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 plans to provide 45 homes. This also represents less than 1% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, alternative option 2 is also likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	++/?	0	++/?	<p>All of the site options are likely to have at least a minor positive effect on this objective as all cater for the needs of their residents by contributing to the provision of new healthcare facilities to support the growing population, or the expansion of existing facilities, as well as new green infrastructure including walking and cycle routes, which encourage more active lifestyles. However, the area allocated within the draft policy and alternative option 2 are within easy walking distance of several footpaths and areas of open space and two GP surgeries. New local residents will be able to access these facilities and services as well as any new facilities. Furthermore, it may also be easier and more resource/cost efficient to expand and enhance these existing facilities to accommodate new residents as required. Therefore, overall, the draft policy and alternative option 2 are likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective; however, this effect is uncertain due to a lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand</p>

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				<p>existing services.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	0	<p>The effects of strategic site allocations on safety, crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the inclusion of naturally surveyed open space and lighting or the implementation of initiatives such as the shared street. However, this will only be determined when the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known. The location of development is not likely to influence people's participation in community activities or the development of community spirit/civic pride or community organisations /activities. Proximity to existing community facilities is considered in objective 11. Therefore, the effects of strategic site allocations on this objective are considered to be negligible.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0	0	0	<p>The land allocated in this draft policy and alternative option 2 is not located within an area which is considered to be below average on the indices of multiple deprivation. Therefore, the potential of the allocations to regenerate and renew the area is negligible.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	++/?	0	++/?	<p>This draft development allocation is located south of Windmill Heights, Great Burstead and South Green, Billericay. The site is within easy walking distance of several footpaths, areas of open space, numerous bus stops, two local centres, two GPs, two primary schools and a secondary school. In addition, the plans for the site include the provision of preschool and primary school facilities, and contributions towards both the expansion of healthcare facilities and the improvement of cycle and public transport links. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks to develop the area at a lower density. This may result in a decrease in the provision of new or improvement services and facilities; however due to the close proximity of existing services a significant positive effect on this objective is likely, with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if</p>

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				required.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	-	0	-	<p>Almost all the land allocated within draft policy H24 and alternative option 2 is designated as urban land. However, all the land within these allocations is greenfield land. Therefore, the development of these allocations will generate minor adverse effects against this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	-	0	-	<p>The northern half of the area allocated within draft policy H24 and Alternative Option 2 sits on top of Critical Drainage Area BAS 5. In addition, only a small proportion of the site is susceptible to surface water flooding. While the proposed development has the potential to have a minor adverse effect on this objective, draft policy H23 states that development on this site must not be at risk of inundation of surface water, and must not increase the risk of surface water flooding to properties elsewhere in the neighbouring Critical Drainage Area. Furthermore, proposals for the site will be assessed against policy CC4 to ensure this is the case. However, overall, increasing the area of impermeable surfaces within a critical drainage area is likely to have minor adverse effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	++/?	0	++/?	<p>The close proximity of strategic site allocations to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions emitted from private cars.</p> <p>The preferred development allocation and the lower density reasonable alternative allocation 2 are within easy walking distance of an excellent range of existing and planned facilities and services. In addition, the plans for the site include improvements to cycle and public transport links. Therefore, overall, both allocations are likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through	++/?	0	++/?	<p>The close proximity of a strategic site allocation to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing air and noise pollution.</p> <p>The preferred development allocation and the lower density reasonable alternative allocation 2 are</p>

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direct action or mitigation measures				<p>within easy walking distance of an excellent range of existing and planned facilities and services. In addition, the plans for the site include improvements to cycle and public transport links. Therefore, overall, both allocations are likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	?	0	?	<p>The draft policy states that development within this allocation will be phased to align with any improvements required to accommodate growth within the drainage network or at nearby Water Recycling Centre. The developers will need to engage with Anglian Water in this regard, and must work with them to deliver any capacity improvements required. However, the majority of the site sits on top of an aquifer designated as a Groundwater Vulnerability Zone. Therefore, the construction of new development has the potential to pollute local water sources with minor adverse effects on this objective. However, this effect is recorded solely as uncertain, recognising that standard construction practices should mitigate such adverse effects.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	?	0	?	<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will ensure that the development is prepared for the impacts of climate change. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that H24 and option 2 will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	?	0	?	<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will influence the consumption of materials or resources, volumes of waste produced including the generation of hazardous waste, or the construction/demolition waste going to landfill. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that H24 and option 2 will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>

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19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	++/?	0	++/?	<p>All housing allocation options increase the number of homes within the Borough, increasing the population and therefore the number of private vehicles on the road. This is likely to have adverse effects against this objective. However, all strategic site allocations meet growing need through appropriate highway mitigation measures. The draft policy states that development must be supported by sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services. In particular, development in this location is required to contribute towards improvements to the local and strategic highway network where they relate to this site, and also ensure the delivery of local traffic management measures that ensure safe accessibility to the site during the first phases of development, contribute towards improvements to cycling and public transport provision within the vicinity of the site in order to facilitate a modal shift towards active and sustainable transport modes.</p> <p>The preferred development allocation and the lower density reasonable alternative allocation 2 are within easy walking distance of an excellent range of existing and planned facilities and services. In addition, the plans for the site include improvements to cycle and public transport links. Therefore, overall, both allocations are likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>

Policy H25 – Housing Development Site – Land West of Kennel Lane, Great Burstead and South Green

Alternative 1: No allocation.

Alternative 2: Develop the allocation at a lower density of 20 dwellings per hectare for around 45 homes.

SA Objectives		H25	Alternative		Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	A – Potential impact of development on natural and urban landscapes	-/?	0	0/?	<p>The Revised Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study states that the area has no to very low capacity for residential development. However, there is some potential for small scale residential development in the arable fields on the lower ground to the east, adjacent existing development on Church Street as this would retain the more open wooded skyline in views from the west. The Outline Landscape Study of Potential Strategic Development Sites identifies potential for approximately 168 dwellings within the area allocated between H24 and H25. Draft policy H25 allocates land for 70 dwellings. The draft policy states that landscaped buffers should be provided at the southern boundary of the site and that the hedgerow along the site’s eastern boundary should be retained and enhanced, as should the pond located within the centre of the site. Therefore, this strategic site allocation is likely to only have a minor negative effect on this part of the objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 is to develop this allocation at a lower density, constructing roughly 45 homes. This option is likely to have a less adverse effect than the preferred allocation which, when combined with the mitigation measures outlined in the draft policy is likely to have a negligible effect on this part of the objective overall.</p> <p>Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
	B - Potential impact of development on green spaces				<p>The preferred allocation and alternative allocation do not contain existing formal open green spaces. The draft policy states landscape buffers should be multi-functional delivering open spaces where appropriate. Therefore, both options are likely to have a negligible effect on this part of the objective. Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the		-/?	0	-/?	<p>The preferred development allocation and the alternative allocation (option 2) are located in HECZ 1.3: West of Billericay. The land within and around the site has no to very low capacity for</p>

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cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough				residential development. However, there is some potential for small scale residential development in the arable fields on the lower ground to the east, adjacent existing development on Church Street as this would retain the more open wooded skyline in views from the west. Therefore, while the historic characteristics of this rural landscape are sensitive to development change, the area allocated for development is not. Both allocations lie less than 500m to the north of the Great Burstead Conservation Area, which contains a number of Grade II listed buildings, including the Grade I Church of St Mary Magdalene; however, the relatively small scale of these development allocations is only considered to have a minor adverse effect on this objective. Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+/-/?	0	+/-/?	The area allocated within draft policy H25 and Alternative Option 2 is within 1km of Mill Meadows SSSI and 1-2km of Norsey Wood SSSI. This area also contains land which is designated as Species Alert Area, and an area of deciduous woodland, which is designated as a BAP priority habitat, is within 100m. The development proposed has the potential to have significant adverse effects; however, it is a relatively small development allocation and draft policy H25 states that development of this site must not cause harm to biodiversity, and in association with the landscaping proposals should seek to achieve a net gain in biodiversity overall. Furthermore, proposals for the site will be assessed against policy NE6 to ensure that this is the case. A mixed minor positive and minor negative effect is likely against this objective for both the allocated area under policy H25 and Alternative Option 2. Adverse effects are however uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0	0	0	New dwellings will accommodate new members of the local workforce, increasing demand for local goods and services with positive effects on the local economy generally. However, in isolation, the residential development and its associated new local services and facilities proposed within draft policy H25 and alternative option 2 are considered to have a negligible effect on this objective in the long term. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town	0/?	0	0/?	The draft policy and alternative option 2 would provide a small amount of residential development.

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Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development				<p>The allocation is to include essential community facilities and services; however, it is unlikely that these facilities will compete significantly with the town centre uses in Basildon. Therefore, a negligible effect is likely for this objective. This effect is uncertain until the details of the allocation are finalised.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+	0	+	<p>Draft policy H25 would deliver around 70 new homes and alternative option 2 would deliver 45 homes. The draft policy states that the allocation will deliver sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services, including provision of on-site/off-site pre-school and primary school requirements. Essex County Council Education Authority has provided recommendations on how each Strategic Site should contribute to meeting the education needs they generate. Informed by the capacity of existing primary and secondary schools near the Strategic Sites, these recommendations have been incorporated in to the Plan. Given the relatively small size of the preferred allocation alternative option 2, a minor positive effect is recorded on this objective for both options.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	0	<p>Draft policy H21 plans to deliver 70 homes. This equates to less than 1% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, this draft policy is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 plans to provide 45 homes. This also represents less than 1% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, alternative option 2 is also likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the	++/?	0	++/?	<p>All of the site options are likely to have at least a minor positive effect on this objective as all cater for the needs of their residents by contributing to the provision of new healthcare facilities to support the growing population, or the expansion of existing facilities, as well as new green infrastructure including walking and cycle routes, which encourage more active lifestyles. However, the area allocated within the draft policy and alternative option 2 are within easy walking distance of several footpaths and areas of open space and a GP surgery. New local</p>

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environment				<p>residents will be able to access these facilities and services as well as any new facilities. Furthermore, it may also be easier and more resource/cost efficient to expand and enhance these existing facilities to accommodate new residents as required. Therefore, overall, the draft policy and alternative option 2 are likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective; however, this effect is uncertain due to a lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand existing services.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	0	<p>The effects of strategic site allocations on safety, crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the inclusion of naturally surveyed open space and lighting or the implementation of initiatives such as the shared street. However, this will only be determined when the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known. The location of development is not likely to influence people's participation in community activities or the development of community spirit/civic pride or community organisations /activities. Proximity to existing community facilities is considered in objective 11. Therefore, the effects of strategic site allocations on this objective are considered to be negligible.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0	0	0	<p>The land allocated in this draft policy and alternative option 2 is not located within an area which is considered to be below average on the indices of multiple deprivation. Therefore, the potential of the allocations to regenerate and renew the area is negligible.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+/?	0	+/?	<p>This draft development allocation is located west of Kennel Lane, Great Burstead and South Green, Billericay. The site comprises of two parcels of land and is within easy walking distance of several footpaths, areas of open space, numerous bus stops, two local centres, a GP, and two primary schools. In addition, the plans for the site include the provision of preschool and primary school facilities, and contributions towards both the expansion of healthcare facilities and the improvement of cycle and public transport links. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in</p>

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				<p>current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks to develop the area at a lower density. This may result in a decrease in the provision of new or improvement services and facilities; however due to the close proximity of existing services a minor positive effect on this objective is likely, with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	--/?	0	--/?	<p>All the land allocated with draft policy H25 and reasonable alternative 2 is designated as Grade 3 agricultural land (moderate to good agricultural land). Therefore, the development of the allocations will generate significant adverse effects against this objective; however, this effect is uncertain as the location of the Borough's Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land is unknown.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	0	<p>The area allocated within draft policy H25 and Alternative Option 2 is wholly susceptible to groundwater flooding. In addition, about 30% of the site area is also susceptible to surface water flooding. While the proposed development has the potential to have a minor adverse effect on this objective, draft policy H25 states that development on this site must not be at risk of inundation of surface water, and must not increase the risk of surface water flooding to properties elsewhere in the neighbouring Critical Drainage Area. Furthermore, proposals for the site will be assessed against policy CC4 to ensure this is the case. Therefore, negligible effects are considered likely for the site allocated under policy H25 and Alternative Option 2.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+/?	0	+/?	<p>The close proximity of strategic site allocations to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions emitted from private cars.</p> <p>The preferred development allocation and the lower density reasonable alternative allocation 2 are within easy walking distance of a good range of existing and planned facilities and services. In addition, the plans for the site include improvements to cycle and public transport links. Therefore, overall, both allocations are likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>

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				Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+/?	0	+/?	<p>The close proximity of a strategic site allocation to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing air and noise pollution.</p> <p>The preferred development allocation and the lower density reasonable alternative allocation 2 are within easy walking distance of a good range of existing and planned facilities and services. In addition, the plans for the site include improvements to cycle and public transport links. Therefore, overall, both allocations are likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	?	0	?	<p>The draft policy states that development within this allocation will be phased to align with any improvements required to accommodate growth within the drainage network or at nearby Water Recycling Centre. The developers will need to engage with Anglian Water in this regard, and must work with them to deliver any capacity improvements required. However, the majority of the site sits on top of an aquifer designated as a Groundwater Vulnerability Zone. Therefore, the construction of new development has the potential to pollute local water sources with minor adverse effects on this objective. However, this effect is recorded solely as uncertain, recognising that standard construction practices should mitigate such adverse effects.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	?	0	?	<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will ensure that the development is prepared for the impacts of climate change. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that H25 and option 2 will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of	?	0	?	The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will influence the consumption of materials or resources, volumes of waste produced including the generation of

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waste which is recycled or re-used				<p>hazardous waste, or the construction/demolition waste going to landfill. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that H25 and option 2 will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+/?	0	+/?	<p>All housing allocation options increase the number of homes within the Borough, increasing the population and therefore the number of private vehicles on the road. This is likely to have adverse effects against this objective. However, all strategic site allocations meet growing need through appropriate highway mitigation measures. The draft policy states that development must be supported by sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services. In particular, development in this location is required to contribute towards improvements to the local and strategic highway network where they relate to this site, and also ensure the delivery of local traffic management measures that ensure safe accessibility to the site during the first phases of development, and contribute towards improvements to cycling and public transport provision within the vicinity of the site in order to facilitate a model shift towards active and sustainable transport modes.</p> <p>The preferred development allocation and the lower density reasonable alternative allocation 2 are within easy walking distance of a good range of existing and planned facilities and services. In addition, the plans for the site include improvements to cycle and public transport links. Therefore, overall, both allocations are likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>

Policy H26 – Housing Development Site – Land East of Greens Farm Lane, Billericay

Alternative 1: No allocation.

Alternative 2: Alternative allocation on land north of Outwood Farm Road.

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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	A – Potential impact of development on natural and urban landscapes	-/?	0	--/?	<p>The Revised Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study states that the area has no to very low capacity for development, with limited opportunity for residential development adjacent to existing development in lower lying areas north of Sails Hall Farm and to the south of Sunnymede School. However, even in these locations roofscapes may break skylines and become prominent. The Outline Landscape Study of Potential Strategic Development Sites identifies potential for approximately 297 dwellings. Draft policy H26 allocates land for 280 dwellings. The draft policy states that landscaped buffers should be provided around the edges of both land parcels in order to integrate the development into the local environment. Therefore, this strategic site allocation is likely to only have a minor negative effect on this part of the objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 outlines an alternative location for the development described with draft policy H26. The Revised Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study states that the area has medium capacity for development, but limited opportunity for residential development due to the rural character of the countryside and its existing soft interface with the urban edge of Billericay. The Outline Landscape Study of Potential Strategic Development Sites states that there is no potential for development. Therefore, this alternative allocation is likely to have a significant negative effect on this part of the objective.</p> <p>Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
	B - Potential impact of development on green spaces				<p>The preferred allocation and alternative allocation do not contain existing formal open green spaces. The draft policy states landscape buffers should be multi-functional delivering open spaces where appropriate. Therefore, both options are likely to have a negligible effect on this part of the objective. Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the		--/?	0	--/?	The preferred development allocation is located in HECZ 4.3: East and West of Coxes Farm Road.

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cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough				<p>The land within and around the site has no to very low capacity for development, with limited opportunity for residential development adjacent to existing development in lower lying areas north of Sails Hall Farm and to the south of Sunnymede School. However, even in these locations roofscapes may break skylines and become prominent. The historic characteristics of this rural landscape are highly sensitive to development change on the scale proposed within this strategic site allocation. The development outlined within the preferred development allocation is in close proximity to one Grade II listed building within the complex of buildings associated with Snails Hall Farm in the southern portion of the site. Therefore, this option is likely to have a significant adverse effect on this objective.</p> <p>The alternative location outlined in alternative option 2 is also located in HECZ 4.3: East and West of Coxes Farm Road. The land within and around the site has medium capacity for development, but limited opportunity for residential development due to the rural character of the countryside and its existing soft interface with the urban edge of Billericay. The historic characteristics of this rural landscape are highly sensitive to development change on the scale proposed within this alternative allocation. This option is within 500m of a different Grade II listed farm building; however, this building is within more open countryside and is not likely to be as significantly affected by development within the alternative location. In addition, the alternative location lies within 500m of the multi-period Scheduled Monument at Norsey Wood; however, a significant amount of residential housing sits between the alternative allocation and the monument. While its development is not considered to have a significant effect on the setting of the built heritage within the immediate vicinity the adverse effects on the wider historic landscape are considered to be significant.</p> <p>Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+/-/?	0	+/-/?	<p>The areas allocated within draft policy H26 and Alternative Option 2 is within 1km of Mill Meadows SSSI and Norsey Wood SSSI and contains land designated as a Species Alert Area. Moreover, the land allocated under policy H26 is within 100m of Mill Meadow LNR and LWS and also an area of deciduous woodland. The Alternative Option 2 area contains land that is designated as deciduous woodland which is a BAP priority habitat. The development proposed has the potential to have significant adverse effects; however draft policy H26 states that development of this site must not cause harm to biodiversity, and in association with the landscaping proposals should seek to achieve a net gain in biodiversity overall. Furthermore, proposals for the site will be assessed</p>

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				<p>against policy NE6 to ensure that this is the case. A mixed minor positive and significant negative effect is likely against this objective for both the allocated area under policy H26 and Alternative Option 2. Adverse effects are however uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0	0	0	<p>New dwellings will accommodate new members of the local workforce, increasing demand for local goods and services with positive effects on the local economy generally. However, in isolation, the residential development and its associated new local services and facilities proposed within draft policy H26 and alternative option 2 are considered to have a negligible effect on this objective in the long term.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+/?	0	+/?	<p>The draft policy and alternative option 2 would provide a moderate amount of residential development, increasing demand for town centre uses, goods and services. The allocation is to include essential community facilities and services; however, it is unlikely that these facilities will compete significantly with the town centre uses in Basildon. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely for this objective. This effect is uncertain until the details of the allocation are finalised.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+	0	+	<p>Draft policy H26 would deliver around 280 new homes and alternative option 2 would deliver 280 homes at a different location. The draft policy states that the allocation will deliver sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services, including provision of on-site/off-site pre-school and primary school requirements. Essex County Council Education Authority has provided recommendations on how each Strategic Site should contribute to meeting the education needs they generate. Informed by the capacity of existing primary and secondary schools near the Strategic Sites, these recommendations have been incorporated in to the Plan. Given the relatively small size of the preferred allocation and alternative option 2, a minor positive effect is recorded on this objective for both options.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>

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7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+	0	+	<p>Draft policy H26 and reasonable alternative 2 plan to deliver 280 homes. This equates to less than 5% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, the draft policy and alternative option 2 are likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	++/?	0	+	<p>All of the site options are likely to have at least a minor positive effect on this objective as all cater for the needs of their residents by contributing to the provision of new healthcare facilities to support the growing population, or the expansion of existing facilities, as well as new green infrastructure including walking and cycle routes, which encourage more active lifestyles.</p> <p>The area allocated within the draft policy is within easy walking distance of a number of footpaths and open spaces and a GP surgery. New local residents will be able to access these facilities and services as well as any new facilities. Furthermore, it may also be easier and more resource/cost efficient to expand and enhance these existing facilities to accommodate new residents as required. Therefore, overall, the draft policy is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective; however, this effect is uncertain due to a lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand existing services.</p> <p>The area allocated within Alternative Option 2 is within easy walking distance of various footpaths and open spaces; however, there is no local health facility within easy walking distance. Therefore, new local residents are unlikely to significantly benefit from improvements to existing health facilities. Therefore, overall, the draft policy and alternative option 2 are only likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	0	<p>The effects of strategic site allocations on safety, crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the inclusion of naturally surveyed open space and lighting or the implementation of initiatives such as the shared street. However, this will only be determined when the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known. The location of development is not likely to influence people's participation in community activities or the development of community spirit/civic pride or community organisations /activities. Proximity to existing community facilities is considered in objective 11. Therefore, the effects of strategic site allocations on this objective are considered to be negligible.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in</p>

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				current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+	0	+	<p>The land allocated in this draft policy and the alternative location outlined in alternative option 2 is partially located within an area which is considered to be below average on the indices of multiple deprivation. Therefore, both options have potential to regenerate and renew the area with minor positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+/?	0	+/?	<p>This draft development allocation is located east of Greens Farm Lane, Billericay. The site comprises of three parcels of land and is within easy walking distance of several footpaths, areas of open space, numerous bus stops, four local centres, a GP, and four primary schools. In addition, the plans for the site include the provision of preschool and primary school facilities, and contributions towards both the expansion of healthcare facilities and the improvement of cycle and public transport links. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks to develop an alternative site to the north of Outwood Farm Road, which could accommodate more residential dwellings than the preferred alternative. The railway is within close proximity to the northern boundary of this alternative; however the majority of existing services and facilities are located to the south of the railway and will be easily accessible by pedestrians. The site is within easy walking distance of a number of footpaths (including one which bisects the site and may be adversely impacted during development), areas of open space, numerous bus stops, Morris Avenue local centre, and two primary schools. In addition, the plans for the site include the provision of preschool and primary school facilities, and contributions towards both the expansion of healthcare facilities and the improvement of cycle and public transport links. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the	--/?	0	--/?	<p>The vast majority of the land allocated with draft policy H26 and in its reasonable alternative allocation is designated as Grade 3 agricultural land (moderate to good agricultural land). Therefore, the development of these allocations will generate significant adverse effects against this objective; however, this effect is uncertain as the location of the Borough's Best and Most</p>

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re-use of materials from previous buildings				<p>Versatile Agricultural Land is unknown.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	-	0	-	<p>The whole of the area allocated within draft policy H26 sits on top of Critical Drainage Area BAS8. In addition, the whole of this area is susceptible to groundwater flooding. A small portion of the western edge of the area covered by Alternative Option 2 sits on top of Critical Drainage Area BAS8. In addition, about 95% of this area is susceptible to groundwater flooding. While the proposed development has the potential to have a minor adverse effect on this objective, draft policy H26 states that development on this site must not be at risk of inundation of surface water, and must not increase the risk of surface water flooding to properties elsewhere in the neighbouring Critical Drainage Area. Furthermore, proposals for the site will be assessed against policy CC4 to ensure this is the case. However, overall, increasing the area of impermeable surfaces within a critical drainage area is likely to have minor adverse effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+/?	0	+/?	<p>The close proximity of strategic site allocations to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions emitted from private cars.</p> <p>The preferred development allocation is within easy walking distance of a good range of existing and planned facilities and services. In addition, there are plans to improve cycle and public transport links. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks to develop an alternative site to the north of Outwood Farm Road, which could accommodate more residential dwellings than the preferred alternative. Similar to the preferred option, this allocation is within easy walking distance of a good range of existing and planned facilities and services. It is also likely that this allocation would include improvements to cycle and public transport links. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is also likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information</p>

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				about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+/?	0	+/?	<p>The close proximity of a strategic site allocation to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing air and noise pollution.</p> <p>The preferred development allocation is within easy walking distance of a good range of existing and planned facilities and services. In addition, there are plans to improve cycle and public transport links. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks to develop an alternative site to the north of Outwood Farm Road, which could accommodate more residential dwellings than the preferred alternative. Similar to the preferred option, this allocation is within easy walking distance of a good range of existing and planned facilities and services. It is also likely that this allocation would include improvements to cycle and public transport links. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is also likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	?	0	?	<p>The draft policy states that development within this allocation will be phased to align with any improvements required to accommodate growth within the drainage network or at nearby Water Recycling Centre. The developers will need to engage with Anglian Water in this regard, and must work with them to deliver any capacity improvements required. However, the majority of the site sits on top of an aquifer designated as a Groundwater Vulnerability Zone. In addition, a small brook flows through the centre of the alternative location outlined in option 2. Therefore, the construction of new development has the potential to pollute local water sources with minor adverse effects on this objective. However, this effect is recorded solely as uncertain, recognising that standard construction practices should mitigate such adverse effects.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the	?	0	?	<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will ensure that the development is prepared for the impacts of climate change. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore</p>

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impacts of climate change				<p>it is considered that H26 and option 2 will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	?	0	?	<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will influence the consumption of materials or resources, volumes of waste produced including the generation of hazardous waste, or the construction/demolition waste going to landfill. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that H26 and option 2 will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+/?	0	+/?	<p>All housing allocation options increase the number of homes within the Borough, increasing the population and therefore the number of private vehicles on the road. This is likely to have adverse effects against this objective. However, all strategic site allocations meet growing need through appropriate highway mitigation measures. The draft policy states that development must be supported by sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services. In particular, development in this location is required to contribute towards improvements to the local and strategic highway network where they relate to this site, and also ensure the delivery of local traffic management measures that ensure safe accessibility to the site during the first phases of development, contribute towards improvements towards cycling and public transport provision within the vicinity of the site in order to facilitate a modal shift towards active and sustainable transport modes.</p> <p>The preferred development allocation is within easy walking distance of a good range of existing and planned facilities and services. In addition, there are plans to improve cycle and public transport links. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks to develop an alternative site to the north of Outwood Farm Road, which could accommodate more residential dwellings than the preferred alternative. Similar to</p>

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				the preferred option, this allocation is within easy walking distance of a good range of existing and planned facilities and services. It is also likely that this allocation would include improvements to cycle and public transport links. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is also likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.

Policy H27 – Housing Development Site – Land East of Southend Road, Great Burstead and South Green, Billericay

Alternative 1: No allocation.

Alternative 2: Develop the allocation at a lower density of 20 dwellings per hectare for around 145 homes.

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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	A – Potential impact of development on natural and urban landscapes	-/?	0	-/?	<p>The Revised Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study states that the area has low capacity for development. There is limited opportunity for residential development due to elevated and prominent slopes. The study isolated some potential for individual/very small scale development in a few enclosed sites to the east of Southend Road. The Outline Landscape Study of Potential Strategic Development Sites identifies potential for approximately 207 dwellings. Draft policy H27 allocates land for 220 dwellings. The draft policy states that a linear landscape buffer should feature throughout the development and continue to the junction with Coxes Farm Road. Therefore, this strategic site allocation is likely to only have a minor negative effect on this part of the objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 is to develop this allocation at a lower density, constructing roughly 145 homes. This option is likely to have a less adverse effect than the preferred allocation; however, in this location it is still considered to have a minor adverse effect on this objective.</p> <p>Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
	B - Potential impact of development on green spaces				<p>The preferred allocation and alternative allocation do not contain existing formal open green spaces. The draft policy states landscape buffers should be multi-functional delivering open spaces where appropriate. Therefore, both options are likely to have a negligible effect on this part of the objective. Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough		--/?	0	--/?	<p>The preferred development allocation and its alternative option 2 are located in HECZ 4.3: East and West of Coxes Farm Road. The land within and around the site has low capacity for development. There is limited opportunity for residential development due to elevated and prominent slopes and the historic characteristics of this rural landscape are highly sensitive to development change on the scale proposed within this strategic site allocation. The area identified</p>

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				<p>for development in draft policy H27 partially contains an archaeological priority area. In addition, it lies directly adjacent to three different Grade II listed buildings. Therefore, both allocation options are likely to have significant adverse effects on this objective. Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+/-/?	0	+/-/?	<p>The area allocated within draft policy H27 and Alternative Option 2 is within 1km of Mill Meadows SSSI and 1-2km of Norsey Wood SSSI. The area also contains land designated as deciduous woodland, which is a BAP priority habitat, and a Species Alert Area. The development proposed has the potential to have significant adverse effects; however draft policy H27 states that development of this site must not cause harm to biodiversity, and in association with the landscaping proposals should seek to achieve a net gain in biodiversity overall. Furthermore, proposals for the site will be assessed against policy NE6 to ensure that this is the case. A mixed minor positive and significant negative effect is likely against this objective for both the allocated area under policy H27 and Alternative Option 2. Adverse effects are however uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0	0	0	<p>New dwellings will accommodate new members of the local workforce, increasing demand for local goods and services with positive effects on the local economy generally. However, in isolation, the residential development and its associated new local services and facilities proposed within draft policy H27 and alternative option 2 are considered to have a negligible effect on this objective in the long term.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+/?	0	+/?	<p>The draft policy and alternative option 2 would provide a moderate amount of residential development, increasing demand for town centre uses, goods and services. The allocation is to include essential community facilities and services; however, it is unlikely that these facilities will compete significantly with the town centre uses in Basildon. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely for this objective. This effect is uncertain until the details of the allocation are finalised.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>

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6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+	0	+	<p>Draft policy H27 would deliver around 220 new homes and alternative option 2 would deliver 145 homes. The draft policy states that the allocation will deliver sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services, including provision of on-site/off-site pre-school and primary school requirements. Essex County Council Education Authority has provided recommendations on how each Strategic Site should contribute to meeting the education needs they generate. Informed by the capacity of existing primary and secondary schools near the Strategic Sites, these recommendations have been incorporated in to the Plan. Given the relatively small size of the preferred allocation alternative option 2, a minor positive effect is recorded on this objective for both options.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+	0	+	<p>Draft policy H27 plans to deliver 220 homes. This equates to less than 5% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, the draft policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 plans to provide 145 homes. This also represents less than 5% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, alternative option 2 is also likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	++/?	0	++/?	<p>All of the site options are likely to have at least a minor positive effect on this objective as all cater for the needs of their residents by contributing to the provision of new healthcare facilities to support the growing population, or the expansion of existing facilities, as well as new green infrastructure including walking and cycle routes, which encourage more active lifestyles. The areas identified for growth within the draft policy and alternative option 2 are within easy walking distance of a number of footpaths and open spaces and a GP surgery. New local residents will be able to access these facilities and services as well as any new facilities. Furthermore, it may also be easier and more resource/cost efficient to expand and enhance these existing facilities to accommodate new residents as required. Therefore, overall, the draft policy and alternative option 2 are likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective; however, this effect is uncertain due to a lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand existing services.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 is within easy walking distance of various footpaths and open spaces;</p>

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				<p>however, there is no local health facility within easy walking distance. Therefore, new local residents are unlikely to significantly benefit from improvements to existing health facilities. Therefore, overall, the draft policy and alternative option 2 are only likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	0	<p>The effects of strategic site allocations on safety, crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the inclusion of naturally surveyed open space and lighting or the implementation of initiatives such as the shared street. However, this will only be determined when the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known. The location of development is not likely to influence people's participation in community activities or the development of community spirit/civic pride or community organisations /activities. Proximity to existing community facilities is considered in objective 11. Therefore, the effects of strategic site allocations on this objective are considered to be negligible.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0	0	0	<p>The land allocated in this draft policy and alternative option 2 is not located within an area which is considered to be below average on the indices of multiple deprivation. Therefore, the potential of the allocations to regenerate and renew the area is negligible.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+/?	0	+/?	<p>This draft development allocation is located east of Southend Road, Great Burstead and South Green, Billericay. The site is within easy walking distance of several footpaths, areas of open space, numerous bus stops, two local centres, a GP, and three primary schools. In addition, the plans for the site include the provision of preschool and primary school facilities, and contributions towards both the expansion of healthcare facilities and the improvement of cycle and public transport links. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks to develop the area at a lower density. This may result in a decrease in</p>

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				the provision of new or improvement services and facilities; however due to the close proximity of existing services a minor positive effect on this objective is likely, with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	-	0	-	All the land allocated within draft policy H27 and alternative option 2 is designated as urban land. However, the vast majority of the land within these allocations is greenfield land. Therefore, the development of these allocations will generate minor adverse effects against this objective. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	-	0	-	The area allocated within draft policy H27 and Alternative Option 2 sits on top of Critical Drainage Area BAS5. In addition, the whole of this area is susceptible to groundwater flooding and approximately 35% of the area is susceptible to surface water flooding. While the proposed development has the potential to have a minor adverse effect on this objective, draft policy H27 states that development on this site must not be at risk of inundation of surface water, and must not increase the risk of surface water flooding to properties elsewhere in the neighbouring Critical Drainage Area. Furthermore, proposals for the site will be assessed against policy CC4 to ensure this is the case. However, overall, increasing the area of impermeable surfaces within a critical drainage area is likely to have minor adverse effects on this objective. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+/?	0	+/?	The close proximity of strategic site allocations to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions emitted from private cars. The preferred development allocation and the lower density reasonable alternative allocation 2 are within easy walking distance of a good range of existing and planned facilities and services. In addition, the plans for the site include improvements to cycle and public transport links. Therefore, overall, both allocations are likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required. Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.

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15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+/?	0	+/?	<p>The close proximity of a strategic site allocation to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing air and noise pollution.</p> <p>The preferred development allocation and the lower density reasonable alternative allocation 2 are within easy walking distance of a good range of existing and planned facilities and services. In addition, the plans for the site include improvements to cycle and public transport links. Therefore, overall, both allocations are likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	?	0	?	<p>The draft policy states that development within this allocation will be phased to align with any improvements required to accommodate growth within the drainage network or at nearby Water Recycling Centre. The developers will need to engage with Anglian Water in this regard, and must work with them to deliver any capacity improvements required. However, the majority of the site sits on top of an aquifer designated as a Groundwater Vulnerability Zone and a small brook flows through the centre of the site. Therefore, the construction of new development has the potential to pollute local water sources with minor adverse effects on this objective. However, this effect is recorded solely as uncertain, recognising that standard construction practices should mitigate such adverse effects.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	?	0	?	<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will ensure that the development is prepared for the impacts of climate change. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that H27 and option 2 will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	?	0	?	<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will influence the consumption of materials or resources, volumes of waste produced including the generation of hazardous waste, or the construction/demolition waste going to landfill. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that H27 and option 2 will have an uncertain effect on this</p>

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				<p>objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+/?	0	+/?	<p>All housing allocation options increase the number of homes within the Borough, increasing the population and therefore the number of private vehicles on the road. This is likely to have adverse effects against this objective. However, all strategic site allocations meet growing need through appropriate highway mitigation measures. The draft policy states that development must be supported by sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services. In particular, development in this location is required to contribute towards improvements to the local and strategic highway network where they relate to this site, and also ensure the delivery of local traffic management measures that ensure safe accessibility to the site during the first phases of development, and contribute towards improvements towards cycling and public transport provision within the vicinity of the site in order to facilitate a modal shift towards active and sustainable transport modes.</p> <p>The preferred development allocation and the lower density reasonable alternative allocation 2 are within easy walking distance of a good range of existing and planned facilities and services. In addition, the plans for the site include improvements to cycle and public transport links. Therefore, overall, both allocations are likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>

Policy H28 – Housing Growth in Ramsden Bellhouse

Alternative 1: No growth.

Alternative 2: Greater growth on sites to the south of Ramsden Bellhouse.

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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	A – Potential impact of development on natural and urban landscapes	-/?	0	-/?	<p>The Revised Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study states that the area around Ramsden Bellhouse has low to medium capacity for development with limited opportunities for infill residential development with similar types of houses. The draft policy states that new homes should be designed in accordance with the Special Development Control Policy for Ramsden Bellhouse. This is likely to help protect the character of the natural and urban landscape surrounding the village. Therefore, this relatively low density strategic site allocation is likely to only have a minor negative effect on this objective.</p> <p>The alternative option identifies areas further afield, which is likely to have a significant negative effect on this objective.</p> <p>Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no growth in Ramsden Bellhouse. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
	B - Potential impact of development on green spaces				<p>The preferred allocation and alternative allocation do not contain existing formal open green spaces. Therefore, both options are likely to have a negligible effect on this part of the objective. Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no growth in Ramsden Bellhouse. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough		-/?	0	-/?	<p>Both the preferred site allocation and alternative option 2 are located in HECZ 5.2: Ramsden Bellhouse and West Wickford and HECZ 5.3: Ramsden Bellhouse and the River Crouch. Both areas have below ground archaeological deposits, field patterns and plotland layouts which are highly sensitive. The preferred development allocation only proposes limited infill development which is not considered to have a significant effect on the historic character of the surrounding landscape or the layout of the plotland. Therefore, this option is only likely to have a minor</p>

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				<p>adverse effect on this objective.</p> <p>Conversely, alternative option 2 identifies larger areas for development some of which are more open and are likely to be highly sensitive to development change, particularly changes to the setting of the Grade II* Church of St Mary and the Grade II Ramsden Bellhouse Hall which sit within the centre of Ramsden Bellhouse. Therefore, this option is likely to have a significant adverse effect on this objective. Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no growth in Ramsden Bellhouse. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+/--/?	0	+/--/?	<p>The areas allocated within draft policy H28 and Alternative Option 2 contain land designated as deciduous woodland, which is a BAP priority habitat, and a Species Alert Area. The development proposed under policy H28 and Alternative Option 2 has the potential to have significant adverse effects on this objective; although the policy requires that proposals must also conform to all other relevant policies within the Local Plan which require a net gain in biodiversity with minor positive effects on this objective. Adverse effects are however uncertain for both the allocation under policy H28 and Alternative Option 2 until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0	0	0	<p>New dwellings will accommodate new members of the local workforce, increasing demand for local goods and services with positive effects on the local economy generally. However, in isolation, the residential development and its associated new local services and facilities proposed within draft policy H28 and alternative option 2 are considered to have a negligible effect on this objective in the long term.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no growth in Ramsden Bellhouse. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0/?	0	+/?	<p>The draft policy would provide a small amount of residential development. Therefore, the allocation is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. Alternative option 2 would provide a moderate amount of residential development, increasing demand for town centre uses, goods and services. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely for this objective. Both effects are uncertain until the details of the allocation are finalised.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no growth in Ramsden Bellhouse. Therefore, as there will be no</p>

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				change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+	0	+	<p>Draft policy H28 would deliver around 45 new homes and alternative option 2 would deliver 250 homes. The draft policy states that the allocation will deliver sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services, including provision of on-site/off-site pre-school and primary school requirements. Essex County Council Education Authority has provided recommendations on how each Strategic Site should contribute to meeting the education needs they generate. Informed by the capacity of existing primary and secondary schools near the Strategic Sites, these recommendations have been incorporated in to the Plan. Given the relatively small size of the preferred allocation and alternative option 2, a minor positive effect is recorded on this objective for both options.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no growth in Ramsden Bellhouse. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	+	<p>Draft policy H28 plans to deliver 45 homes. This equates to less than 1% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, the draft policy is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 plans to provide 250 homes. This represents less than 5% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, alternative option 2 is also likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no growth in Ramsden Bellhouse. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+	0	+	<p>All of the site options are likely to have at least a minor positive effect on this objective as all cater for the needs of their residents by contributing to the provision of new healthcare facilities to support the growing population, or the expansion of existing facilities, as well as new green infrastructure including walking and cycle routes, which encourage more active lifestyles. While, the areas allocated within the draft policy and alternative option 2 are within easy walking distance of several footpaths and areas of open space, the allocation options are not within easy walking distance of existing local health facilities. Therefore, new local residents are unlikely to significantly benefit from improvements to existing health facilities. Therefore, overall, the draft policy and alternative option 2 are only likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no growth in Ramsden Bellhouse. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>

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9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	0	<p>The effects of strategic site allocations on safety, crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the inclusion of naturally surveyed open space and lighting or the implementation of initiatives such as the shared street. However, this will only be determined when the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known. The location of development is not likely to influence people's participation in community activities or the development of community spirit/civic pride or community organisations /activities. Proximity to existing community facilities is considered in objective 11. Therefore, the effects of strategic site allocations on this objective are considered to be negligible.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no growth in Ramsden Bellhouse. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0	0	0	<p>The land allocated in this draft policy and the additional locations outlined in alternative option 2 are not located within an area which is considered to be below average on the indices of multiple deprivation. Therefore, the potential of the allocations to regenerate and renew the area is negligible.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no growth in Ramsden Bellhouse. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	-/?	0	-/?	<p>This draft development allocation is located in Ramsden Bellhouse and involves amendments to the Green Belt boundary in order to extend the village envelop of Ramsden Bellhouse. The site is within easy walking distance of several footpaths, areas of open space and numerous bus stops. In addition, the plans for the site include provision for the improvement of public transport services. However the site is not within easy walking distance of any existing education or healthcare facilities, or a local or town centre. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no growth on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks to also develop sites to the south of Ramsden Bellhouse, increasing the provision of new residential dwellings. The site is within easy walking distance of several footpaths, areas of open space, numerous bus stops and a primary school. In addition, the plans for the site include provision for the improvement of public transport services. However the site is not within easy walking distance of any healthcare facilities or a local or town centre. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand</p>

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				services and facilities if required.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	--/?	0	--/?	<p>All the land allocated with draft policy H28 and in its reasonable alternative allocation is designated as Grade 3 agricultural land (moderate to good agricultural land). Therefore, the development of the allocations will generate significant adverse effects against this objective; however, this effect is uncertain as the location of the Borough's Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land is unknown.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no growth in Ramsden Bellhouse. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	-	0	--	<p>The land allocated within draft policy H28 is wholly susceptible to groundwater flooding and a small proportion of the site is also susceptible to surface water flooding. The development of the site allocated under policy H28 has the potential to have a minor adverse effect on this objective, although draft policy H28 states that proposals must also conform to all other relevant policies within this plan.</p> <p>The land allocated for Alternative Option 2 is within flood zones 2 or 3, albeit that only a small proportion of these zones cover the site area. In addition, approximately 75% of the site area is susceptible to groundwater flooding. The development of the site allocated under Alternative Option 2 has the potential to have a significant adverse effect on this objective, although draft policy H28 states that proposals must also conform to all other relevant policies within this plan.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	-/?	0	-/?	<p>The close proximity of strategic site allocations to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions emitted from private cars.</p> <p>The preferred development allocations outlined in draft policy H28 and the more extensive development outlined in alternative option 2 are within easy walking distance of a poor range of existing and planned local facilities and services. Therefore, overall, both allocations are likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no growth on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
15. Reduce air, land and noise	-/?	0	-/?	<p>The close proximity of a strategic site allocation to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing air and noise pollution.</p>

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pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures				<p>The preferred development allocations outlined in draft policy H28 and the more extensive development outlined in alternative option 2 are within easy walking distance of a poor range of existing and planned local facilities and services. Therefore, overall, both allocations are likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no growth on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	?	<p>The housing growth proposed in Ramsden Bellhouse does not sit on top of or in close proximity to any watercourses, aquifers or groundwater vulnerability zones. However, the southern border of the sites outlined in alternative option 2 sit on top of an aquifer designated as a Groundwater Vulnerability Zone. Therefore, the construction of new development on these alternative locations has the potential to pollute local water sources with minor adverse effects on this objective. However, this effect is recorded solely as uncertain, recognising that standard construction practices should mitigate such adverse effects.</p> <p>Draft policy H28 and alternative option 1 are likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p>
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	?	0	?	<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will ensure that the development is prepared for the impacts of climate change. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that H28 and option 2 will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	?	0	?	<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will influence the consumption of materials or resources, volumes of waste produced including the generation of hazardous waste, or the construction/demolition waste going to landfill. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that H28 and option 2 will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
19. Reduce traffic congestion	-/?	0	-/?	All housing allocation options increase the number of homes within the Borough, increasing the

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and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations				<p>population and therefore the number of private vehicles on the road. This is likely to have adverse effects against this objective. However, all strategic site allocations meet growing need through appropriate highway mitigation measures. The draft policy states that development should contribute in a proportionate way to the provision of local infrastructure improvements, in particular the improvement of local public transport services.</p> <p>The preferred development allocations outlined in draft policy H28 and the more extensive development outlined in alternative option 2 are within easy walking distance of a poor range of existing and planned local facilities and services. Therefore, overall, both allocations are likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no growth on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>

Policy H29 – Housing Growth in Crays Hill

Alternative 1: No growth.

Alternative 2: Greater growth on sites to the east of Crays Hill.

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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	A – Potential impact of development on natural and urban landscapes	-/?	0	-/?	<p>The Revised Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study states that the area around Crays Hill has low to medium capacity for development with opportunities for small scale low density infill residential development. Therefore, this relatively low density strategic site allocation is likely to only have a minor negative effect on this objective.</p> <p>The Revised Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study goes on to say that there are no opportunities for greater densities of development due to the importance of retaining the existing vegetation, rural character and the historic pattern of field boundaries and plotlands layout. The alternative option promotes a higher density of development. Therefore, it is likely to have a significant negative effect on this objective.</p> <p>Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no growth in Crays Hill. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
	B - Potential impact of development on green spaces				<p>The preferred allocation and alternative allocation do not contain existing formal open green spaces. Therefore, both options are likely to have a negligible effect on this part of the objective. Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no growth in Crays Hill. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough		-/?	0	-/?	<p>The preferred development allocation and alternative option 2 are both located in HECZ 5.1: Ramsden Crays-Crays Hill and HECZ 5.3: Ramsden Bellhouse and the River Crouch. Both areas have below ground archaeological deposits, field patterns and plotland layouts which are highly sensitive.</p> <p>The preferred allocation only proposes limited infill development which is not considered to have a significant effect on the historic character of the surrounding landscape of the layout of the</p>

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				<p>plotland. Therefore, the area allocated for development is considered to be of limited sensitivity. Therefore, this option is only likely to have a minor adverse effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 to the preferred level of growth in Crays Hill represents an increased number of development locations, one of which falls partially within an archaeological priority area and within 500m of one Grade II listed building. While the area has limited opportunities for infill residential development, the majority of the area has a strong historic character. This alternative option identifies larger areas for developments, some of which are more open and are likely to be highly sensitive to development change. Therefore, this option is likely to have significant adverse effects on this objective.</p> <p>Such effects are uncertain until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no growth in Crays Hill. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+/-/?	0	+/-/?	<p>The area allocated within draft policy H29 contains land which is designated as a Species Alert Area. The area is also within 100m of deciduous woodland which is designated as a BAP priority habitat. The development proposed under policy H29 has the potential to have minor adverse effects on this objective although the policy requires that proposals must also conform to all other relevant policies within the Local Plan. The area allocated under Alternative Option 2 also contains land which is designated as a Species Alert Area, as well as deciduous woodland which is designated as a BAP priority habitat. The development proposed under Alternative Option 2 has the potential to have significant adverse effects on this objective although the policy requires that proposals must also conform to all other relevant policies within the Local Plan which require a net gain in biodiversity with minor positive effects on this objective. Adverse effects are however uncertain for both the allocation under policy H29 and Alternative Option 2 until such time as the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no growth in Crays Hill. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0	0	0	<p>New dwellings will accommodate new members of the local workforce, increasing demand for local goods and services with positive effects on the local economy generally. However, in isolation, the residential development and its associated new local services and facilities proposed within draft policy H29 and alternative option 2 are considered to have a negligible effect on this objective in the long term.</p>

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				Alternative Option 1 seeks no growth in Crays Hill. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0/?	0	+/?	<p>The draft policy would provide a small amount of residential development. Therefore, the allocation is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. Alternative option 2 would provide a moderate amount of residential development, increasing demand for town centre uses, goods and services. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely for this objective. Both effects are uncertain until the details of the allocation are finalised.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no growth in Crays Hill. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+	0	+	<p>Draft policy H29 would deliver around 45 new homes and alternative option 2 would deliver 120 homes. The draft policy states that the allocation will deliver sufficient infrastructure to ensure that the development is sustainable, and does not exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure, facilities and services, including provision of on-site/off-site pre-school and primary school requirements. Essex County Council Education Authority has provided recommendations on how each Strategic Site should contribute to meeting the education needs they generate. Informed by the capacity of existing primary and secondary schools near the Strategic Sites, these recommendations have been incorporated in to the Plan. Given the relatively small size of the preferred allocation and alternative option 2, a minor positive effect is recorded on this objective for both options.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no growth in Crays Hill. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	+	<p>Draft policy H29 plans to deliver 45 homes. This equates to less than 1% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, the draft policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 plans to provide 120 homes. This represents less than 5% of the total 16,000 homes likely to be needed over the plan period. Therefore, alternative option 2 is also likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no growth in Crays Hill. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's	+	0	+	All of the site options are likely to have at least a minor positive effect on this objective as all cater for the needs of their residents by contributing to the provision of new healthcare facilities to

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residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment				support the growing population, or the expansion of existing facilities, as well as new green infrastructure including walking and cycle routes, which encourage more active lifestyles. While, the areas allocated within the draft policy and alternative option 2 are within easy walking distance of several footpaths and areas of open space, the allocation options are not within easy walking distance of existing local health facilities. Therefore, new local residents are unlikely to significantly benefit from improvements to existing health facilities. Therefore, overall, the draft policy and alternative option 2 are only likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. Alternative Option 1 seeks no growth in Crays Hill. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	0	The effects of strategic site allocations on safety, crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the inclusion of naturally surveyed open space and lighting or the implementation of initiatives such as the shared street. However, this will only be determined when the detailed design, scale and layout of the new development are known. The location of development is not likely to influence people's participation in community activities or the development of community spirit/civic pride or community organisations /activities. Proximity to existing community facilities is considered in objective 11. Therefore, the effects of strategic site allocations on this objective are considered to be negligible. Alternative Option 1 seeks no growth in Crays Hill. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+	0	+	The land allocated in this draft policy and the additional locations outlined in alternative option 2 are wholly located within areas which are considered to be below average on the indices of multiple deprivation. Therefore, both options have potential to regenerate and renew the area with minor positive effects on this objective. Alternative Option 1 seeks no growth in Crays Hill. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	-/?	0	-/?	This draft development allocation is located in Crays Hill and involves amendments to the Green Belt boundary in order to extend the village envelop of Crays Hill. The site is within easy walking distance of several footpaths, areas of open space, numerous bus stops and one primary school. In addition, the plans for the site include provision for the improvement of public transport services. However the site is not within easy walking distance of any existing healthcare facilities, or a local or town centre. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.

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				<p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no growth on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks to also develop sites to the east of Clays Hill, increasing the provision of new residential dwellings. The site is within easy walking distance of several footpaths, areas of open space, numerous bus stops and a primary school. In addition, the plans for the site include provision for the improvement of public transport services. However the site is not within easy walking distance of any healthcare facilities or a local or town centre. Therefore, overall, this development allocation is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p>
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	--/?	0	--/?	<p>All the land allocated with draft policy H29 and in its reasonable alternative allocation is designated as Grade 3 agricultural land (moderate to good agricultural land). Therefore, the development of the allocations will generate significant adverse effects against this objective; however, this effect is uncertain as the location of the Borough's Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land is unknown.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no growth in Crays Hill. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	-	0	-	<p>About 99% of the land allocated within draft policy H29 is susceptible to groundwater flooding and a small proportion of the site is also susceptible to surface water flooding. The development of the site allocated under policy H29 has the potential to have a minor adverse effect on this objective, although draft policy H29 states that proposals must also conform to all other relevant policies within this plan.</p> <p>About 60% of the land allocated for Alternative Option 2 is susceptible to groundwater flooding, and a small proportion is susceptible to surface water flooding. The development of the site allocated under Alternative Option 2 has the potential to have a minor adverse effect on this objective, although draft policy H29 states that proposals must also conform to all other relevant policies within this plan.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of	-/?	0	-/?	<p>The close proximity of strategic site allocations to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions emitted from private cars.</p>

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greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels				<p>The preferred development allocations outlined in draft policy H29 and the more extensive development outlined in alternative option 2 are within easy walking distance of a poor range of existing and planned local facilities and services. Therefore, overall, both allocations are likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no growth in Crays Hill. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	-/?	0	-/?	<p>The close proximity of a strategic site allocation to local community services and facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure play a key role in reducing air and noise pollution.</p> <p>The preferred development allocations outlined in draft policy H29 and the more extensive development outlined in alternative option 2 are within easy walking distance of a poor range of existing and planned local facilities and services. Therefore, overall, both allocations are likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no growth in Crays Hill. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	0	The housing growth proposed in Crays Hill does not sit on top of or in close proximity to any watercourses, aquifers or groundwater vulnerability zones. Therefore, draft policy H28 and alternative options 1 and 2 are likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	?	0	?	<p>The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will ensure that the development is prepared for the impacts of climate change. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that H29 and option 2 will have an uncertain effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	?	0	?	The strategic site allocation does not identify any specific design requirements which will influence the consumption of materials or resources, volumes of waste produced including the generation of hazardous waste, or the construction/demolition waste going to landfill. These will be determined through the detailed proposals for each development at the planning application stage. Therefore it is considered that H29 and option 2 will have an uncertain effect on this objective.

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				Alternative Option 1 seeks no allocation on this site. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	-/?	0	-/?	<p>All housing allocation options increase the number of homes within the Borough, increasing the population and therefore the number of private vehicles on the road. This is likely to have adverse effects against this objective. However, all strategic site allocations meet growing need through appropriate highway mitigation measures. The draft policy states that development should contribute in a proportionate way to the provision of local infrastructure improvements, in particular the improvement of local public transport services.</p> <p>The preferred development allocations outlined in draft policy H29 and the more extensive development outlined in alternative option 2 are within easy walking distance of a poor range of existing and planned local facilities and services. Therefore, overall, both allocations are likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective with some uncertainty due to the lack of information about capacity and the potential to expand services and facilities if required.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks no growth in Crays Hill. Therefore, as there will be no change in current conditions, a negligible effect is identified for this objective.</p>

Policy H30 – The Location of Residential Development

Alternative 1: No Policy - Areas suitable for residential development are identified by the allocation policies. Consequently, it could be argued that a policy regarding the location of residential development is not necessary. However, the draft policy provides flexibility by allowing for applications for residential developments in other locations to be supported where certain criteria can be met. This flexibility is consistent with the requirements of the NPPF, and therefore the alternative of not having a policy would be unsound and is not therefore reasonable. Consequently, the policy has not been appraised.

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	1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	--/?	
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	--/?		Provision of new residential development could adversely affect the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough. Recognising, the amount of new housing which needs to be provided overall an overall significant adverse effect is predicted. This is uncertain, as the likely design and layout of future housing developments are unknown.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	--/?		Provision of new sites for housing, particularly on greenfield sites could adversely affect the borough's biodiversity and habitats. A significant adverse effect is predicted. This is uncertain, as the likely design and layout of future housing developments are unknown.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+		Policy H33 supports new residential development in a range of locations, subject to compliance with all other relevant policies in the plan. This will ensure sufficient housing is provided to support in-migration of workers to the area (amongst other objectives), responding positively to economic growth.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+		The policy would support homes above shops within shopping frontages in town centres. Homes above shops can contribute towards the vitality and success of town centres. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived	0		Policy H30 will not have a direct effect on this objective.

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areas of the Borough			
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	++		Policy H30 sets out a range of locations within the borough where housing will be supported. This is likely to score significantly positively against this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0		Policy H30 will not have a direct effect on this objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+		Homes above shops and other commercial uses can contribute towards the vitality and success of town centres and help with natural surveillance and reducing fear of crime. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely (as this policy will support proposals for housing development above shops within shopping frontages in town centres and local shopping parades).
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+		Criterion c) of Part 1 of this policy states that housing development will be supported on the edge of town centre sites promoted for residential purposes within approved regeneration proposals for that town centre. Therefore a minor positive is likely.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0		Policy H30 will not have a direct effect on this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	+/--		Criterion a) of Part 2 of this policy states that housing development will be supported in urban areas if the site is unlikely to be re-used for its allocated purpose. Housing will also be supported above shops within shopping frontages in town centres and local shopping parades, making use of existing buildings. However, around 10,000 homes will be supported within the Borough's Green Belt; many of which would be on greenfield locations. As such a significant adverse, mixed effect is predicted.

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13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	-/?		Policy H30 supports proposals for housing in a range of locations including on greenfield locations (as specified on the policies map). As such, minor adverse effects are predicted in respect of this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0/?		The design and layout of the future development sites is not known. Therefore a negligible uncertain effect is likely.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0		The policy does not make specific reference to air, land and noise pollution. Therefore a negligible effect is likely.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0		The policy does not make specific reference to water. Therefore a negligible effect is likely.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0/?		The design and layout of the future development sites is not known and as such a negligible uncertain effect is likely for this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0		The policy does not make specific reference to waste. Therefore a negligible effect is likely for this objective.

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19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+/-		Policy H30 supports development in a range of locations including on greenfield locations in the Green Belt as well as within town centres and on edge of town centre sites. Consequently, mixed effects are predicted in respect of this objective.

Policy H31 – The Location of New Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Sites

Recommendations:

Previous Core Strategy Policy CP5: Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Needs included a specific landscape criterion for gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople sites to meet: “the site will have no detrimental impact upon strategic gaps, green wedges or the local environment.” Inclusion of a similar criterion in respect of policy H31 would help to mitigate effects on the landscape.

Include reference in the policy recognising the need for new gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople sites to conform with other policies in the plan, notably those relating to the historic, natural environment and amenity issues (e.g. noise, air pollution) as there are no specific criteria in H31 covering these issues.

Alternative 1: No Policy - not considered to be a reasonable alternative so has not been appraised. Without a local policy that takes account of local factors, the plan is likely to be contrary to the NPPF and would potentially result in the Local Plan being found unsound. This is not therefore a reasonable alternative.

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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	-/?		Provision of new sites for gypsy and travellers could adversely affect landscape, the countryside and green spaces, particularly where sites are located in the Green Belt. A minor negative, uncertain effect is predicted.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	-/?		Provision of new sites for gypsy and travellers could adversely affect the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough. A minor negative, uncertain effect is anticipated.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough’s biodiversity and the habitats which support it	-/?		Provision of new sites for gypsy and travellers could adversely affect the borough’s biodiversity and habitats. A minor negative, uncertain effect is anticipated.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+		The provision of permanent pitches for gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople should contribute towards the prosperity of these communities. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
5. Ensure the Borough’s Town Centres are promoted as	0		It is not expected that any new gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople sites would be located within town centres. As such, this policy is expected to have no effect on this objective.

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sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development			
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+		Criterion a) seeks to ensure that new sites are reasonably accessible to services and facilities which may include education infrastructure. As such, a minor positive effect is likely.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	++		The policy seeks to support applications for permanent pitches of a decent standard for gypsy and traveller and travelling showpeople communities. As such, a significant positive effect is likely.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+		Criterion a) seeks to ensure that new sites are reasonably accessible to services and facilities which may include access to health infrastructure. As such a minor positive effect is likely.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+		The policy seeks to provide permanent pitches for gypsy and traveller communities which should help create and maintain vibrant communities. As such a minor positive effect is likely.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0		This policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+		Criterion a) seeks to ensure that new sites are reasonably accessible to services and facilities. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely.

SA Objectives	H31	Alternative 1	Justification
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	+/-/?		It is uncertain whether new pitches for gypsy and travellers will be located on previously developed land. It is assumed that such sites will be promoted where possible. However, some pitches will need to be developed on green belt land in order to meet the overall need. It is recognised that there are also areas of previously developed land in the Green Belt. An uncertain mixed effect is therefore likely on this objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	-/?		Policy H31 is clear that sites must not be located in an area of high risk of flooding. Furthermore National Policy on Traveller Sites is clear that sites in areas at high risk of flooding, including functional floodplains is not acceptable. As such, significant adverse effects are unlikely. However, development of new pitches on greenfield locations will still increase flood risk. Therefore a minor negative effect with uncertainty is likely.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	?		Policy H31 seeks to ensure that future development sites are (a) reasonably accessible to services and facilities and d) should not promote inappropriate traffic generation for the locality. Caravans are not subject to Building Regulations but it is assumed that product standards would apply e.g. in respect of insulation. Built elements of sites e.g. 'day rooms' with toilets/kitchens would be subject to certain regulations. However, it is not possible to say with certainty that sites will be well located in respect of existing centres/services and/or whether residents will travel by car. Therefore an uncertain effect is likely.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0		The policy does not make specific reference to air, land and noise pollution. Therefore a negligible effect is likely.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	+		Criterion c) of policy H31 seeks to ensure sites can be adequately serviced with drinking water and sewerage disposal facilities and as such significant adverse effects on this objective are unlikely. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the	0/?		The design and layout of the future development sites are not known and as such a negligible uncertain effect is likely for this objective.

SA Objectives	H31	Alternative 1	Justification
impacts of climate change			
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0		The policy does not make specific reference to waste. Therefore a negligible effect is likely for this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	?		Policy criterion d) seeks to ensure that sites have good access to the highway network and do not promote inappropriate traffic generation for the locality. However, it is not possible to say with certainty that sites will be well located in respect of existing centres/services and/or whether residents will travel by car. Therefore an uncertain effect is likely.

Policy H32 – New Park Home Sites for Non Travelling Gypsy and Travellers

Alternative 1: No Policy: Not considered to be a reasonable alternative so has not been appraised. Without a local policy that takes account of local factors, and the PPTS's definition distinction of Gypsies and Travellers, alongside the cultural protection a Non Travelling Gypsy or Travelling household has through legislation, the plan is likely to be unlawful, contrary to the NPPF and is likely to be found unsound. This is not therefore a reasonable alternative.

SA Objectives	H32	Alternative 1	Justification
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	-/?		Provision of new park home sites for gypsy and travellers could adversely affect landscape, the countryside and green spaces, particularly if sites are located in the Green Belt. It is understood that there will be a requirement to develop sites in the green belt. As the locations of all the sites are unknown, the effect is considered to be minor negative with uncertainty.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	-/?		Provision of new park home sites for gypsy and travellers could adversely affect the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough. As the locations of all the sites are unknown, the effect is considered to be minor negative with uncertainty.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	-/?		Provision of new park home sites for gypsy and travellers could adversely affect the borough's biodiversity and habitats. As the locations of all the sites are unknown, the effect is considered to be minor negative with uncertainty.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+		The provision of new home sites for gypsies and travellers should contribute towards the prosperity of these communities. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0		The locations of all future gypsy and traveller new park home sites are unknown, however, it is unlikely that sites would be located within town centres. As such, this policy is expected to have no effect on this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived	+		Criterion a) seeks to ensure that new sites are reasonably accessible to services and facilities which may likely include education infrastructure. As such, a minor positive effect is likely.

SA Objectives	H32	Alternative 1	Justification
areas of the Borough			
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	++		The policy seeks to provide new park home sites of a decent standard for gypsy and traveller communities. As such, a significant positive effect is likely.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+		Criterion a) seeks to ensure that new sites are reasonably accessible to services and facilities which may likely include access to health infrastructure.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+		The policy seeks to provide new park home sites for gypsy and traveller communities which should help create and maintain vibrant communities. As such a minor positive effect is likely.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0		The location of all new sites is unknown and as such a negligible effect is likely.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+		Criterion A) seeks to ensure that new sites are reasonably accessible to services and facilities. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	+/-/?		It is uncertain whether new park home sites for gypsy and travellers will be located on previously developed land. It is assumed that such sites will be promoted where possible. However, some sites will need to be developed on green belt land in order to meet the overall need. It is recognised that there are also areas of previously developed land in the Green Belt. An uncertain mixed effect is therefore likely on this objective.

SA Objectives	H32	Alternative 1	Justification
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	-/?		The location of all future sites for development is uncertain. However, policy H32 is clear that sites must not be located in an area of high risk of flooding. Furthermore National Policy on Traveller Sites is clear that sites in areas at high risk of flooding, including functional floodplains is not acceptable. As such, significant adverse effects are unlikely. However, greenfield development will still increase flood risk. Therefore a minor negative although uncertain effect is likely.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0/?		Policy H32 seeks to ensure that future development sites are (A) reasonably accessible to services and facilities and D) should not promote inappropriate traffic generation for the locality. Caravans are not subject to Building Regulations but it is assumed that product standards would apply e.g. in respect of insulation. Built elements of sites e.g. 'day rooms' with toilets/kitchens would be subject to certain regulations. However, as the location of development is not known it is not possible to say with certainty that sites will be well located in respect of existing centres/services and/or whether residents will travel by car. Therefore a negligible uncertain effect is likely.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0		The policy does not make specific reference to air, land and noise pollution. Therefore a negligible effect is likely.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	+/?		Criterion C) of policy H32 seeks to ensure sites can be adequately serviced with drinking water and sewerage disposal facilities and as such significant adverse effects on this objective are unlikely. Therefore a minor positive although uncertain effect is likely.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0/?		The design and layout of the future development sites are not known and as such a negligible uncertain effect is likely for this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0		The policy does not make specific reference to waste. Therefore a negligible effect is likely.

SA Objectives	H32	Alternative 1	Justification
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0/?		Policy criterion D) seeks to ensure that sites have good access to the highway network and do not promote inappropriate traffic generation for the locality. However, as the location of development is not known it is not possible to say with certainty that sites will be well located in respect of existing centres/services and/or whether residents will travel by car. Therefore a negligible uncertain effect is likely.

Policy H33 – The Size and Types of Homes

Alternative 1: No Policy. This would leave the market to determine the mix of housing needed, which would result in a mixed skewed toward those who are able to pay the most rather than the needs of the local community. Such an approach is inconsistent with paragraph 50 of the NPPF, and also unlikely to result in a sustainable and socially inclusive community. This is not therefore a reasonable alternative and so has not been appraised.

Alternative 2: Not applying the Nationally Described Space Standard. This would leave the market to determine the size of new homes provided within Basildon Borough. This would have implications for local aspirations to improve the quality and attractiveness of new housing in Basildon and is not therefore a preferred option.

Alternative 3: Seeking 100% Category 2 (Lifetime Homes). This would ensure that all new homes are accessible and adaptable for older people, and is a desirable policy as it would enable older people to live in any newly built home. However, it is not thought that this requirement can be justified by the evidence of need, and therefore a lower requirement is set, which is more likely to be economically viable and enable other development costs such as infrastructure provision to be met. This is not therefore a preferred option.

Alternative 4: Seeking no specific provision of Category 2 and Category 3 homes. This would leave to the market to determine the need and provide for such accommodation. Given the additional costs associated with such homes, it is unlikely that this will deliver the quantum of homes required and would leave older people and people with disabilities excluded from the housing market. This would be contrary to the public sector equality duty, and is consequently an inappropriate option.

SA Objectives	H33	Alternative				Justification
		1	2	3	4	
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	0		0	0	0	Policy H33, Alternative Option 2, Alternative Option 3 and Alternative Option 4 do not specify the location or quantum of development and as such will not have a direct effect on this objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0		0	0	0	Policy H33, Alternative Option 2, Alternative Option 3 and Alternative Option 4 do not specify the location or quantum of development and as such will not have a direct effect on this objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0		0	0	0	Policy H33, Alternative Option 2, Alternative Option 3 and Alternative Option 4 do not specify the location or quantum of development and as such will not have a direct effect on this objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic	+		- /?	- /?	0	The policy supports mixed communities through provision of an appropriate mix of housing type, tenure and size to meet the specific needs of existing and future households in the Borough. As such, the policy is expected to have a minor positive effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	H33	Alternative				Justification
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regeneration						<p>Alternative Option 2 would mean not applying the nationally described space standard. Smaller new built homes have implications on quality of life and attractiveness of places. This would discourage economically active and high income households from living in the borough, threatening the borough's socio-economic profile and sustainability. Therefore an uncertain negative effect is likely.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 seeks 100% Category 2 (Lifetime Homes) and would ensure that all new homes are accessible and adaptable for older people. However this would likely increase the cost of homes making them less affordable. Therefore an uncertain negative effect is likely.</p> <p>Option 4 Seeking no specific provision of Category 2 and Category 3 homes. This is unlikely to have a direct effect on this objective.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0		0	0	0	<p>Policy H33, Alternative Option 2, Alternative Option 3 and Alternative Option 4 do not specify the location or quantum of development and as such will not have a direct effect on this objective.</p>
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+		- /?	- /?	- /?	<p>The policy could result in minor positive effects on social inclusion by requiring applicants to provide a range of housing types to meet need.</p> <p>Option 2 would mean not applying the nationally described space standard. This would discourage economically active and high income households from living in the borough. Therefore an uncertain, minor negative effect is likely.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 seeks 100% Category 2 (Lifetime Homes) and would ensure that all new homes are accessible and adaptable for older people. However this would likely increase the cost of housing impacting on affordability. Therefore an uncertain negative effect is likely for this SA objective.</p> <p>Option 4 Seeking no specific provision of Category 2 and Category 3 homes. This would leave older and disabled people excluded and so would have an uncertain negative effect.</p>
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	++		- /?	+ /- /?	- /?	<p>The policy seeks to ensure that all proposals for housing of 10 dwellings or more provide an appropriate mix of housing type, tenure and size to meet the specific needs of existing and future households in the Borough which should contribute significantly positively to this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would mean not applying the nationally described space standard. Therefore all homes may not be of a decent standard and so an uncertain minor negative effect is likely for this SA objective.</p>

SA Objectives	H33	Alternative				Justification
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						<p>Alternative Option 3 seeks 100% Category 2 (Lifetime Homes) and would ensure that all new homes are accessible and adaptable for older people. However this would likely increase cost of homes making them less affordable. Therefore an overall uncertain, mixed effect is likely.</p> <p>Alternative Option 4 seeks no specific provision of Category 2 and Category 3 homes would leave older and disabled people excluded and so would have an uncertain negative effect for this objective.</p>
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+/?		- /?	+	- / ?	<p>Access to decent, adequate and affordable housing can positively affect individual health and wellbeing. The policy also includes scope for provision of specialist accommodation for older people which takes account of their health and wellbeing. Therefore a minor positive, uncertain is likely for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would mean not applying the nationally described space standard. If housing is not of a decent standard, particularly in terms of size and light levels this could impact negatively on health and wellbeing. . Therefore an uncertain negative effect is likely.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 seeks 100% Category 2 (Lifetime Homes) and would ensure that all new homes are accessible and adaptable for older people. This would help contribute to their health and wellbeing over time and as such a minor positive effect is likely.</p> <p>Option 4 Seeking no specific provision of Category 2 and Category 3 homes. This would likely leave older and disabled people excluded potentially exacerbating health inequalities. Therefore an uncertain minor negative effect is likely.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+		- /?	- /?	- / ?	<p>Policy H33 seeks to ensure all proposals for housing greater than 10 or more homes contribute to the creation of mixed communities which is expected to contribute positively to this objective.</p> <p>Option 2 would mean not applying the nationally described space standard. This could have an impact on the delivery and maintenance of vibrant communities. A minor adverse uncertain effect is predicted.</p> <p>Option 3 seeks 100% Category 2 (Lifetime Homes) and would likely increase the cost of homes discouraging low income households and individuals from living in the borough. This would be detrimental to the creation and sustainability of vibrant communities and so a minor negative, uncertain effect is likely.</p> <p>Option 4 Seeking no specific provision of Category 2 and Category 3 homes. This could exclude older people and people with disabilities from living in and contributing to vibrant communities. A minor adverse, uncertain effect is predicted.</p>
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0		0	0	0	<p>Policy H33, Alternative Option 2, Alternative Option 3 and Alternative Option 4 do not specify the location or quantum of development and as such will not have a direct effect on this objective.</p>

SA Objectives	H33	Alternative				Justification
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11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0		0	0	0	Policy H33, Alternative Option 2, Alternative Option 3 and Alternative Option 4 do not specify the location or quantum of development and as such will not have a direct effect on this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0		0	0	0	Policy H33, Alternative Option 2, Alternative Option 3 and Alternative Option 4 do not specify the location or quantum of development and as such will not have a direct effect on this objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0		0	0	0	Policy H33, Alternative Option 2, Alternative Option 3 and Alternative Option 4 do not specify the location or quantum of development and as such will not have a direct effect on this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0		0	0	0	Policy H33, Alternative Option 2, Alternative Option 3 and Alternative Option 4 do not specify the location or quantum of development and as such will not have a direct effect on this objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0		0	0	0	Policy H33, Alternative Option 2, Alternative Option 3 and Alternative Option 4 do not specify the location or quantum of development and as such will not have a direct effect on this objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water	0		0	0	0	Policy H33, Alternative Option 2, Alternative Option 3 and Alternative Option 4 do not specify the location or quantum of development and as such will not have a direct effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	H33	Alternative				Justification
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resource management						
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0		0	0	0	Policy H33, Alternative Option 2, Alternative Option 3 and Alternative Option 4 do not specify the location or quantum of development and as such will not have a direct effect on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0		0	0	0	Policy H33, Alternative Option 2, Alternative Option 3 and Alternative Option 4 do not specify the location or quantum of development and as such will not have a direct effect on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0		0	0	0	Policy H33, Alternative Option 2, Alternative Option 3 and Alternative Option 4 do not specify the location or quantum of development and as such will not have a direct effect on this objective.

Policy H34 – Affordable Housing Provision

Alternative 1: No policy - The NPPF requires the provision of affordable housing to meet the needs for affordable housing within the local area. The Council cannot secure this alone, and therefore it is necessary to secure such provision alongside market housing on private development sites. Without a policy requiring this, it is unlikely that private developers would provide affordable housing as it is not in their financial interests to do so.

Alternative 2: Seek 36% affordable housing - The previous Core Strategy Revised Preferred Options sought 36% affordable housing. This responded to the requirement set out in the evidence base at that time. The most recent TGSE SHMA 2015 indicates that a lower level of provision can be sought in Basildon Borough to meet local needs, although this is in the face of high level needs within the rest of the Housing Market Area (84% in years 0-5; 63% thereafter). Additionally, there are concerns that seeking a 36% affordable housing will affect the delivery of specialist housing provision for older people, and infrastructure provision, including improvements to highways infrastructure.

SA Objectives	H34	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	0	0	0	<p>Policy H34 sets out the expected thresholds for delivery of affordable housing. It does not define the location or overall quantum of development. As such, no direct effect is predicted.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 sets out the expected thresholds for delivery of affordable housing. It does not define the location or overall quantum of development. As such, no direct effect is predicted.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0	0	0	<p>Policy H34 sets out the expected thresholds for delivery of affordable housing. It does not define the location or overall quantum of development. As such, no direct effect is predicted.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 sets out the expected thresholds for delivery of affordable housing. It does not define the location or overall quantum of development. As such, no direct effect is predicted.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0	0	0	<p>Policy H34 sets out the expected thresholds for delivery of affordable housing. It does not define the location or overall quantum of development. As such, no direct effect is predicted.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 sets out the expected thresholds for delivery of affordable housing. It does not define the location or overall quantum of development. As such, no direct effect is predicted.</p>
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+	0/?	+/?	<p>The policy supports mixed communities through provision of affordable housing to meet the specific needs of existing and future households in the Borough, adding to the community's overall prosperity. As such, the policy is expected to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks a no policy approach. An overall negligible effect is predicted.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks a 36% provision of affordable housing. This will help to meet the specific</p>

SA Objectives	H34	Alternative		Justification
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				needs of existing and future households in the Borough, adding to the community's overall prosperity. However there are concerns that seeking a 36% affordable housing will affect the delivery of specialist housing provision for older people. Therefore an uncertain positive effect is likely.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+	0	+/?	<p>H34Policy H34 makes no distinction on the location of affordable housing provision (the policy sets a threshold based on the number of units, regardless of the location of the development). Consequently, it is expected that some town centre sites will deliver affordable housing, resulting in a minor, positive effect.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 is not considered to have a direct impact on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 is also expected to deliver affordable housing in town centre locations; however, there is uncertainty on the ability of developers to deliver the 36% target.</p>
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+	0	+/?	<p>The policy has potential to score positively against this objective by enabling existing and future residents to rent/buy affordable housing, hence increasing social inclusion.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 seeks a no policy approach. An overall negligible effect is predicted.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 has potential to score positively against this objective by enabling existing and future residents to rent/buy affordable housing, hence increasing social inclusion. The effect is, however, minor positive, uncertain as there are concerns that seeking a 36% affordable housing will affect the delivery of specialist housing provision for older people, and infrastructure provision.</p>
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	++/-/?	0	+/-?	<p>Policy H34 seeks to provide affordable housing on sites of 11 units or more. Conditions are set out to take account of scheme viability. For example, it would be possible to provide a full financial contribution in lieu of no/limited on-site provision. This may adversely impact on the delivery of mixed communities.</p> <p>Alternative Option1 seeks a no policy approach. An overall negligible effect is predicted.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks a 36% affordable homes provision. There are concerns that seeking a 36%</p>

SA Objectives	H34	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
				affordable housing will affect the delivery of specialist housing provision for older people, and infrastructure provision. An overall mixed, uncertain effect is predicted recognising that this alternative would result in delivery of some affordable housing.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+/?	0	+/-?	<p>Access to decent, adequate and affordable housing can positively affect individual health and wellbeing. Policy H34 seeks to provide affordable housing on sites of 11 units or more. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely. There is uncertainty as conditions are set out which would restrict the onsite delivery of affordable homes.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 has potential to score positively against this objective as access to decent, adequate and affordable housing can positively affect individual health and wellbeing. However there are concerns that seeking a 36% affordable housing will affect the delivery of specialist housing provision for older people which may have a negative impact on their health. An overall mixed, uncertain effect is predicted recognising that this alternative would result in delivery of some affordable housing.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+/-/?	0	+/-/?	<p>The policy seeks to provide affordable housing on sites of 11 units or more. Conditions are set out to take account of scheme viability. For example, it would be possible to provide a full financial contribution in lieu of no/limited on-site provision. This may adversely impact on the delivery of mixed communities. An overall mixed, uncertain impact is predicted.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 has potential to score positively against this objective as the provision of affordable contributes a mix of housing and overall more sustainable and vibrant community. However there are concerns that seeking a 36% affordable housing will affect the delivery of specialist housing provision for older people which may have a negative impact on the community's vibrancy and sustainability. An overall mixed, uncertain effect is predicted recognising that this alternative would result in delivery of some affordable housing.</p>
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0	0	0	Neither Policy H34, Alternative Option 1, nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0	0	0	Neither Policy H34, Alternative Option 1, nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	H34	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0	0	0	Neither Policy H34, Alternative Option 1, nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	0	Neither Policy H34, Alternative Option 1, nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0	0	Neither Policy H34, Alternative Option 1, nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0	0	0	Neither Policy H34, Alternative Option 1, nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	0	Neither Policy H34, Alternative Option 1, nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the	0	0	0	Neither Policy H34, Alternative Option 1, nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	H34	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
impacts of climate change				
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	0	Neither Policy H34, Alternative Option 1, nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0	0	0	Neither Policy H34, Alternative Option 1, nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Policy H35 – Quality in the Private Rented Sector

Alternative 1: Option 1: No Policy - The draft policy is not able to require membership of a landlord accreditation scheme as this would extend beyond the remit of the planning system. However, the draft policy does recognise the issue of inequality that exists between privately owned accommodation, social accommodation and homes in the private rented sector, and seeks to draw attention to the availability of landlord accreditation schemes. Without such a policy these issues would not be highlighted or addressed proactively.

Alternative 2: Insist on Membership of a landlord accreditation scheme - this would go beyond the remit of the planning system, and is not therefore a reasonable option. As such, it has not been appraised further.

SA Objectives	H35	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	0	0		Both Draft Policy H35 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0	0		Both Draft Policy H35 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0	0		Both Draft Policy H35 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0	0		Both Draft Policy H35 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0	0		Both Draft Policy H35 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion,	0	0		Both Draft Policy H35 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	H35	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough				
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+	0		Draft Policy H35 encourages landlord accreditation. This is a means by which the Council can encourage landlord to meet quality standards with the homes they are providing. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+	0		Draft Policy H35 encourages landlord accreditation. This is a means by which to uphold the quality of the homes, thereby contributing positively to the health and wellbeing of residents. Therefore a minor positive is likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0		Both Draft Policy H35 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0	0		Both Draft Policy H35 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0	0		Both Draft Policy H35 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0	0		Both Draft Policy H35 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	H35	Alternative		Justification
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13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0		Both Draft Policy H35 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0		Both Draft Policy H35 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0	0		Both Draft Policy H35 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0		Both Draft Policy H35 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0		Both Draft Policy H35 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0		Both Draft Policy H35 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and	0	0		

SA Objectives	H35	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
channelling development to sustainable locations				

Policy H36 – Houses in Multiple Occupation and the Subdivision of Family Homes

Alternative 1: No Policy - There is evidence from elsewhere that the demand for space can drive the demand for HMOs. There is a risk that without a policy the number of HMOs would increase to the detriment of the sustainability of local communities.

SA Objectives	H36	Alternative	Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	0	0	Both Draft Policy H36 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0	0	Both Draft Policy H36 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0	0	Both Draft Policy H36 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0	0	Both Draft Policy H36 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0	0	Both Draft Policy H36 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+	0	This policy supports the need for larger family homes improving social inclusion. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	H36	Alternative 1	Justification
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+/-	-	<p>Policy H36 seeks to support and maintain vibrant communities by restricting the conversion of large family sized dwellings into Housing in Multiple Occupation (HMO), resulting in minor positive effects. There is potential for negative effects as restricting conversion to HMOs could impact on single individuals requiring cheaper accommodation. An overall mixed effect is anticipated.</p> <p>Without a specific policy approach to manage the conversion to HMOs (alternative option 1), there is potential for adverse effects on vibrant communities as large family sized dwellings could be inappropriately converted.</p>
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0	0	<p>Both Draft Policy H36 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+/-	-	<p>Policy H36 seeks to support and maintain vibrant communities by restricting the conversion of large family sized dwellings into Housing in Multiple Occupation (HMO), resulting in minor positive effects. There is potential for negative effects as restricting conversion to HMOs could impact on single individuals requiring cheaper accommodation. An overall mixed effect is anticipated.</p> <p>Without a specific policy approach to manage the conversion to HMOs (alternative option 1), there is potential for adverse effects on vibrant communities as large family sized dwellings could be inappropriately converted.</p>
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0	0	Both Draft Policy H36 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0	0	Both Draft Policy H36 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the	0	0	Both Draft Policy H36 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	H36	Alternative	Justification
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re-use of materials from previous buildings			
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	Both Draft Policy H36 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0	Both Draft Policy H36 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0	0	Both Draft Policy H36 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	Both Draft Policy H36 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	Both Draft Policy H36 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	Both Draft Policy H36 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	H36	Alternative 1	Justification
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0	0	Both Draft Policy H36 and Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.

Policy H37 – Maximising Housing Stock

Alternative 1: No Policy - The NPPF requires the local plan to meet the full, objectively assessed need for housing. The loss of existing housing provision will undermine the approach set out in the rest of this plan for meeting that target in a sustainable way. Consequently, it is necessary to include a policy on maximising housing stock by protecting existing residential development from other forms of development. This is not therefore a reasonable alternative option. This is not therefore a reasonable alternative and so has not been assessed.

SA Objectives	H37	Alternative 1	Justification
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	0		Draft Policy H37 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0		Draft Policy H37 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0		Draft Policy H37 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+		This policy aims to keep vacancy at a minimum by bringing empty homes back to residential use and by the redevelopment of residential properties for alternative uses if the proposal furthers other sustainable development objectives, overall leading to more prosperous communities. Therefore a minor positive is likely.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+		This policy seeks to maximise the housing stock but also encourages alternative sustainable uses for vacant properties. This may help to ensure the sustainability of town centres. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived	0		Draft Policy H37 would not have a direct effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	H37	Alternative 1	Justification
areas of the Borough			
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	++/-		Policy H37 seeks to ensure that existing residential properties are not redeveloped unless the proposal furthers other sustainable development objectives sought in this plan. As such, the overall stock of housing should be protected resulting in a significant positive effect. However, there will be circumstances under which redevelopment could be supported, resulting in minor adverse effects.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0		Draft Policy H34 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+		Vacancies can detract from the quality of the local area due to the deterioration of the building and surrounding environs. Maximising the housing stock, but allowing redevelopment under certain circumstances will help create and sustain a vibrant and safe community. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+		Vacancies can detract from the quality of the local area due to the deterioration of the building and surrounding environs. Maximising the housing stock, but allowing redevelopment under certain circumstances will help create and sustain a vibrant and safe community. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this objective.H37
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0		Draft Policy H37 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	++		This policy supports bringing empty homes back to residential use and the redevelopment of residential properties for alternative uses if the proposal furthers other sustainable development objectives. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding	0		Draft Policy H37 would not have a direct effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	H37	Alternative 1	Justification
and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring			
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0		Draft Policy H37 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0		Draft Policy H37 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0		Draft Policy H37 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0		Draft Policy H37 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0		Draft Policy H37 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to	0		Draft Policy H37 would not have a direct effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	H37	Alternative 1	Justification
sustainable locations			

Policy HX (previously H7) – Redevelopment of urban open space for housing purpose

This policy was appraised but subsequently removed from the Plan; however, the appraisal has been retained for information.

Recommendations:
 Define the sorts of community based projects which would be supported through development receipts e.g. local improvements to the public realm, creation of pocket parks, food growing spaces etc. Include improvements to existing habitats as part of the package of improvements which would be supported.

Alternative 1: *No allocation. Sites would remain in the HELAA as contributing towards urban land supply; however, they would not be secured for this purpose by an allocation which changes their land use designation. Not allocating would create uncertainty for the plan in respect of its housing land supply and would result in needing to develop at higher densities to accommodate the shortfall of homes, or for the Council to allocate additional land from the Green Belt to meet local needs. However, local green spaces are valued by local people, and offer multi-functional benefits such as surface water management, particularly in areas of denser urban development. It is therefore appropriate to consider this alternative option.*

SA Objectives	H7	Alternative 1	Justification
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough			The spatial strategy directs around 10,400 homes towards Basildon (including Laindon and Pitsea) and a further 600 homes towards Bower Gifford to the east of Basildon. Around 5,500 of these homes will be delivered within the existing urban area. Within the urban area of Basildon, 311 of the 5,500 homes will be delivered on sites which were previously allocated in the 1998 Basildon District Local Plan for open space purposes. Elsewhere in Billericay and Wickford there are small areas of surplus open space which will also contribute towards the overall urban supply of housing.
	-/+	--/?	Policy H7 seeks to secure these open space sites for future housing delivery. Around 21 sites in 13 locations (including Basildon, Pitsea, Wickford and Billericay) will be allocated for future housing. These sites generally lie within the existing urban areas, however, as there loss would represent a loss of open space in the Borough an overall minor adverse effect is predicted. It is recognised that these sites represent a surplus of existing open space provision and that planning obligations/capital receipts arising from development of these sites will be reinvested into the improvement of nearby open spaces. Consequently, an overall mixed effect is likely.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local	-	-	Alternative option 1 proposes no allocation of urban open spaces for housing, which is likely to result in the need to accommodate additional housing elsewhere within the Borough, through increased densities within the urban area and on additional land within the Green Belt, with the latter likely to have a significant adverse effect on this objective. The significance of this adverse effect is uncertain as the proportion of additional housing accommodated through the densification of allocations within the urban area is unknown, as is the potential location of additional homes on greenfield land in the Green Belt. Policy H7 seeks to secure open space sites for future housing delivery. Redevelopment of urban open space for housing is not expected to result in any direct impacts on designated heritage assets, however,

SA Objectives	H7	Alternative 1	Justification
distinctiveness of Basildon Borough			<p>there may be indirect impacts on setting (for example, where open space will be redeveloped close to the Grade II Listed Great Chalvedon Hall and Noak Bridge Conservation Area). There is also scope for adverse impacts where open spaces are contributing positively to local distinctiveness (e.g. green gaps in the urban area or acting as buffer between the urban area and other open spaces such as Northlands Park). An overall minor adverse effect is predicted.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 proposes no allocation of urban open spaces for housing, which is likely to result in the need to accommodate additional housing elsewhere within the Borough, through increased densities within the urban area and on additional land within the Green Belt. Both options have the potential to have indirect impacts on the setting of heritage assets both within the urban area and within the Green Belt. Therefore, a minor adverse effect is also predicted for this objective.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	-/+	-/?	<p>Policy H7 seeks to secure open space sites for future housing delivery. These sites generally lie within the existing urban areas, however, the loss of open space sites is also expected to result in a localised loss of habitats including trees and protected species supported by such habitats. It is recognised that these sites represent a surplus of existing open space provision and that planning obligations/capital receipts arising from development of these sites will be reinvested into the improvement of nearby open spaces. This should include an improvement in the wildlife and biodiversity value of existing open spaces. An overall mixed effect is likely.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 proposes no allocation of urban open spaces for housing, which is likely to result in the need to accommodate additional housing elsewhere within the Borough, through increased densities within the urban area and on additional greenfield land within the Green Belt. The latter has the potential to effect local heritage designations with minor adverse effects on this objective. The significance of this adverse effect is uncertain as the proportion of additional housing accommodated through the densification of allocations within the urban area is unknown, as is the potential location of additional homes on greenfield land in the Green Belt.</p>
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+	-	<p>Policy H7 seeks to secure open space sites for future housing delivery. This will support the overall urban supply of housing in the Borough. This will ensure housing is available to local employees helping to support the local economy. An overall minor positive effect is predicted.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 proposes no allocation of urban open spaces for housing. Not allocating would create uncertainty for the Plan in respect of its housing land supply, potentially restricting the availability of housing for new employees and limiting the growth of the local economy with minor adverse effects on this objective.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living,	+/-	-/+	<p>An overall mixed effect is predicted for this objective. Redevelopment of open space sites will support the overall delivery of housing in urban areas (including town centres); however, loss of urban open spaces could impact on the quality of the living environment in town centres.</p>

SA Objectives	H7	Alternative 1	Justification
retail, leisure and related commercial development			<p>It is recognised that these sites represent a surplus of existing open space provision and that planning obligations/capital receipts arising from development of these sites will be reinvested into the improvement of nearby open spaces. It is recommended that this includes improvements to the public realm in the Borough's town centres.</p> <p>Conversely, alternative option 1 proposes no allocation of urban open spaces for housing. Therefore, a similar mixed effect is likely for the same reasons, but with the minor and adverse effects for each reason being reversed.</p>
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0	0	<p>Policy H7 seeks to secure open space sites for future housing delivery. This will support the overall urban supply of housing in the Borough. This is not expected to have a direct impact on this objective.</p> <p>Conversely, alternative option 1 proposes no allocation of urban open spaces for housing. This too is not expected to have a direct impact on this objective.</p>
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+	-	<p>The spatial strategy directs around 10,400 homes towards Basildon (including Laindon and Pitsea) and a further 600 homes towards Bower Gifford to the east of Basildon. Around 5,500 of these homes will be delivered within the existing urban area. Within the urban area of Basildon, 311 of the 5,500 homes will be delivered on sites which were previously allocated in the 1998 Basildon District Local Plan for open space purposes. Elsewhere in Billericay and Wickford there are small areas of surplus open space which will also contribute towards the overall urban supply of housing.</p> <p>Policy H7 seeks to secure these open space sites for future housing delivery. Provision of around 336 units of high quality housing is expected to score positively against this objective (this would represent about 2% of the Borough's minimum objectively assessed need of 15,260 homes).</p> <p>Alternative option 1 proposes no allocation of urban open spaces for housing. Not allocating would create uncertainty for the Plan in respect of its housing land supply, potentially reducing delivery with minor adverse effects on this objective.</p>
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	-/+	0	<p>An overall mixed effect is predicted for this objective. Loss of urban open space will reduce the overall amount of open space available for recreational purposes; however, it is recognised that the policy seeks to secure a proportion of any capital receipts or planning obligations from the redevelopment to contribute to the improvement of other open space provision nearby or in other community based projects aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of residents.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 proposes no allocation of urban open spaces for housing. This would likely result in the retention of these urban open spaces with a negligible effect on this objective.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant	-/+	+/-	<p>An overall mixed effect is predicted for this objective – redevelopment of open space sites will support</p>

SA Objectives	H7	Alternative 1	Justification
communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced			<p>the overall delivery of housing in urban areas (helping to sustain vibrant communities); however, loss of urban open spaces could impact on the quality of the living environment in the urban area.</p> <p>It is recognised that these sites represent a surplus of existing open space provision and that planning obligations/capital receipts arising from development of these sites will be reinvested into the improvement of nearby open spaces. It is recommended that this includes improvements to the public realm in the Borough's urban areas.</p> <p>Conversely, alternative option 1 proposes no allocation of urban open spaces for housing. Therefore, a similar mixed effect is likely for the same reasons, but with the minor and adverse effects for each reason being reversed.</p>
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	-/+	+/-	<p>An overall mixed effect is predicted for this objective – redevelopment of open space sites will support the overall delivery of housing in urban areas (helping to regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas, including in and around Basildon); however, loss of urban open spaces could impact on the quality of the living environment in the urban area.</p> <p>It is recognised that these sites represent a surplus of existing open space provision and that planning obligations/capital receipts arising from development of these sites will be reinvested into the improvement of nearby open spaces. It is recommended that this includes improvements to the public realm in the Borough's urban areas.</p> <p>Conversely, alternative option 1 proposes no allocation of urban open spaces for housing. Therefore, a similar mixed effect is likely for the same reasons, but with the minor and adverse effects for each reason being reversed.</p>
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	-/+	+/-	<p>An overall mixed effect is predicted for this objective. The policy will result in the redevelopment of existing urban open space sites (scoring negatively), however, there is scope to reinvest capital from the redevelopment to enhance existing open space sites.</p> <p>Conversely, alternative option 1 proposes no allocation of urban open spaces for housing. Therefore, a similar mixed effect is likely for the same reasons, but with the minor and adverse effects for each reason being reversed.</p>
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous	-	0	<p>Policy H7 seeks to secure urban open space sites for future housing delivery. Existing open sites would be viewed as greenfield (albeit it in an urban context) and as such a minor adverse effect is predicted.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 proposes no allocation of urban open green spaces for housing. This would likely result in the retention of this greenfield land with a negligible effect on this objective.</p>

SA Objectives	H7	Alternative 1	Justification
buildings			
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	-	0	<p>Policy H7 seeks to secure urban open space sites for future housing delivery. This will result in the provision of around 336 homes. Greenfield open space sites can help fulfil a flood management role. Redevelopment of these sites for housing will likely increase the overall area of hardstanding exacerbating flood risk. An overall minor adverse impact is predicted.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 proposes no allocation of urban open spaces for housing. This would likely result in the retention of these urban open spaces and their contribution to flood management with a negligible effect on this objective.</p>
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0	<p>This policy and its reasonable alternative are not considered likely to have a direct impact on this objective.</p>
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	-	0	<p>Policy H7 seeks to secure urban open space sites for future housing delivery. This will result in the provision of around 336 homes. Greenfield open space sites can help to mitigate the impacts of air and noise pollution. Redevelopment of these sites for housing will likely result in an overall minor adverse effect.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 proposes no allocation of urban open spaces for housing. This would likely result in the retention of these urban open spaces and their contribution to pollution management with a negligible effect on this objective.</p>
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	<p>This policy and its reasonable alternative are not considered likely to have a direct impact on this objective.</p>
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	<p>This policy and its reasonable alternative are not considered likely to have a direct impact on this objective.</p>
18. Reduce waste generation and	0	0	<p>This policy and its reasonable alternative are not considered likely to have a direct impact on this objective.</p>

SA Objectives	H7	Alternative 1	Justification
increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used			
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	?	0	<p>Policy H7 seeks to secure urban open space sites for future housing delivery. Around 21 sites in 13 locations (including Basildon, Pitsea, Wickford and Billericay) will be allocated for future housing. It is difficult to predict with certainty whether future residents will travel by car or make use of public transport. An uncertain effect is predicted overall.</p> <p>Conversely, alternative option 1 proposes no allocation of urban open spaces for housing. No development is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p>

Chapter 12 – Requiring Good Design Policies

SA Objectives	Chapter 12 Achieving Good Design								
	DES1	DES2	DES3	DES4	DES5	DES6	DES7	DES8	DES9
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough.	+	+	++	++	++	++	+	+	++
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough.	++	+	+	+	++	0	++	+/?	++
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it.	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development.	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	+/?	+/?
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough.	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally.	+/-	+	-	+/-	0	0	0	0	0
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment.	+	0	0	0	+	+/?	+	+	0
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel	++	+	0	+	++	0	++	+	+

SA Objectives	Chapter 12 Achieving Good Design								
safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced.									
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough.	+/?	+	0	+/?	+/?	+/?	0	+/?	+/?
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities.	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	+	0
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings.	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring.	+/?	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels.	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures.	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17. Adopt building and public realm	+/?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SA Objectives	Chapter 12 Achieving Good Design								
designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the effects of climate change.									
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations.	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0

Policy DES1 – Achieving good design

Alternative 1: No Policy: Not considered to be a reasonable alternative so has not been appraised. This option would fail to specify standards on achieving good design and is likely to be contrary to the NPPF.

Alternative 2: Have more prescriptive standards: Not considered to be a reasonable alternative so has not been appraised. This option would not support the NPPF's approach for having flexible criteria-based policies that allow for site specific characteristics and considerations to be taken into account in securing high quality sustainable design.

SA Objectives	DES1	Alternative		Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	+			Draft Policy DES1 seeks to ensure that the quality and local distinctiveness of the Borough's built environment is protected and enhanced through high quality design. Reference is also made requiring development to correspond with the natural features of the area that contribute to its special interest. A minor positive effect is therefore likely for this SA objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	++			Draft Policy DES1 seeks to ensure that the design of development proposals correspond well with the historic quality of an area, including all heritage assets and their settings. A significant positive effect is therefore likely for this SA objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+			Draft Policy DES1 seeks to ensure that the design of development proposals correspond well with natural features, which is assumed to include biodiversity assets, and should be sensitively sited and integrated with such. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0			Draft Policy DES1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0			Draft Policy DES1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived	0			Draft Policy DES1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DES1	Alternative		Justification
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areas of the Borough				
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+/-			This policy relates to the incorporation of good design into all development proposals in the District, including housing. This may result in dwellings within Basildon being of a higher standard in terms of natural lighting, ventilation, privacy etc. leading to the provision of decent homes and a minor positive effect on this objective. However Draft Policy DES1 could potentially have a minor negative effect on this objective whereby design criteria cannot be met or where high quality design criteria requirements render housing developments less viable. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+			Draft Policy DES1 seeks to ensure that the design of development proposals optimises choice of travel and reduces the need for private car usage. This will help to encourage more people to make use of active modes of transport, with a positive effect likely in relation to health. The policy includes a range of other criteria that should contribute positively to this objective including amenity requirements such as natural lighting, ventilation, clear distinctions between public and private spaces etc. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	++			Draft Policy DES1 seeks to ensure that the design of development proposals addresses community safety issues to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. A significant positive effect is therefore likely for this objective as the policy specifically encourages this.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+/?			Policy DES1 is about ensuring that the quality and local distinctiveness of the Borough's built environment is protected and enhanced through high quality design. Requiring development proposals to demonstrate high quality design may lead to the regeneration of areas that have fallen into disrepair. Thus a minor positive indirect although uncertain effect is likely for this SA objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+			Policy DES1 seeks to ensure that development proposals optimise choice of travel that is accessible to all particularly walking, cycling, and public transport. This is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective as it increases the options available to access services and facilities without needing to rely on private cars.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	+			Policy DES1 seeks to ensure that development proposals support diversity and choice through efficient use of land and infrastructure by ensuring a mix of compatible uses and densities. A minor positive effect is likely for this objective as the policy specifically addresses this objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding	+/?			Policy DES1 seeks to deliver buildings which can adapt to changing environmental conditions. This is

SA Objectives	DES1	Alternative		Justification
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and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring				assumed to include the risk of flooding, however as this is not more prescriptive in the policy, a minor positive, uncertain effect is likely for this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+			Policy DES1 seeks to ensure that development proposals optimise choice of travel that is accessible to all particularly walking, cycling, and public transport to reduce the need for private car usage. This has direct effects on reducing emissions; therefore a minor positive effect is therefore likely for this objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+			Draft Policy DES1 seeks to ensure that new development respects the amenity and function of both existing and future development including matters of pollution. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0			Draft Policy DES1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	+/?			Policy DES1 seeks to deliver buildings, places and spaces which can adapt to changing environmental conditions. This is anticipated to include the impacts of climate change. However as this is not more prescriptive in the policy text, a minor positive, uncertain effect is likely for this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0			Draft Policy DES1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to	+			Policy DES1 encourages development proposals to optimise choice of travel that is accessible to all particularly walking, cycling, and public transport to reduce the need for private car usage. A minor positive effect is therefore likely for this objective.

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sustainable locations				

Policy DES2 – Urban Character Areas

Alternative Option 1: No Policy: Not considered to be a reasonable alternative so has not been assessed. The NPPF requires local plans to include robust and comprehensive policies that set out the quality of development expected in an area based on an understanding and evaluation of its defining characteristics. It is considered that Policy DES2 is essential to fulfil the requirements of the NPPF.

SA Objectives	DES2	Alternative 1	Justification
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	+		Draft Policy DES2 requires that development proposals should respond effectively to local character and distinctiveness. A minor positive effect is therefore likely for this SA objective as it specifically addresses this objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+		Although Draft Policy DES2 does not mention cultural heritage, it requires that development proposals should respond effectively to local character, and this may help to protect and enhance cultural heritage assets and their settings and local distinctiveness. A minor indirect positive effect on this objective is likely.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0		Draft Policy DES2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0		Draft Policy DES2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0		Draft Policy DES2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0		Draft Policy DES2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

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7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+		The policy should ensure housing developments effectively respond to local character and distinctiveness which is expected to contribute positively to this objective. The policy is considered to be sufficiently flexible so as not to unduly restrict development coming forward.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0		Draft Policy DES2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+		New development is expected to take reasonable opportunities to improve the areas character, enclosure, permeability, public realm and appearance which should contribute positively to safer communities.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+		Draft Policy DES2 provides opportunities for new developments to improve an area's character, public realm and appearance where there are local features or characteristics that are considered to undermine the overall character of the area. The improvement of an area's character and appearance could help to regenerate areas that have fallen into disrepair, and this policy could have a minor positive effect on this objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0		Draft Policy DES2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0		Draft Policy DES2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial	0		Draft Policy DES2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DES2	Alternative 1	Justification
property and the natural environment flood events can bring			
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0		Draft Policy DES2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0		Draft Policy DES2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0		Draft Policy DES2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0		Draft Policy DES2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0		Draft Policy DES2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0		Draft Policy DES2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Policy DES3– Areas of Special Development Control

Alternative Option 1: Have no policy and rely on other overarching design policies.

SA Objectives	DES3	Alternative	Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	++	0	The purpose of Draft Policy DES3 is to ensure that the appropriate development occurs in Areas of Special Development Control in order to protect local character. A significant positive effect is therefore likely for this objective. Under Alternative Option 1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan which would specifically address Areas of Special Development Control. Instead there would be a reliance on other design policies. Given that other relevant design policies in the Local Plan will continue to apply, a negligible rather than a negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+	0	DES3 is expected to have a minor positive effect as the policy is seeking to preserve existing local character and distinctiveness. Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0	0	Draft Policy DES3 or Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0	0	Draft Policy DES3 or Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0	0	Draft Policy DES3 or Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0	0	Draft Policy DES3 or Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the	-	0	Having strict criteria in Draft Policy DES3 that specifies that only certain types of residential dwellings

SA Objectives	DES3	Alternative	Justification
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opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally			<p>are allowed in Areas of Special Development Control i.e. bungalows/chalets, could have an effect on the number of homes that are able to be brought forward in these areas e.g. flats. A negative although minor effect is likely for this objective.</p> <p>Under Alternative Option 1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan which would specifically address Areas of Special Development Control and would theoretically allow for other forms of housing in these areas. Instead there would be a reliance on other design policies in the Local Plan which would seek to protect local character. Given that other relevant design policies in the Local Plan will continue to apply, a negligible rather than a positive effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.</p>
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0	0	Draft Policy DES3 or Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	Draft Policy DES3 or Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0	0	Draft Policy DES3 or Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0	0	Draft Policy DES3 or Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous	0	0	Draft Policy DES3 or Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.

SA Objectives	DES3	Alternative	Justification
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buildings			
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	Draft Policy DES3 or Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0	Draft Policy DES3 or Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0	0	Draft Policy DES3 or Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	Draft Policy DES3 or Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	Draft Policy DES3 or Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	Draft Policy DES3 or Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and	0	0	Draft Policy DES3 or Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.

SA Objectives	DES3	Alternative 1	Justification
its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations			

Policy DES4 – High quality buildings

Alternative Option 1: Have no policy and determine all applications based on the NPPF and other industry standards.

SA Objectives	DES4	Alternative	Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	++	0	<p>Policy DES4 seeks to ensure that buildings are designed to a high standard in relation to the public realm and this is likely to contribute to conserving and enhancing townscape. A significant positive effect is likely for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 (have no policy and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to the development of high quality buildings. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+/?	0	<p>Although cultural heritage is not mentioned in Draft Policy DES4, ensuring that buildings are designed to a high standard in relation to the public realm, this may help protect and enhance cultural heritage assets and their settings and local distinctiveness. A minor although indirect and uncertain positive effect on this objective is likely.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 (have no policy and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to the development of high quality buildings. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0	0	Neither Draft Policy DES4 or Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0	0	Neither Draft Policy DES4 or Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0	0	Neither Draft Policy DES4 or Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion,	0	0	Neither Draft Policy DES4 or Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	DES4	Alternative	Justification
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especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough			
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+/-	0	<p>This policy seeks to ensure that all buildings, which are assumed to also include housing, are of high quality. This may result in dwellings within Basildon being of a particularly high standard, leading to a minor positive effect on this objective. However Draft Policy DES1 could potentially have a minor negative effect on this objective whereby high quality design criteria requirements results in affordable housing developments becoming less viable. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 (have no policy and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to the development of high quality buildings. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p>
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0	0	Neither Draft Policy DES4 or Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+	0	<p>Policy DES4 expects buildings to incorporate active frontages to the public realm and provide natural surveillance over all publicly accessible spaces which should help create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.</p>
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+/?	0	<p>Policy DES4 seeks to ensure that buildings are designed to a high standard in relation to the public realm. Requiring buildings to be designed to a high quality may lead to the regeneration of areas that have fallen into disrepair. Thus a minor positive indirect, uncertain effect is likely for this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 (have no policy and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to the development of high quality buildings. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p>
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and	0	0	Neither Draft Policy DES4 or Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	DES4	Alternative	Justification
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facilities			
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0	0	Neither Draft Policy DES4 or Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	Neither Draft Policy DES4 or Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0	Neither Draft Policy DES4 or Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0	0	Neither Draft Policy DES4 or Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	Neither Draft Policy DES4 or Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the	0	0	Neither Draft Policy DES4 or Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	DES4	Alternative 1	Justification
impacts of climate change			
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	Neither Draft Policy DES4 or Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0	0	Neither Draft Policy DES4 or Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this objective.

Policy DES5- High quality public realm

Alternative Option 1: No Policy: Not considered to be a reasonable alternative. This option would not provide the detailed guidance needed for the provision and enhancement of public realm features. As such it is considered that it would not achieve the requirements of national policy in the NPPF.

Alternative Option 2: Have more prescriptive criteria

SA Objectives	DES5	Alternative		Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	++		++/-	<p>Draft Policy DES5 seeks to ensure that developments contribute to the provision, enhancement and maintenance of high quality public realm and this is likely to have a significant positive effect on conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape and townscape in the Borough, owing to a significant positive effect.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would involve having a more prescriptive policy and stringent criteria in the Local Plan. This would have the same benefits as DES5 in relation to conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, however this would not support a flexible enough approach that can respond to changing circumstances to ensure that public realm need is met most effectively and available space is used most efficiently which would have the opposite effect. A mixed effect is therefore likely overall.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	++		++/-	<p>Draft Policy DES5 seeks to ensure that developments contribute to the provision, enhancement and maintenance of high quality public realm and any changes, refurbishment or installation of new public realm should conserve and enhance historic features and assets which will have significant positive effect on conserving the setting of historic assets and local distinctiveness.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would involve having a more prescriptive policy and stringent criteria in the Local Plan. This would have the same benefits as DES5 in relation to conserving and enhancing cultural heritage and local distinctiveness, however this would not support a flexible enough approach that can respond to changing circumstances to ensure that public realm need is met most effectively and available space is used most efficiently which would have the opposite effect. A mixed effect is therefore likely overall.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+		+/-	<p>Policy DES5 seeks to ensure that developments contribute to the provision, enhancement and maintenance of high quality public realm and any changes including refurbishment or installation of new public realm should incorporate good quality landscape design, including hard and soft landscaping. As soft landscaping includes features such as trees, shrubs, grass verges, hedging and other planting treatments this may help to conserve and enhance biodiversity, and even create biodiversity linkages across the Borough. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would involve having a more prescriptive policy and stringent criteria in the Local Plan. This would have the same benefits as DES5 in relation to conserving and enhancing biodiversity, however this would not support a flexible enough approach that can respond to changing</p>

SA Objectives	DES5	Alternative		Justification
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				circumstances to ensure that public realm need is met most effectively and available space is used most efficiently which could have the opposite effect. A mixed effect is therefore likely overall.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0		0	Neither Draft Policy DES5 or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+		+/-	The provision of new high quality public realm, particularly within town centres, is likely to attract investment which in turn would attract people to these areas to live, shop or do business. A minor positive effect is therefore likely. Alternative Option 2 would involve having a more prescriptive policy and stringent criteria in the Local Plan. This would have the same benefits as DES5 in relation to ensuring town centres are sustainable locations for living, retail and commercial development, however this would not support a flexible enough approach that can respond to changing circumstances to ensure that public realm need is met most effectively and available space is used most efficiently which would have the opposite effect. A mixed effect is therefore likely overall.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+		+/-	The provision of new high quality public realm is likely to lead to social and community cohesion. A minor positive effect is therefore likely. Alternative Option 2 would involve having a more prescriptive policy and stringent criteria in the Local Plan. This would have the same benefits as DES5 in relation to improving social inclusion, however this would not support a flexible enough approach that can respond to changing circumstances to ensure that public realm need is met most effectively and available space is used most efficiently which could have the opposite effect. A mixed effect is therefore likely overall.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0		0	Neither Draft Policy DES5 or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+		+/-	Draft Policy DES5 seeks to ensure that new public realm should sensitively integrate and prioritise appropriate levels of movement infrastructure for all users having regard to age, including provision for convenient pedestrian and cycle movement. This will help to encourage more people to make use of active modes of transport, and a positive effect is likely in relation to health. Alternative Option 2 would involve having a more prescriptive policy and stringent criteria in the Local

SA Objectives	DES5	Alternative		Justification
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				Plan. This would have the same benefits as DES5 in relation to health and wellbeing, however this would not support a flexible enough approach that can respond to changing circumstances to ensure that public realm need is met most effectively and available space is used most efficiently which could have the opposite effect. A mixed effect is therefore likely overall.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	++		++/-	Draft Policy DES5 seeks to ensure that developments contribute to the provision, enhancement and maintenance of high quality public realm and this is likely result in more vibrant and attractive communities and areas in the Borough. In addition, Draft Policy DES5 seeks to ensure that public realm should be designed to enhance safety and security by creating natural surveillance. A significant positive effect is therefore likely for this objective. Alternative Option 2 would involve having a more prescriptive policy and stringent criteria in the Local Plan. This would have the same benefits as DES5 in relation to creating vibrant communities, however this would not support a flexible enough approach that can respond to changing circumstances to ensure that public realm need is met most effectively and available space is used most efficiently which could have the opposite effect. A mixed effect is therefore likely overall.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+/?		+/?/-	Draft Policy DES5 seeks to ensure that developments contribute to the provision, enhancement and maintenance of high quality public realm and this is likely to result in more vibrant and attractive communities and areas in the Borough, which could potentially result in deprived areas which have fallen into disrepair being regenerated. A minor positive, uncertain effect is therefore likely for this objective. Alternative Option 2 would involve having a more prescriptive policy and stringent criteria in the Local Plan. This would have the same benefits as DES5 in regenerating and renewing disadvantaged areas, however this would not support a flexible enough approach that can respond to changing circumstances to ensure that public realm need is met most effectively and available space is used most efficiently which could have the opposite effect. A mixed effect is therefore likely overall.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+		+/-	Draft Policy DES5 seeks to ensure that new public realm should sensitively integrate and prioritise appropriate levels of movement infrastructure for all users having regard to age, including provision for convenient pedestrian and cycle movement. This is likely to increase the access options for all to local services and facilities and a minor positive effect is likely. Alternative Option 2 would involve having a more prescriptive policy and stringent criteria in the Local Plan. This would have the same benefits as DES5 in accessibility to local services and facilities, however this would not support a flexible enough approach that can respond to changing circumstances to ensure that public realm need is met most effectively and available space is used most efficiently which could have the opposite effect. A mixed effect is therefore likely overall.
12. Improve efficiency of land	0		0	Neither Draft Policy DES5 or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this objective.

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use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings				
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0		0	Neither Draft Policy DES5 or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+		+/-	Draft Policy DES5 seeks to ensure that new public realm should sensitively integrate and prioritise appropriate levels of movement infrastructure for all users having regard to age, including provision for convenient pedestrian and cycle movement. This will help to encourage more people to make use of active modes of transport, with a positive effect likely to greenhouse gas emissions. Alternative Option 2 would involve having a more prescriptive policy and stringent criteria in the Local Plan. This would have the same benefits as DES5 in relation to reducing local contribution to climate change, however this would not support a flexible enough approach that can respond to changing circumstances to ensure that public realm need is met most effectively and available space is used most efficiently which could have the opposite effect. A mixed effect is therefore likely overall.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0		0	Neither Draft Policy DES5 or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0		0	Neither Draft Policy DES5 or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0		0	Although this policy seeks to ensure that developments contribute to the provision, enhancement and maintenance of high quality public realm, there is no specific mention as to how public realm design should be adapted to respond to the impacts of climate change. Therefore, neither Draft Policy DES5 or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	DES5	Alternative		Justification
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18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0		0	Neither Draft Policy DES5 or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+		+/-	<p>Draft Policy DES5 seeks to ensure that new public realm should sensitively integrate and prioritise appropriate levels of movement infrastructure for all users having regard to age, including provision for convenient pedestrian and cycle movement. This will help to increase travel choice and encourage more people to make use of active modes of transport, and would reduce the need for private cars.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would involve having a more prescriptive policy and stringent criteria in the Local Plan. This would have the same benefits as DES5 in relation to reducing traffic congestion, however this would not support a flexible enough approach that can respond to changing circumstances to ensure that public realm need is met most effectively and available space is used most efficiently which could have the opposite effect. A mixed effect is therefore likely overall.</p>

Policy DES6- High quality landscaping

Alternative Option 1: No policy: Not considered to be a reasonable alternative so has not been appraised. This may result in the unnecessary loss of landscape features, and a lack of the provision of new landscaping as part of development proposals

SA Objectives	DES6	Alternative		Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	++			Draft Policy DES6 seeks to ensure that all development provides soft and hard landscaping appropriate to the character of the site and its context. This is likely to improve landscape and townscape within the Borough, and a significant positive effect is likely for this objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0			Draft Policy DES6 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+			Draft Policy DES6 seeks to ensure that soft landscaping is incorporated into development proposals in the form of trees with a focus on native species as a priority and this may help to conserve and enhance biodiversity, and even create biodiversity linkages across the Borough. A positive, although minor effect is therefore likely for this objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0			Draft Policy DES6 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0			Draft Policy DES6 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0			Draft Policy DES6 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	DES6	Alternative		Justification
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7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0			Draft Policy DES6 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+/?			Draft Policy DES6 supports provision of landscaping which can indirectly improve health and wellbeing by creating an improved living environment.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0			Draft Policy DES6 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+/?			Draft Policy DES6 seeks to ensure that all development provides soft and hard landscaping appropriate to the character of the site and its context and the provision of high quality landscaping may help to contribute to the regeneration of areas that have fallen into disrepair. A positive although minor, uncertain effect is likely for this objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0			Draft Policy DES6 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0			Draft Policy DES6 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial	+			Draft Policy DES6 seeks to ensure that all landscaping schemes prepared as part of developments integrate SuDS to help manage surface water runoff, and this has an inherent link to minimising the risk of flooding and its effects. A minor positive effect is therefore likely for this objective.

SA Objectives	DES6	Alternative		Justification
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property and the natural environment flood events can bring				
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0			Draft Policy DES6 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0			Draft Policy DES6 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0			Draft Policy DES6 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0			Draft Policy DES6 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0			Draft Policy DES6 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0			Draft Policy DES6 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective.

Policy DES7- Advertising

Alternative Option 1: Have no policy but rely on NPPF.

SA Objectives	DES7	Alternative	Justification
		1	
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	+	0	<p>Draft Policy DES7 states that advertising structures should be of high quality and have regard to the character of an area. This policy is likely to make a positive contribution to conserving and enhancing landscapes, including townscape and countryside, and a minor positive effect is likely for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 (have no policy and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to the managing advertisements. However, other relevant national policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	++	0	<p>Draft Policy DES7 requires that advertisement signs within Conservation Areas will not be permitted unless they successfully relate to the design and detail of the host building. This therefore contributes to the protection and enhancement of cultural heritage features such as Listed Buildings and local distinctiveness, and a significant positive effect is likely for this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 (have no policy and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to the managing advertisements. However, other relevant national policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0	0	Draft Policy DES7 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have direct effects on this objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0	0	Draft Policy DES7 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have direct effects on this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0	0	Draft Policy DES7 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have direct effects on this objective.

SA Objectives	DES7	Alternative	Justification
		1	
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0	0	Draft Policy DES7 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have direct effects on this objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	Draft Policy DES7 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have direct effects on this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+	0	<p>Draft Policy DES7 seeks to ensure that advertisements do not affect the amenity of residential occupiers including by reason of noise. By reducing exposure to noise, this is likely to reduce inequalities in health of residential occupiers. In addition, the policy stipulates that advertisements contribute to a safe environment for pedestrians and cyclists, which is important as it ensures the continued use of sustainable modes of transport which has positive effects on health. A minor positive effect is likely for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 (have no policy and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to the managing advertisements. However, other relevant national policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	++	0	<p>Draft Policy DES7 states that advertising structures should be of high quality and have regard to the character of an area, and this would add to the interest and vibrancy of town centres and other commercial areas. In addition, the policy stipulates that advertisements should contribute positively to public perceptions of security. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 (have no policy and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to the managing advertisements. However, other relevant national policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p>
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0	0	Draft Policy DES7 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have direct effects on this objective.

SA Objectives	DES7	Alternative	Justification
		1	
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0	0	Draft Policy DES7 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have direct effects on this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0	0	Draft Policy DES7 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have direct effects on this objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	Draft Policy DES7 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have direct effects on this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0	Draft Policy DES7 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have direct effects on this objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0	0	Draft Policy DES7 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have direct effects on this objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	Draft Policy DES7 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have direct effects on this objective.

SA Objectives	DES7	Alternative	Justification
		1	
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	Draft Policy DES7 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have direct effects on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	Draft Policy DES7 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have direct effects on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0	0	Draft Policy DES7 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have direct effects on this objective.

Policy DES8- Appearance of Business Premises

Alternative Option 1: Have no policy but rely on other policies within the Local Plan and NPPF.

SA Objectives	DES8	Alternative	Justification
		1	
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	+	0	<p>Policy DES8 seeks to ensure that proposals for business premises comprise of high quality materials and make a positive contribution to the streetscape. A significant positive effect is likely for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 (have no policy and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to the appearance of business premises. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+/?	0	<p>While this draft policy doesn't make specific reference to cultural heritage, an indirect minor positive, uncertain effect may occur as the measures aiming to achieve high quality design, with new business premises appropriately integrated into their surroundings, should help to avoid negative effects on heritage features and their settings as a result of new development.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 (have no policy and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to the appearance of business premises. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0	0	Both Draft Policy DES8 and Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0	0	Both Draft Policy DES8 and Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+/?	0	<p>Policy DES8 seeks to ensure that proposals for business premises comprise of high quality materials and make a positive contribution to streetscape. Improving the appearance of new business premises in town centres may increase the attractiveness of an area for investors and people for retail and leisure purposes, therefore a minor positive although uncertain effect is likely.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 (have no policy and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to the appearance of business premises. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p>

SA Objectives	DES8	Alternative	Justification
		1	
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0	0	Both Draft Policy DES8 and Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	Both Draft Policy DES8 and Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+	0	Draft Policy DES8 seeks to ensure that there is no harm caused by business premises to nearby residents, including that created by noise, pollutants, fumes, smells, litter and late night activity. A minor positive effect is therefore likely for this objective. Alternative Option 1 (have no policy and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to the appearance of business premises. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+	0	Draft Policy DES8 recognises that the frontages of business premises can influence perceptions of safety and can make the public realm feel unsafe. The policy therefore seeks to ensure that business premise frontages achieve a balance between security and the impact on the appearance of the street. Thus a minor positive effect is likely. Alternative Option 1 (have no policy and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to the appearance of business premises. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+/?	0	Policy DES8 seeks to ensure that proposals for business premises comprise of high quality materials and makes a positive contribution to streetscape and this may help to contribute to the regeneration of areas that have fallen into disrepair. A minor positive although uncertain effect is likely. Alternative Option 1 (have no policy and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to the appearance of business premises. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.

SA Objectives	DES8	Alternative	Justification
		1	
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+	0	<p>Draft Policy DES8 seeks to ensure that new business premises provide inclusive access for all; therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 (have no policy and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to the appearance of business premises. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p>
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0	0	Both Draft Policy DES8 and Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	Both Draft Policy DES8 and Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0	Both Draft Policy DES8 and Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+	0	<p>Draft Policy DES8 seeks to ensure that proposals for business premises comprise of high quality materials and that no harm caused by business premises to nearby residents, including that created by noise, pollutants, fumes, smells, litter and late night activity. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.</p>

SA Objectives	DES8	Alternative	Justification
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16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	Both Draft Policy DES8 and Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	Both Draft Policy DES8 and Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	Both Draft Policy DES8 and Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0	0	Both Draft Policy DES8 and Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.

Policy DES9- Public Art and Interpretation

Alternative Option 1: Have no policy

Alternative Option 2: Have less prescriptive criteria

SA Objectives	DES9	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	++	0	+/-/?	<p>Draft Policy DES9 seeks to encourage the provision of high quality public art that contributes positively to the locality as well as conserving existing public art. Public art can enhance the aesthetics, character and interest of the public realm and this policy would have significant positive effects on conserving and enhancing the urban landscape of the Borough.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 (have no policy) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to public art and cultural interpretation. The NPPF contains details on this issue and other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would involve having a less prescriptive policy and relaxed criteria in the Local Plan in relation to the provision of public art. This would have less benefits than DES9 in relation to conserving and enhancing the urban landscape as it would create uncertainty in providing public art, but would support a flexible enough approach that can respond to changing circumstances to ensure that public art need is met most effectively which would have the opposite effect. A mixed effect is therefore likely overall.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	++	0	+/-/?	<p>Draft Policy DES9 seeks to ensure the protection of existing public art and objects of cultural significance when sites or buildings are developed and this would have a significant positive effect on protecting and enhancing cultural heritage and local distinctiveness that such features may bring.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 (have no policy) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to public art and cultural interpretation. The NPPF contains details on this issue and other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would involve having a less prescriptive policy and relaxed criteria in the Local Plan in relation to the provision of public art. This would have fewer benefits than DES9 in relation to protecting and enhancing cultural heritage and local distinctiveness as it would create uncertainty in providing public art, and in the protection of existing public and other objects of cultural significance.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy DES9 or the alternative options would have direct effects on this objective.

SA Objectives	DES9	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
the habitats which support it				
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy DES9 or the alternative options would have direct effects on this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+/?	0	+/-/?	<p>Draft Policy DES9 seeks to encourage the provision of high quality public art that contributes positively to the locality as well as conserving existing public art. Public art can enhance the aesthetics, character and interest of the public realm creating attractive and comfortable places to live, work and visit as well as attracting further investment and high quality forms of development into an area. This policy may help to promote town centres and attract visitors and investors although this is uncertain at this stage.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 (have no policy) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to public art and cultural interpretation. The NPPF contains details on this issue and other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would involve having a less prescriptive policy and relaxed criteria in the Local Plan in relation to the provision of public art. This would have less benefits than DES9 in relation to promoting town centres as it would create uncertainty in providing public art, but would support a flexible enough approach that can respond to changing circumstances to ensure that public art need is met most effectively which would have the opposite effect. A mixed effect is therefore likely overall.</p>
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy DES9 or the alternative options would have direct effects on this objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy DES9 or the alternative options would have direct effects on this objective.

SA Objectives	DES9	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy DES9 or the alternative options would have direct effects on this objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+	0	+/-/?	<p>Public art can enhance the aesthetics, character and interest of the public realm creating attractive and comfortable places to live, work and visit and can help to create and sustain vibrant communities. Therefore Draft Policy DES9 is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 (have no policy) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to public art and cultural interpretation. The NPPF contains details on this issue and other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would involve having a less prescriptive policy and relaxed criteria in the Local Plan in relation to the provision of public art. This would have less benefits than DES9 in relation to creating and sustaining vibrant communities as it would create uncertainty in providing public art, but would support a flexible enough approach that can respond to changing circumstances to ensure that public art need is met most effectively which would have the opposite effect. A mixed effect is therefore likely overall.</p>
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+/?	0	+/-/?	<p>Public art can enhance the aesthetics, character and interest of the public realm creating attractive and comfortable places to live, work and visit. The provision of public art may help to regenerate areas within the borough that have fallen into disrepair although this is uncertain at this stage and depends on where new public art is proposed as part of developments. A minor positive but uncertain effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 (have no policy) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to public art and cultural interpretation. The NPPF contains details on this issue and other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would involve having a less prescriptive policy and relaxed criteria in the Local Plan in relation to the provision of public art. This would have less benefits than DES9 in relation to regenerating and renewing disadvantaged areas as it would create uncertainty in providing public art, but would support a flexible enough approach that can respond to changing circumstances to ensure that public art need is met most effectively which would have the opposite effect. A mixed effect is</p>

SA Objectives	DES9	Alternative		Justification
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				therefore likely overall.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy DES9 or the alternative options would have direct effects on this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy DES9 or the alternative options would have direct effects on this objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy DES9 or the alternative options would have direct effects on this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy DES9 or the alternative options would have direct effects on this objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy DES9 or the alternative options would have direct effects on this objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy DES9 or the alternative options would have direct effects on this objective.

SA Objectives	DES9	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy DES9 or the alternative options would have direct effects on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy DES9 or the alternative options would have direct effects on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy DES9 or the alternative options would have direct effects on this objective.

Chapter 13 – Promoting Healthy Communities Policies

SA Objectives	Chapter 13 Promoting Healthy Communities										
	HC1	HC2	HC3	HC4	HC5	HC6	HC7	HC8	HC9	HC10	HC11
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough.	++	0	0	0	++	++	++	++	0	0	-
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough.	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it.	0	0	0	0	++	+	+	+	0	0	+
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration.	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development.	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough.	++	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	++	0	+
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally.	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment.	+	+	++	+	++	+	+	+	+	0	0
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough.	++	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities.	++	++	++	++	++	+	+	+	++	+	+
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+

SA Objectives	Chapter 13 Promoting Healthy Communities										
previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings.											
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring.	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures.	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the effects of climate change.	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Policy HC1- Strategic Approach to Leisure and Recreation

Alternative 1: No Policy. This would not facilitate the aims of the NPPF and Sports England in providing high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and recreation, and therefore is not a reasonable alternative and has not been assessed.

SA Objectives	HC1	Alternative	Justification
		1	
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	++		Draft Policy HC1 supports proposals having regard to the Borough's local recommended standards of open space when considering the provision of all relevant typologies of leisure and recreation facilities. In addition, development will only be supported within the Green Belt when it does not have a significant detrimental impact on the open character of the space. A significant positive effect is therefore likely for this SA objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0		Draft Policy HC1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0		Draft Policy HC1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0		Draft Policy HC1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0		Draft Policy HC1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	++		Draft Policy HC1 will support proposals for development of new or enhanced leisure and recreational facilities, particularly in areas of deprivation where they will contribute positively to the wellbeing and social cohesion of the community. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	HC1	Alternative	Justification
		1	
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0		Draft Policy HC1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+		Draft Policy HC1 will support development new or enhanced leisure and recreational facilities, particularly in areas of identified deficiencies and areas of known deprivation. The supporting text highlights the need to decrease the health inequalities which exist within the Borough; however this is not noted within the policy. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+		As Draft Policy HC1 is supporting leisure and recreational facilities, particularly in areas of deprivation, and positively promoting new or enhanced facilities which contribute to social cohesion, it is likely that new developments and the related investment may increase community vibrancy. As a result levels of crime may be reduced. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	++		As Draft Policy HC1 focuses on supporting development of leisure or recreation facilities in areas of identified deficiencies or known deprivation, it is likely that the investment in disadvantaged areas will contribute to the regeneration or renewal of the area. A significant positive effect is therefore likely.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	++		As Draft Policy HC1 relates to the provision of new or enhanced leisure and recreation facilities it will improve local services and facilities within the Borough. A significant positive effect is therefore likely.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0		Draft Policy HC1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	HC1	Alternative	Justification
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13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0		Draft Policy HC1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0		Draft Policy HC1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0		Draft Policy HC1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0		Draft Policy HC1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0		Draft Policy HC1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0		Draft Policy HC1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	HC1	Alternative 1	Justification
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0		Draft Policy HC1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Policy HC2- Strategic Approach to Education, Skills and Learning

Alternative 1: No Policy. The provision of educational facilities would rely on the NPPF.

Alternative 2: Relying on the Local Education Authority (LEA) to determine Future Provision and Choice. While much of the responsibility for planning future schools provision rests with these authorities, there are other local implications of growth in the Borough that stems from the Local Plan's proposals which need to be considered by the Council.

SA Objectives	HC2	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC2, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC2, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC2, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+	0	0	Draft Policy HC2 seeks to enable local people better access to employment opportunities, while the related text specifies the need to improve education facilities as a means of diversifying the skills of the workforce and strengthening the economy. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Neither Alternative Option 1 nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and therefore a negligible rather than negative effect is likely for both.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC2, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	HC2	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	++	0	+/?	<p>Draft Policy HC2 seeks to provide new, continued and enhanced provision of schools and other educational facilities to improve the quality and choice of education and learning opportunities within the Borough. This would be expected to raise the educational attainment in the area. Attention will also focus on opportunities for community activity and engagement (with the supporting text highlighting adult learning in particular), which will reduce social isolation, thus promoting an inclusive environment. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would result on reliance on the NPPF to guide the provision of educational facilities. However it is not considered that the NPPF provides sufficient guidance for the appropriate consideration of proposals involving the provision of schools and other educational facilities in order to meet local needs. Alternative Option 1 would therefore not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would rely on the Local Education Authority to plan future schools provision; however the policy makes no mention of improving educational attainment or promoting social inclusion. A minor positive, uncertain effect is predicted.</p>
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC2, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+	0	0	<p>Policy HC2 seeks to provide opportunities for community activity and engagement to reduce social isolation. This is likely to have indirect benefits on health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+	0	0	<p>Draft Policy HC2 supporting text emphasises the need to raise aspirations and diversify the skills of the workforce, through various levels of education. This in turn is expected to strengthen the local economy and ensure local people can make the most of any job opportunities which arise. A more mobilised workforce and lower unemployment rates could be expected to increase vibrancy within the community. Draft Policy HC2 also aims to reduce social isolation. A more cohesive society may prompt a reduction in crime rates. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Neither Alternative Option 1 nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and therefore a negligible rather</p>

SA Objectives	HC2	Alternative		Justification
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				than negative effect is likely for both.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+	0	0	Draft Policy HC2 focuses on enabling local people better access to employment opportunities. It is likely that an increase in employment in the area as a result of this, and the associated economic benefits will contribute to the regeneration or renewal of the area. A minor positive effect is therefore likely. Neither Alternative Option 1 nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and therefore a negligible rather than negative effect is likely for both.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	++	0	0	Draft Policy HC2 seeks to provide new, continued and enhanced provision of schools and other educational facilities to improve the quality and choice of education and learning opportunities within the Borough. Attention will also focus on opportunities for community activity and engagement (with the supporting text highlighting adult learning in particular). A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Neither Alternative Option 1 nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and therefore a negligible rather than negative effect is likely for both.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC2, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC2, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC2, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	HC2	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels				
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC2, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC2, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC2, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC2, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC2, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Policy HC3- Strategic Approach to Health and Social Care

Alternative 1: No Policy. This would rely on the NPPF with regards to the provision of healthcare facilities.

Alternative 2: Relying on Essex County Council & Clinical Commissioning Group to determine Future Healthcare Provision.

SA Objectives	HC3	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC3, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC3, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC3, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC3, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC3, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+	0	0	Draft Policy HC3 provides in principal support for proposals which reduce social isolation, particularly amongst older people, with the supporting text emphasising the need for home based care to be provided wherever possible. This would ensure that those in need of care are able to stay within the community, further promoting social inclusion. Draft Policy HC3 does not however deal with the improvement of educational attainment. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA

SA Objectives	HC3	Alternative		Justification
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				objective. Neither Alternative Option 1 or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and therefore a negligible rather than negative effect is likely for both.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC3, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	++	0	+	Draft Policy HC3 specifically states that the Council will support in principal proposals which aim to reduce health inequalities. In addition it highlights the need to ensure that new and improved health care facilities are provided, to improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents. A significant positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and therefore a negligible rather than negative effect is likely for both. Alternative option 2 relies on Essex County Council (ECC) and the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to determine future healthcare provision. As such, health and wellbeing is expected to improve. However, a collaborative approach involving Basildon Borough Council, ECC and the CCG is expected to result in more positive effects.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+	0	0	Draft Policy HC3 aims to reduce social isolation. A more cohesive society may prompt a reduction in crime rates. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Neither Alternative Option 1 or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and therefore a negligible rather than negative effect is likely for both.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC3, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and	++	0	+	Draft Policy HC3 highlights the need to ensure that new and improved health care facilities are provided, to improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents. Emphasis is also placed on the provision of social care services within the community. These measures are likely to improve accessibility to, and enhance local health services and facilities. A significant positive effect on this

SA Objectives	HC3	Alternative		Justification
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facilities				<p>SA objective is therefore likely.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and therefore a negligible rather than negative effect is likely for both.</p> <p>Alternative option 2 should still result in access to new or enhanced healthcare services. A minor positive effect is anticipated.</p>
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC3, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC3, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC3, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC3, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC3, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	HC3	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
achieve sustainable water resource management				
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC3, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC3, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC3, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Policy HC4- Community Facilities

Alternative 1: No Policy.

Alternative 2: Absolute Retention. An alternative option is to prohibit the change of use or loss of community facilities to other uses or redevelopment.

SA Objectives	HC4	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC4, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC4, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC4, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC4, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC4, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+	0	0	Draft Policy HC4 highlights the need to retain community facilities for their uses and encourage enhancement where they contribute positively to the wellbeing and social cohesion of local communities. Draft Policy HC4 does not however deal with the improvement of educational attainment. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	HC4	Alternative		Justification
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				Alternative Option 2 seeks to prohibit the change of use or loss of community facilities to other uses or redevelopment. This option does not reflect the need to respond to changing conditions (nor provide an opportunity for enhancement) and hence no direct effect on this SA objective is predicted.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC4, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+	0	0	Draft Policy HC4 aims to retain community facilities for their uses, and encourage opportunities to enhance them, where they contribute positively to the wellbeing and social cohesion of local communities. Through this enhancement it can therefore be expected that wellbeing within the community will be improved. However no mention is made within the policy of reducing health inequalities. A minor positive effect on this SA objective is likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. Alternative Option 2 relates to maintaining the current conditions rather than improving them, therefore no direct effect on this SA objective is likely.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+	0	0	Draft Policy HC4 aims to retain community facilities for their uses, and encourage opportunities to enhance them, where they contribute positively to the wellbeing and social cohesion of local communities. A more cohesive society may prompt a reduction in crime rates. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. Alternative Option 2 appears to refer to maintaining the current conditions rather than improving them, therefore no direct effect on this SA objective is likely.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+	0	0	Draft Policy HC4 aims to retain community facilities for their uses, and encourage opportunities for enhancement, where they contribute positively to the wellbeing and social cohesion of local communities. Redevelopment or change of use will be permitted where it can be demonstrated that the new or improved facility will provide greater community benefits. If community facilities are tailored to the needs of the area in this way then it is likely that more disadvantaged areas will be renewed through the provision of improved facilities. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Neither Alternative Option 1, nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	HC4	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	++	0	0	<p>Draft Policy HC4 specifically emphasises the need to retain community facilities, enhancing where appropriate. In circumstances where a change of use (to another community facility) will provide greater community benefits this will be supported. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 is unlikely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2, the retention of community buildings for their current use, would protect the existing community facilities however if fails to recognise that local services needs are diverse and is therefore inflexible and unable to adapt to changing requirements. It is unlikely to enhance local services and facilities. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p>
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	+	0	0	<p>Draft Policy HC4 mentions that the possibility may exist for redevelopment or change of use of any premises that currently provides services or facilities, from its current use to another community facility. This reuse of existing buildings will improve efficiency of land use. The refurbishment of existing buildings will also contribute to this. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 is unlikely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would prohibit the change of use or loss of community facilities to other uses or redevelopment, however is unlikely to improve the efficiency of land use as some of these facilities may be better suited to other uses. Alternative Option 2 is unlikely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p>
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC4, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC4, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	HC4	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
reliance on fossil fuels				
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC4, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC4, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC4, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC4, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC4, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Policy HC5 – Public Open Spaces

Recommendation:

This policy could be improved by making explicit reference to the importance of connecting public open spaces, particularly green spaces via green links and sustainable transport links, contributing to improving the Borough's Green Infrastructure with positive effects on biodiversity, health, mitigating the effects of and adapting to climate change.

Alternative 1: No Policy. This option would rely on national policy in the NPPF.

Alternative 2: Absolute Retention. This option offers stronger protection, insisting that all existing areas of open space are retained in perpetuity..

Alternative 3: Allocation of Local Green Spaces within the Local Plan. The Council has received nominations of local green spaces as part of the Council's local list of heritage assets. The nomination of these spaces suggests they are of local importance and may therefore be suitable for designation as Local Green Spaces. Working within the provisions of the NPPF, it is considered that protection by statutory or local listing, and their inclusion in neighbourhood plans will act to safeguard the physical fabric of the local green spaces.

SA Objectives	HC5	Alternative			Justification
		1	2	3	
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	++	0	+	++	<p>Draft Policy HC5 requires that land identified as public open space be retained for its use, and opportunities to improve them will be encouraged or sought having regard to other relevant policies set out in this plan. Reconfiguration of existing open spaces would only be supported where it resulted in enhancements and no net loss in the existing space. Furthermore, it provides a framework for the designation of new Local Green Spaces through the Neighbourhood Plan-making process, including spaces which make a positive contribution to the visual amenity, biodiversity value or character of the Area. Draft policy HC5 is therefore likely to have a significant positive effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would rely on national policy and therefore would not have a direct effect locally on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 represents a more rigid policy protecting all open spaces in perpetuity regardless of their capacity, proximity, functionality and connectivity, making it harder to reconfigure and masterplan the provision of public open spaces to maximise their potential. This is likely to maintain the current natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces in Basildon, but limit the potential for improvements at a strategic scale, resulting in only minor positive effects overall.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 proposes the creation of Local Green Spaces during the preparation and review of the Local Plan as well as more localised Neighbourhood Plans. This is not likely to result in any changes to the scores identified for preferred policy HC5.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local	+	0	0	+	<p>Draft Policy HC5 requires that land identified as public open space be retained for its use, and opportunities to improve them will be encouraged or sought having regard to other relevant policies set out in this plan. Reconfiguration of existing open spaces would only be required where it</p>

SA Objectives	HC5	Alternative			Justification
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distinctiveness of Basildon Borough					<p>resulted in enhancements and no net loss in the existing space. Furthermore, it provides a framework for the designation of new Local Green Spaces through the Neighbourhood Plan-making process, including spaces which make a positive contribution to the visual amenity, biodiversity value or character of the Area. Draft policy HC5 is therefore likely to have a minor positive effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would rely on national policy and therefore would not have a direct effect locally on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 represents a more rigid policy protecting all open spaces in perpetuity regardless of their capacity, proximity, functionality and connectivity, making it harder to reconfigure and masterplan the provision of public open spaces to maximise their potential. This is likely to protect any cultural heritage and local distinctiveness, but limit the potential for improvements at a strategic scale, resulting in only negligible effects overall.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 proposes the creation of Local Green Spaces during the preparation and review of the Local Plan as well as more localised Neighbourhood Plans. This is not likely to result in any changes to the scores identified for preferred policy HC5.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	++	0	+	++	<p>Local open spaces provide most of the Borough's 1,300ha of green spaces. Draft Policy HC5 requires that land identified as public open space be retained for its use, and opportunities to improve them will be encouraged or sought having regard to other relevant policies set out in this plan. Reconfiguration of existing open spaces would only be required where it resulted in enhancements and no net loss in the existing space. Furthermore, it provides a framework for the designation of new Local Green Spaces through the Neighbourhood Plan-making process, including spaces which make a positive contribution to biodiversity value. Draft policy HC5 is therefore likely to have a significant positive effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would rely on national policy and therefore would not have a direct effect locally on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 represents a more rigid policy protecting all open spaces in perpetuity regardless of their capacity, proximity, functionality and connectivity, making it harder to reconfigure and masterplan the provision of public open spaces to maximise their potential. This is likely to protect the existing habitats within such spaces, but limit the potential for improvements to the Borough's Green Infrastructure network at a strategic scale, resulting in only minor positive effects overall.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 proposes the creation of Local Green Spaces during the preparation and review of the Local Plan as well as more localised Neighbourhood Plans. This is not likely to result in any</p>

SA Objectives	HC5	Alternative			Justification
		1	2	3	
					changes to the scores identified for preferred policy HC5.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+	0	0	+	<p>Draft policy HC5 serves to protect, expand and enhance public open spaces, particularly green spaces, which will contribute towards improving the local character of the Borough's landscapes and townscapes, increase biodiversity, connectivity and resilience to the effects of climate change, all of which are likely to improve the local environment for the Borough's workforce, attracting new business and skills to the Borough, with minor positive effects against this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would rely on national policy and therefore would not have a direct effect locally on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 represents a more rigid policy protecting all open spaces in perpetuity regardless of their capacity, proximity, functionality and connectivity, making it harder to reconfigure and masterplan the provision of public open spaces to maximise their potential as new attractive places for the Borough's growing workforce. Therefore, overall, alternative option 2 is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective over all.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 proposes the creation of Local Green Spaces during the preparation and review of the Local Plan as well as more localised Neighbourhood Plans. This is not likely to result in any changes to the scores identified for preferred policy HC5.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+	0	0	+	<p>Draft Policy HC5 requires that land identified as public open space, including land within and around the Borough's town centres, be retained and opportunities to improve them will be encouraged. This is likely to help protect and enhance Town centres as attractive places to live, shop, play and work in, with minor positive effects against this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would rely on national policy and therefore would not have a direct effect locally on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 represents a more rigid policy protecting all open spaces in perpetuity regardless of their capacity, proximity, functionality and connectivity, making it harder to reconfigure and masterplan the provision of public open spaces to maximise the potential of town centres as attractive places to live, shop, play and work in. Therefore, overall, alternative option 2 is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective over all.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 proposes the creation of Local Green Spaces during the preparation and review of the Local Plan as well as more localised Neighbourhood Plans. This is not likely to result in any changes to the scores identified for preferred policy HC5.</p>

SA Objectives	HC5	Alternative			Justification
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6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+	0	0	+	<p>Public open spaces are important places within communities where people can meet and socialise. Draft policy HC5 serves to protect and enhance them encouraging greater social inclusion, with minor positive effects against this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would rely on national policy and therefore would not have a direct effect locally on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 represents a more rigid policy protecting all open spaces in perpetuity regardless of their capacity, proximity, functionality and connectivity, making it harder to reconfigure and masterplan the provision of public open spaces to maximise the potential, including improving accessibility to greater numbers of residents. Therefore, overall, alternative option 2 is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective overall.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 proposes the creation of Local Green Spaces during the preparation and review of the Local Plan as well as more localised Neighbourhood Plans. This is not likely to result in any changes to the scores identified for preferred policy HC5.</p>
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	-	0	-	-	<p>The protection of existing open spaces within the Borough and the provisions with policy HC5 to protect and enhance more public open spaces is likely to result in less land being available within and adjacent to the Borough's settlements for housing, with minor negative effects against this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would rely on national policy and therefore would not have a direct effect locally on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would focus on the protection of existing open spaces, reducing the potential to redefine open spaces to accommodate new housing developments within the urban area with minor negative effects against this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 proposes the creation of Local Green Spaces during the preparation and review of the Local Plan as well as more localised Neighbourhood Plans. This is not likely to result in any changes to the scores identified for preferred policy HC5.</p>
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	++	0	+	++	<p>Draft policy HC5 serves to protect, expand and enhance public open spaces, particularly green spaces. Such places are used for a diverse range of activities, the vast majority of which are likely to contribute to improving the physical and mental health of Borough's residents, with significant positive effects against this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would rely on national policy and therefore would not have a direct effect locally on this SA objective.</p>

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					<p>Alternative Option 2 represents a more rigid policy protecting all open spaces in perpetuity regardless of their capacity, proximity, functionality and connectivity, making it harder to reconfigure and masterplan the provision of public open spaces to maximise their potential as places of diverse recreation and sustainable transport routes. Overall, as there would be no net loss in the public open space, alternative option 2 is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 proposes the creation of Local Green Spaces during the preparation and review of the Local Plan as well as more localised Neighbourhood Plans. This is not likely to result in any changes to the scores identified for preferred policy HC5.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+	0	0	+	<p>Public open spaces are important places within communities where people can meet and socialise. Draft policy HC5 serves to protect and enhance them, particularly green spaces, which make-up a significant proportion of the public open spaces in the Borough. Recent studies have shown that good provision of well-maintained green spaces can contribute to making people feel safer in their communities and reduce crime. Improving such spaces for local communities is also likely to encourage greater social inclusion. Therefore, draft policy HC5 is likely to have a minor positive effect against this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would rely on national policy and therefore would not have a direct effect locally on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 represents a more rigid policy protecting all open spaces in perpetuity regardless of their capacity, proximity, functionality and connectivity, making it harder to reconfigure and masterplan the provision of public open spaces to maximise their potential as centres for vibrant communities. Therefore, overall, alternative option 2 is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective overall.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 proposes the creation of Local Green Spaces during the preparation and review of the Local Plan as well as more localised Neighbourhood Plans. This is not likely to result in any changes to the scores identified for preferred policy HC5.</p>
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+	0	0	+	<p>Draft Policy HC5 requires that land identified as public open space be retained for its use, and opportunities to improve them will be encouraged or sought. Such a policy is likely to contribute to helping regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live and work in the borough, with minor positive effects against this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would rely on national policy and therefore would not have a direct effect locally on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 represents a more rigid policy protecting all open spaces in perpetuity</p>

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					<p>regardless of their capacity, proximity, functionality and connectivity, making it harder to reconfigure and masterplan the provision of public open spaces to maximise their role in regenerating and renewing disadvantaged areas. Therefore, overall, alternative option 2 is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective overall.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 proposes the creation of Local Green Spaces during the preparation and review of the Local Plan as well as more localised Neighbourhood Plans. This is not likely to result in any changes to the scores identified for preferred policy HC5.</p>
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	++	0	0	++	<p>Public open spaces in the Borough include Urban Parks and Gardens; Natural and Semi-Natural Green Space; Outdoor Sports Facilities; Amenity Green Space; Provision of Places for Children and Young People; Education Fields; Allotments, Community Gardens and City Farms; Churchyards and Cemeteries; and Urban Civic Spaces. Draft policy HC5 serves to protect, expand and enhance these important local facilities, improving their general extent and quality where appropriate, with significant positive effects against this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would rely on national policy and therefore would not have a direct effect locally on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 represents a more rigid policy protecting all open spaces in perpetuity regardless of their capacity, proximity, functionality and connectivity, making it harder to reconfigure and masterplan the provision of new and improved public open spaces, or improve accessibility. Therefore, overall, alternative option 2 is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective overall.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 proposes the creation of Local Green Spaces during the preparation and review of the Local Plan as well as more localised Neighbourhood Plans. This is not likely to result in any changes to the scores identified for preferred policy HC5.</p>
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0	0	0	0	<p>Draft policy HC5 and its reasonable alternatives are concerned with protecting, expanding and enhancing public open spaces. Therefore, they are likely to have a negligible effect on the objective.</p>
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial	+	0	0	+	<p>Local open spaces provide most of the Borough's 1,300ha of green spaces. Draft Policy HC5 requires that land identified as public open space be retained for its use, and opportunities to improve them will be encouraged or sought having regard to other relevant policies set out in this plan including policy CC2 concerned with Flood Risk and Drainage Management. Protecting,</p>

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property and the natural environment flood events can bring					<p>expanding and enhancing public green spaces is likely to contribute to improving the Borough's resilience to flooding, with minor positive effects against this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would rely on national policy and therefore would not have a direct effect locally on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 represents a more rigid policy protecting all open spaces in perpetuity regardless of their capacity, proximity, functionality and connectivity, making it harder to reconfigure and masterplan public open spaces to contribute at a strategic scale to the minimisation of flood risk. Therefore, overall, alternative option 2 is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective overall.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 proposes the creation of Local Green Spaces during the preparation and review of the Local Plan as well as more localised Neighbourhood Plans. This is not likely to result in any changes to the scores identified for preferred policy HC5.</p>
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0	0	0	Draft policy HC5 and its reasonable alternatives serve to protect, expand and enhance public open spaces. While this is likely to contribute to making the Borough's population more active and healthier, the policy makes no mention of connecting the Borough's open spaces via sustainable transport links to encourage alternative modes of transport to the private car. Therefore, draft policy HC5 and its reasonable alternatives are likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0	0	0	0	Draft policy HC5 and its reasonable alternatives serve to protect, expand and enhance public open spaces, particularly green spaces able to absorb pollutants and noise from traffic and industrial processes. However, as this is not the primary purpose of public open spaces, draft policy HC5 and its reasonable alternatives are likely to have a negligible effect on this objective overall.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	0	0	Draft policy HC5 and its reasonable alternatives are concerned with protecting, expanding and enhancing public open spaces. Therefore, they are likely to have a negligible effect on the objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	+	0	0	+	Draft policy HC5 and its reasonable alternatives serve to protect, expand and enhance public open spaces, particularly green spaces which help to alleviate the impacts of climate change, principally reducing surface water flooding and the urban heat island effect with minor positive effects against this objective.

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					<p>Alternative Option 1 would rely on national policy and therefore would not have a direct effect locally on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 represents a more rigid policy protecting all open spaces in perpetuity regardless of their capacity, proximity, functionality and connectivity, making it harder to reconfigure and masterplan public open spaces to contribute at a strategic scale to adapting to climate change. Therefore, overall, alternative option 2 is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective overall.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 proposes the creation of Local Green Spaces during the preparation and review of the Local Plan as well as more localised Neighbourhood Plans. This is not likely to result in any changes to the scores identified for preferred policy HC5.</p>
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	0	0	Draft policy HC5 and its reasonable alternatives are concerned with protecting, expanding and enhancing public open spaces. Therefore, they are likely to have a negligible effect on the objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0	0	0	0	Draft policy HC5 and its reasonable alternatives serve to protect, expand and enhance public open spaces. While this is likely to contribute to making the Borough's population more active and healthier, the policy makes no mention of connecting the Boroughs open spaces via sustainable transport links to encourage alternative modes of transport to the private car. Therefore, draft policy HC5 and its reasonable alternatives are likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.

Policy HC6- Allotment Gardens

Alternative 1: No Policy. The alternative approach is to determine proposals on a case by case basis.

SA Objectives	HC6	Alternative 1	Justification
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	++	0	Draft Policy HC6 aims to retain current allotments, improve these spaces and create more where the opportunities exist. It also states that the development of allotments for other uses will not be permitted unless there is new provision of an equivalent size and an equal or higher standard provided on an alternative accessible site within the locality. As this policy will conserve and enhance these existing green spaces a significant positive effect on this SA objective is likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC6 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+	0	Draft Policy HC6 aims to retain current allotments, improve these spaces and create more where the opportunities exist. It also states that the development of allotments for other uses will not be permitted unless there is new provision of an equivalent size and an equal or higher standard provided on an alternative accessible site within the locality. As this policy will conserve and enhance existing green spaces, which could support biodiversity, a minor positive effect on this SA objective is likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC6 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC6 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Improve educational	+	0	The supporting text for Draft Policy HC4 highlights allotments as helping to foster social

SA Objectives	HC6	Alternative	Justification
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attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough			relationships; however they are only used by a very small percentage of the population of the Borough (less than 0.5%). A minor positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC6 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+	0	The supporting text for Draft Policy HC6 highlights the role of allotments in providing a healthy physical and mental activity; however the policy text makes no mention of promoting health and wellbeing, or reducing health inequalities. In addition allotments are only used by a very small percentage of the population of the Borough (less than 0.5%). A minor positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+	0	The supporting text for Draft Policy HC6 highlights allotments as helping to foster social relationships; a more cohesive society may prompt a reduction in crime rates. However allotments are only used by a very small percentage of the population of the Borough (less than 0.5%). A minor positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0	0	Although Draft Policy HC6 aims to retain allotments, and pursue options to improve and expansion it is unlikely to provide any large scale options for regeneration renewal of disadvantaged areas. Neither Draft Policy HC6 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+	0	Draft Policy HC6 aims to retain current allotments, improve these spaces and create more where the opportunities exist. An increase in allotments available would be expected to constitute an enhancement to local facilities. A minor positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC6 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	HC6	Alternative	Justification
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re-use of materials from previous buildings			
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC6 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0	Although Draft Policy HC6 advocates the retention of existing allotments, and the possible improvement and expansion where the opportunity exists it is not thought that this will result in any significant reduction in the emission of greenhouse gases. Neither Draft Policy HC6 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+	0	Draft Policy HC4 advocates the retention of existing allotments, and the possible improvement and expansion where the opportunity exists. Improvement or expansion of existing green space is likely to improve air quality. A minor positive is therefore likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC6 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC6 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC6 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	HC6	Alternative 1	Justification
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC6 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Policy HC7- Playing fields associated with education facilities

Recommendation:

This policy could possibly be improved through the recommendation within the policy text, that playing fields associated with educational uses be available for use by other groups outside school hours, where at all possible. At present this is mentioned in the supporting text but no provision is made within the policy.

Alternative 1: No Policy. The alternative approach is to determine proposals on a case by case basis.

SA Objectives	HC7	Alternative	Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	++	0	Draft Policy HC7 aims to retain existing playing fields associated with educational uses and pursue opportunities to improve them, while having regard to other relevant policies. If the educational facility is removed the playing fields associated with the facility should be retained as an open space where possible. As this policy will conserve and enhance existing green spaces a significant positive effect on this SA objective is likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC7 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+	0	Draft Policy HC7 aims to retain playing fields associated with educational uses and pursue opportunities to improve them. If the educational facility is removed the playing fields associated with the facility should be retained as an open space where possible. Though the biodiversity potential of playing fields is likely to be limited, as this policy will conserve and enhance existing green space a minor positive effect on this SA objective is likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC7 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC7 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	HC7	Alternative	Justification
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Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development			
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+	0	The supporting text of Draft Policy HC7 states that school based playing field provision exists primarily to meet educational needs. Therefore it can be expected that through the retention and improvement of playing fields educational attainment may improve (particularly in physical education). A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC7 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+	0	As the supporting text to Draft Policy HC7 highlights, although the primary purpose of a school based playing field is to meet educational needs, it also has the potential to be used by the wider community where there is a policy or practice promoting such dual use, outside educational hours. As Draft Policy HC7 aims to retain and improve playing fields where possible this may lead to an improvement in the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents by providing opportunities for physical activity. A minor positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+	0	Draft Policy HC7 aims to retain existing playing fields associated with educational uses and pursue opportunities to improve them, while having regard to other relevant policies. As the supporting text suggests, these facilities have the potential to be used by the wider community, outside educational hours. If these were to become social hubs within the community, it is likely that it would increase the sense of vibrancy within the community. A minor positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the	+	0	Draft Policy HC7 aims to retain existing playing fields associated with educational uses and pursue opportunities to improve them, while having regard to other relevant policies. As the supporting text suggests, these facilities have the potential to be used by the wider community, outside educational hours. This could be particularly effective in areas where access is otherwise limited to

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Borough			facilities, and may help to renew disadvantaged areas. A minor positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+	0	Draft Policy HC7 aims to retain existing playing fields associated with educational uses and pursue opportunities to improve them, while having regard to other relevant policies. As the supporting text suggests, these facilities have the potential to be used by the wider community, outside educational hours. This could be particularly effective in areas where access is otherwise limited to facilities and may improve accessibility to local facilities and services. A minor positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC7 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC7 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC7 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC7 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	HC7	Alternative	Justification
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respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures			
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC7 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC7 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC7 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC7 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Policy HC8- Private open spaces

Alternative 1: No Policy. The alternative approach is to determine proposals on a case by case basis.

SA Objectives	HC8	Alternative 1	Justification
	1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	++	
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC8 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+	0	Draft Policy HC8 aims to secure existing private open spaces, and retain them for their primary sport or recreation uses, as well as occasional use to support agricultural diversification activities. Though playing fields and pitches are likely to have a relatively limited biodiversity value, their use for agricultural diversification activities may improve areas of biodiversity. In addition, the principle of pitch relocation will apply to any proposal for development on allocated private open spaces, where such proposals would involve the loss of private pitches. As this policy will protect existing green spaces, and likely improve opportunities for biodiversity a minor positive effect on this SA objective is likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC8 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC8 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	HC8	Alternative	Justification
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6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+	0	As stated in the supporting text of Draft Policy HC8, land within the Green Belt, predominantly at Barleylands Farm which is in private ownership, offers in the region of thirty adult and junior pitches, currently used by 10-12 football clubs. This land therefore obviously plays a significant role in providing access to sporting facilities for people of all ages, providing a social hub within the community, and increasing a sense of social inclusion. As Draft Policy HC8 aims to secure existing private open spaces, and retain them for their primary sport or recreation uses a minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC8 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+	0	Draft Policy HC8 aims to secure existing private open spaces, and retain them for their primary sport or recreation uses. As stated in the supporting text, land within the Green Belt is currently used by 10-12 football clubs, which indicates that this private land is in use by a relatively significant number of people, for recreational purposes. This could be expected to have a positive effect on the health and wellbeing of the residents who use the facilities. A minor positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+	0	Private open space in the borough plays a key role in providing access to sporting facilities for people of all ages, providing a social hub within the community, and increasing a sense of vibrancy and social inclusion. A more cohesive society may also prompt a reduction in crime rates. As Draft Policy HC8 aims to secure existing private open spaces, and retain them for their primary sport or recreation uses a minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+	0	Draft Policy HC8 aims to secure existing private open spaces, and retain them for their primary sport or recreation uses. It also highlights that the development of essential facilities including changing rooms, toilets and car parking will be supported. The enhancement of these open spaces may encourage greater usage and help to regenerate or renew disadvantaged areas. A minor positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.

SA Objectives	HC8	Alternative	Justification
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			Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+	0	Draft Policy HC8 aims to secure existing private open spaces, and retain them for their primary sport or recreation uses. It also highlights that the development of essential facilities including changing rooms, toilets and car parking will be supported. This will enhance the existing facilities, with the car parking helping to aid accessibility. A minor positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC8 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC8 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC8 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC8 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC8 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	HC8	Alternative	Justification
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achieve sustainable water resource management			
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC8 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC8 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC8 nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Policy HC9- New and enhanced community facilities

Alternative 1: No Policy. An alternative approach is to rely on national policy.

Alternative 2: Allocate Specific Land for New Facilities.

SA Objectives	HC9	Alternative 1		Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC19, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC9, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC9, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC9, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC9, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	++	0	+	Draft Policy HC9 aims to support new and enhanced community facilities where it can be demonstrated that the facility is well connected to, and associated with existing facilities and accessible to adequate public transport, cycling and walking links for the benefit of non-car users. In addition vehicle access and on-site vehicle parking would be provided and adequate access would be necessary for people with disabilities. This emphasis on accessibility for a wide range of social

SA Objectives	HC9	Alternative 1		Justification
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				<p>groups suggests that Draft Policy HC9 would improve social inclusion in the area. Educational facilities are included in the list of services which will be supported, suggesting that an improvement in educational attainment, through the provision of new facilities is possible. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks to allocate specific land for new facilities. This would result in delivery of new facilities. As such a minor positive effect is predicted.</p>
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC9, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+	0	+	<p>Draft Policy HC9 aims to support new and enhanced community facilities, including premises for sport, leisure and recreation where it can be demonstrated that the facility is readily accessible to adequate public transport, cycling and walking links for the benefit of non-car users. In addition vehicle access and on-site vehicle parking would be provided to an appropriate standard and adequate access would be necessary for people with disabilities. It is likely that the provision of new or improved facilities, with increased accessibility would encourage greater use of facilities, helping to improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks to allocate specific land for new facilities. This would result in delivery of new facilities. As such a minor positive effect is predicted.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+	0	0	<p>Draft Policy HC9 aims to support new and enhanced community facilities where it can be demonstrated that the facility is readily accessible to adequate public transport, cycling and walking links for the benefit of non-car users. In addition vehicle access and on-site vehicle parking would be provided and adequate access would be necessary for people with disabilities. This emphasis on accessibility for a wide range of social groups suggests that Draft Policy HC9 would improve social inclusion in the area. The provision or enhancement of facilities is likely to provide a social hub within the community, and create a sense of vibrancy and social inclusion. A more cohesive society</p>

SA Objectives	HC9	Alternative 1		Justification
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				<p>may also prompt a reduction in crime rates. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 has been discounted as it does not provide a flexible approach that can respond to the changing and specific needs of the local community in the future. It would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p>
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+	0	0	<p>Draft Policy HC9 highlights that new community facilities will be located on sites which relate well to defined settlements within the Borough, unless it can be demonstrated that there is a clear community need for the facility but there are no suitable premises within or adjacent the defined settlements, the proposal is predominantly for outdoor sport or recreation activities, or there are overriding community, amenity and environmental benefits deriving from an out of town location. This emphasis on keeping new facilities within existing settlements where possible will contribute to the regeneration and renewal of certain areas. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 is also not considered to have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p>
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	++	0	+	<p>Draft Policy HC9 aims to support new and enhanced community facilities where it can be demonstrated that the facility is readily accessible to adequate public transport, cycling and walking links for the benefit of non-car users. In addition vehicle access and on-site vehicle parking would be provided and adequate access would be necessary to facilities for people with disabilities. This emphasis on accessibility and enhancement suggests that a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks to allocate specific land for new facilities. This would result in delivery of new facilities. As such a minor positive effect is predicted.</p>
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous	0	0	0	<p>Neither Draft Policy HC9, Alternative Option 1 or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p>

SA Objectives	HC9	Alternative 1		Justification
		1	2	
buildings				
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC9, Alternative Option 1 or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC9, Alternative Option 1 or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC9, Alternative Option 1 or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC9, Alternative Option 1 or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC9, Alternative Option 1 or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC9, Alternative Option 1 or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC9, Alternative Option 1 or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on

SA Objectives	HC9	Alternative 1		Justification
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its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations				this SA objective.

Policy HC10- Loss of community facilities

Alternative 1: No Policy. An alternative approach is to rely on the NPPF.

Alternative 2: Alternative options are to have more stringent criteria regarding the protection of community facilities.

Alternative 3: Alternative options are to have less stringent criteria regarding the protection of community facilities.

SA Objectives	HC10	Alternative			Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC10, Alternative Option 1, 2 or 3 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC10, Alternative Option 1, 2 or 3 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC10, Alternative Option 1, 2 or 3 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC10, Alternative Option 1, 2 or 3 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC10, Alternative Option 1, 2 or 3 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC10, Alternative Option 1, 2 or 3 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	HC10	Alternative			Justification
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areas of the Borough					
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC10, Alternative Option 1, 2 or 3 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC10, Alternative Option 1, 2 or 3 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+	0	+	0?	<p>Draft Policy HC10 aims to permit proposals which will result in the loss of an existing community facility only when the use concerned is genuinely redundant, all reasonable efforts have been made to preserve the facility but it is not viable to retain the building or site for its existing use, or if the facility which will be lost will be supplied by an easily accessible existing or new facility within the locality concerned. In addition the loss of community facilities that are identified to be of particular value to a local community will not be permitted, except in very special circumstances. The supporting text highlights that these facilities create community cohesion, reduce isolation, reduce fear of crime and create opportunities for information sharing and participation in community activity. In addition community facilities can perform a vital function in terms of the economic and social welfare, helping to ensure the continued vitality of rural communities. Therefore the retention of facilities identified as being of community value, suggests that social hubs will be protected, helping to sustain any sense of vibrancy, and social inclusion within the community. A sense of social cohesion may also help to reduce crime rates. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would involve having more stringent criteria on the protection of community facilities. This is likely to result in the loss of less community facilities. A minor positive effect is therefore likely overall on this SA objective. However this is uncertain due to lack of current detail.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 would involve having less stringent criteria on the protection of community facilities. This is likely to result in a greater loss of community facilities. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. However this is uncertain due to lack of current detail.</p>

SA Objectives	HC10	Alternative			Justification
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10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+	0	+?	0?	<p>Draft Policy HC10 aims to give preference, where it is demonstrated that the existing community use is not viable, to the change of use or redevelopment of the existing facility to an alternative community use. This focus on reuse and regeneration where viable is likely to help renew areas within the community. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would involve having more stringent criteria on the protection of community facilities. This is likely to result in the loss of less community facilities. A minor positive effect is therefore likely overall on this SA objective. However this is uncertain due to lack of current detail.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 would involve having less stringent criteria on the protection of community facilities. This is likely to result in a greater loss of community facilities. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. However this is uncertain due to lack of current detail.</p>
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+	0	+?	0?	<p>Draft Policy HC10 aims to give preference, where it is demonstrated that the existing community use is not viable, to the change of use or redevelopment of the existing facility to an alternative community use. The supporting text highlights the importance of protecting existing community facilities from inappropriate development, improving the quality of such facilities and enhancing their accessibility. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would involve having more stringent criteria on the protection of community facilities. This is likely to result in the loss of less community facilities. A minor positive effect is therefore likely overall on this SA objective. However this is uncertain due to lack of current detail.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 would involve having less stringent criteria on the protection of community facilities. This is likely to result in a greater loss of community facilities. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. However this is uncertain due to lack of current detail.</p>
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	+	0	+?	0?	<p>Draft Policy HC10 aims to permit proposals which will result in the loss of an existing community facility only when the use concerned is genuinely redundant, and all reasonable efforts have been made to preserve the facility but it has been demonstrated that it would not be viable to retain the building or site for its existing use; or the facility or service which will be lost will be adequately supplied or met by an easily accessible existing or new facility in the locality or settlement concerned, unless it has been accepted as redundant. In addition to this the policy highlights that where it is demonstrated that an existing community use is not viable, preference will be given to the change of use or redevelopment to alternative community uses before other uses are considered. This emphasis on reuse of existing buildings and sites suggests an efficiency to land use, through the</p>

SA Objectives	HC10	Alternative			Justification
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					<p>reuse of previously developed land, and existing buildings. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would involve having more stringent criteria on the protection of community facilities. This is likely to result in the loss of less community facilities. A minor positive effect is therefore likely overall on this SA objective. However this is uncertain due to lack of current detail.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 would involve having less stringent criteria on the protection of community facilities. This is likely to result in a greater loss of community facilities. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. However this is uncertain due to lack of current detail.</p>
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC10, Alternative Option 1, 2 or 3 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC10, Alternative Option 1, 2 or 3 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC10, Alternative Option 1, 2 or 3 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC10, Alternative Option 1, 2 or 3 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	HC10	Alternative			Justification
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resource management					
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC10, Alternative Option 1, 2 or 3 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC10, Alternative Option 1, 2 or 3 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC10, Alternative Option 1, 2 or 3 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Policy HC11- Loss of open space

Alternative 1: No Policy. An alternative approach is to rely on the NPPF.

Alternative 2: Stronger Protection of Existing Open Spaces. A second option is to provide stronger protection and insist that all existing areas of open space are retained in perpetuity.

SA Objectives	HC11	Alternative		Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	-	0	++	<p>Draft Policy HC11 will only allow development resulting in the loss of public or private open space, allotment gardens, or playing fields associated with educational facilities if the proposal will result in an improvement to recreational facilities, the community benefits clearly outweigh the loss, the site is no longer required or is unsuitable for its original purpose, there is no viable means of restoring it of reusing for an alternative form of open space, or there are no negative impacts on the surrounding area, ecology and historical or archaeological features. Recognising the strict criteria which need to be met (before loss of open space is permitted), this policy still could result in loss of open space. As such, a minor negative effect is predicted.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would involve retaining all open spaces as they are, conserving the countryside and greenspaces of the Borough. A significant positive effect is therefore likely overall on this SA objective.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+	0	+	<p>Draft Policy HC11 highlights that development resulting in the loss of public or private open space, allotment gardens, or playing fields associated with educational facilities will only be allowed if the proposal will have no detrimental effects on the surrounding area, ecology and historical or archaeological features. As a certain level of protection is given to historical or archaeological features where possible a minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would involve retaining all open spaces as they are which may help to protect the local distinctiveness of the Borough. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+	0	++	<p>Draft Policy HC11 highlights that development resulting in the loss of public or private open space, allotment gardens, or playing fields associated with educational facilities will only be allowed if the proposal will have no detrimental effects on the surrounding area, ecology and historical or archaeological features. As a certain level of protection is given to ecology, this suggests that biodiversity and the habitats which support it will also be conserved where possible. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p>

SA Objectives	HC11	Alternative		Justification
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				<p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would involve retaining all open spaces as they are which would help to protect and conserve habitats that are of value for biodiversity purposes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely overall on this SA objective.</p>
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0	0	-	<p>Neither Draft Policy HC11 or Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative 2 could result in the retention of open space which is undersized, impractical and difficult to put to an effective recreational use, and the subsequent loss of underutilised open space which could instead be used for new development purposes. A minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC11, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+	0	0	<p>Though the supporting text to Draft Policy HC11 highlights that open spaces help to create community cohesion and reduce isolation the actual policy text makes no provision for the improvement of social inclusion. However as development resulting in the loss of public or private open space, allotment gardens, or playing fields associated with educational facilities will only be allowed if the community benefits clearly outweigh the loss a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Neither Alternative Option 1 and Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p>
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	-	<p>Neither Draft Policy HC11 or Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 could result in the retention of open space which is undersized, impractical and difficult to put to an effective recreational use, and the subsequent loss of underutilised open space. This may result in a reduction in the area of land available for new residential developments. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p>
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC11, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	HC11	Alternative		Justification
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residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment				
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+	0	-	<p>In circumstances where development is permitted in existing open spaces, Draft Policy HC11 highlights that it must be demonstrated that the new development increases opportunity for public recreation use, improves the recreational quality of the space, or has community benefits which outweigh the loss of the open space. Therefore in areas where open space is lost, and is replaced by new facilities this could result in the creation of new social hubs, promoting a sense of vibrancy, and social inclusion within the community. A sense of social cohesion may also help to reduce crime rates. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 could result in the retention of open space which is undersized, impractical and difficult to put to an effective recreational use. In these circumstances open space is likely to become unsightly, neglected and disused, thus detracting from the vibrancy of the area and perhaps creating spaces where local residents do not feel safe. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p>
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+	0	-	<p>As Draft Policy HC11 deals with loss of open space no provision is made for the regeneration or renewal of disadvantaged areas within the Borough. However in circumstances where development is permitted in existing open spaces it must be demonstrated to increase opportunity for public recreation use, improve the recreational quality of the space, or have community benefits which outweigh the loss of the open space. Therefore in areas where open space is lost, and is replaced by new facilities this could result in renewal of that area. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 could result in the retention of open space which is undersized, impractical and difficult to put to an effective recreational use. In these circumstances open space is likely to become unsightly, neglected and disused. This policy would block all potential development in these areas, thus a minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p>
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and	+	0	-	<p>As Draft Policy HC11 deals with loss of open space no provision is made for the improvement or enhancement of existing services and facilities. However in circumstances where development is permitted in existing open spaces it must be demonstrated to increase opportunity for public</p>

SA Objectives	HC11	Alternative		Justification
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facilities				<p>recreation use or improve the recreational quality of the space. Therefore in areas where open space is lost, and is replaced by new facilities this could result in enhancement and improved accessibility to local services and facilities. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 could result in the retention of open space which is undersized, impractical and difficult to put to an effective recreational use. In these circumstances open space is likely to become unsightly, neglected and disused. This policy would block all potential development in these areas, thus a minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective</p>
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	+	0	--	<p>Draft Policy HC11 will allow development on areas of open space where the site is no longer required for, it is demonstrably unsuitable for its intended purpose, or there is no viable or reasonably practicable means of restoring or re-using it for an alternative form of open space. The emphasis here is the reuse of the land, whether for new development or for alternative forms of recreation. This will improve the efficiency of land use within the Borough. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 could result in the retention of open space which is undersized, impractical and difficult to put to an effective recreational use. In these circumstances open space is likely to become unsightly, neglected and disused. This policy would block all potential development in these areas, thus a significant negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective</p>
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC11, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC11, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	HC11	Alternative		Justification
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renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels				
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC11, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC11, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC11, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC11, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0	0	0	Neither Draft Policy HC11, Alternative Option 1, or Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Chapter 14 – Protecting Green Belt Land Policies

SA Objectives	Chapter 14 Protecting Green Belt Land										
	GB1	GB2	GB3	GB4	GB5	GB6	GB7	GB8	GB9	GB10	GB11
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough.	++	--	+/-/?	+/?	++/?	++/?	+/?	++/?	+/?	+/?	++
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough.	++	-	-	+/?	++/?	++/?	+/?	++/?	+/?	+/?	++
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it.	+	--	-	+/?	+/?	+/?	+/?	+/?	0	0	++
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration.	+/-	+	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	-	+/-	0	++	0
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development.	++	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally.	-	++	++	-/?	-	+/?	0	0	0	++	0
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+

SA Objectives	Chapter 14 Protecting Green Belt Land										
residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment.											
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced.	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough.	++	0	+	++	+	+	0	+	0	0	++
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings.	++	0	+	++	+	+	+	+	0	0	+
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring.	+	--/?	--/?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the	0	-/?	-/?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SA Objectives	Chapter 14 Protecting Green Belt Land											
reliance on fossil fuels.												
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures.	0	-/?	-/?	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management.	0	0	?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the effects of climate change.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations.	+	-/?	-/?	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+

Policy GB1 – Strategic Approach to Green Belt Protection

Alternative 1: No Policy. Without a local policy the Borough would be failing to include a strategic policy which is likely to be contrary to the NPPF. This is not therefore a reasonable alternative to policy GB1.

SA Objectives	GB1	Alternative 1	Justification
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	++		Draft policy GB1 seeks to protect the openness and permanence of Green Belt land by resisting development within it and maintaining key strategic gaps between the Borough's and neighbouring District's towns and villages. In doing this the policy will help to protect the characteristics of the existing countryside within the borough and the relationship this countryside has with the Borough's settlements, maintaining the Borough's sense of place. Overall, this is likely to result in a significant positive effect on this objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	++		Draft policy GB1 seeks to protect the openness and permanence of Green Belt land by resisting development within it. The policy notes the rich resource of heritage assets within the Green Belt and the contribution to preserving the historic character of the Borough's landscapes and in so doing the special character and setting of the Borough's historic towns. Therefore, draft policy GB1 is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+		Draft policy GB1 seeks to protect the openness and permanence of Green Belt land by resisting development within it, which will protect the habitats and species which live within the Borough's countryside. Furthermore, the policy encourages measures to enhance the environmental quality and beneficial use of the Green Belt, noting the role of the Green Belt in maintaining formal and informal green infrastructure. Although protecting, conserving and enhancing the Borough's biodiversity and habitats is not a purpose of Green Belt, its presence and protection will result in minor positive effects against this objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+/-		Draft policy GB1 seeks to protect the openness and permanence of Green Belt land by resisting development within it. This will restrict the areas within the Borough suitable for development, notably the Borough's greenfield land which is often the most economically viable land to develop. This is likely to result in minor negative effects on this objective. However, the presence of Green Belt encourages the recycling of derelict and other urban land before greenfield land, which is likely to focus economic regeneration within the Boroughs existing settlements, with minor positive effects on this objective. Therefore, overall, draft policy GB1 is likely to have a mixed effect on this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	++		Draft policy GB1 seeks to protect the openness and permanence of Green Belt land by resisting development within it. This indirectly focusses development within the Boroughs existing settlements, including in and around their town centres. Basildon, Laindon, Pitsea and Wickford's town centres are named in the policy as key places for regeneration. Therefore, it is considered that Draft Policy GB1 is likely to result in significant positive effects on this objective.

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6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0		Draft policy GB1 is not likely to have an effect on this objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	-		Draft policy GB1 seeks to protect the openness and permanence of Green Belt land by resisting development within it. This will restrict the areas within the Borough suitable for development, notably the majority of the Borough's greenfield land which is often the most economically viable land to develop. This is likely to restrict the supply of affordable homes within the Borough with minor negative effects on this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+		Draft policy GB1 seeks to protect the openness and permanence of Green Belt land by resisting development within it, which will protect the countryside within and around the Borough's settlements for people to enjoy. Furthermore, the policy encourages measures to enhance the environmental quality and beneficial use of the Green Belt, noting the role of the Green Belt in maintaining formal and informal green infrastructure for people to enjoy. Increasing access to the Green Belt and its multifunctionality is likely to result in minor positive effects on the health of the borough's inhabitants.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0		Draft policy GB1 is not likely to have an effect on this objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	++		Draft policy GB1 seeks to protect the openness and permanence of Green Belt land by resisting development within it, indirectly encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land before greenfield land. This is likely to focus economic regeneration within the Boroughs existing settlements, contributing to regenerating and renewing disadvantaged areas with significant positive effects on this objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0		Draft policy GB1 is not likely to have an effect on this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the	++		Draft policy GB1 seeks to protect the openness and permanence of Green Belt land by resisting development within it, indirectly encouraging the efficient use of land within the Borough through the recycling of previously developed and derelict and other urban land before greenfield land. This is likely to have significant positive effects on this objective.

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re-use of materials from previous buildings			
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	+		Draft policy GB1 seeks to protect the openness and permanence of Green Belt land by resisting development within it. This will protect the majority of greenfield land with the Borough. This is likely to maintain the permeability and thus capacity of the majority of the Boroughs land to retain water, minimising the risk of flooding and having minor positive effects on this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0		Draft policy GB1 is not likely to have an effect on this objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0		Draft policy GB1 is not likely to have an effect on this objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0		Draft policy GB1 is not likely to have an effect on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0		Draft policy GB1 is not likely to have an effect on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of	0		Draft policy GB1 is not likely to have an effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	GB1	Alternative 1	Justification
waste which is recycled or re-used			
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+		Draft policy GB1 seeks to protect the openness and permanence of Green Belt land by resisting development within it, indirectly encouraging the development of urban land within the Borough's existing settlements. Focussing new development within existing settlements is likely to make it more accessible via more sustainable modes of transport to the car – walking, cycling and public transport – with minor positive effects on this objective.

Policy GB2 - Green Belt Extent

Alternative 1: No Policy. Without a local policy the Borough would be failing to include a strategic policy which is likely to be contrary to the NPPF. This is not therefore a reasonable alternative to policy GB1.

SA Objectives	GB2	Alternative 1	Justification
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	--		The Borough's Green Belt review has proposed a significant reduction in the extent of the Green Belt land defined in the 1998 Basildon District Local Plan. The dedesignation of over 400ha of Green Belt land to accommodate the Borough's housing and employment needs within and beyond the plan period is likely to have significant adverse effects on large areas of the Borough's open and countryside.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	-		The Borough's Green Belt review has proposed a significant reduction in the extent of the Green Belt land defined in the 1998 Basildon District Local Plan. The dedesignation of over 400ha of Green Belt land to accommodate the Borough's housing and employment needs within and beyond the plan period is likely to have an adverse effect on the historic character and local distinctiveness of parts of the Borough's countryside and the setting of its historic towns. Overall, the effect against this objective is considered to be minor adverse.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	--		The Borough's Green Belt review has proposed a significant reduction in the extent of the Green Belt land defined in the 1998 Basildon District Local Plan, the vast majority of which is greenfield land. The dedesignation of over 400ha of Green Belt land to accommodate the Borough's housing and employment needs within and beyond the plan period is likely to result in the loss of some of the Borough's greenfield habitats with, potentially, significant adverse effects on the biodiversity of the Borough's countryside.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+		The Borough's Green Belt review has proposed a significant reduction in the extent of the Green Belt land defined in the 1998 Basildon District Local Plan. The dedesignation of over 400ha of Green Belt land will accommodate approximately 22% of the Borough's employment needs within the plan period. This new development will contribute to the economic growth of the Borough with minor positive effects on this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0		The Borough's Green Belt review has proposed a significant reduction in the extent of the Green Belt land defined in the 1998 Basildon District Local Plan. The dedesignation of over 400ha of Green Belt land will accommodate housing and employment needs which cannot be accommodated in the Borough's existing settlements, including their town centres. However, spread out across the Borough, this release of Green Belt land is not considered to have a notable effect of the sustainability of the Borough's existing town centres.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived	0		Draft policy GB2 is not likely to have an effect on this objective.

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areas of the Borough			
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	++		The Borough's Green Belt review has proposed a significant reduction in the extent of the Green Belt land defined in the 1998 Basildon District Local Plan. The dedesignation of over 400ha of Green Belt land will accommodate a significant proportion of the Borough's housing needs within and beyond the plan period. This new development will contribute significantly to the delivery of new dwellings in the Borough, including affordable homes, with significant positive effects on this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0		Draft policy GB2 is not likely to have an effect on this objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0		Draft policy GB2 is not likely to have an effect on this objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0		The Borough's Green Belt review has proposed a significant reduction in the extent of the Green Belt land defined in the 1998 Basildon District Local Plan. The dedesignation of over 400ha of Green Belt land will accommodate housing and employment needs which cannot be accommodated in the Borough's existing settlements through the redevelopment and regeneration of previously developed land. Therefore, this release of Green Belt land is not considered to have a notable effect on this objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0		Draft policy GB2 is not likely to have an effect on this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0		The Borough's Green Belt review has proposed a significant reduction in the extent of the Green Belt land defined in the 1998 Basildon District Local Plan. The dedesignation of over 400ha of Green Belt land will accommodate housing and employment needs which cannot be accommodated in the Borough's existing settlements and the redevelopment and regeneration of previously developed land. Overall, the release of Green Belt land is not considered to have a notable effect on this objective.

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13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	--/?		The Borough's Green Belt review has proposed a significant reduction in the extent of the Green Belt land defined in the 1998 Basildon District Local Plan, the vast majority of which is greenfield land. The dedesignation of over 400ha of Green Belt land to accommodate the Borough's housing and employment needs within and beyond the plan period is likely to result in a significant increase in the area of hardstanding in the Borough, which when compared to retaining permeable greenfield land is likely to increase the risk of surface water flooding in the Borough, particularly in the areas of the Borough designated as Critical Drainage Zones. This is likely to have a significant adverse effect on this objective, with some uncertainty as it is unknown whether in-built mitigation on each allocation in the Green Belt would appropriately mitigate the overall adverse effect of multiple schemes.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	-/?		The Borough's Green Belt review has proposed a significant reduction in the extent of the Green Belt land defined in the 1998 Basildon District Local Plan. The dedesignation of over 400ha of Green Belt land to accommodate the Borough's housing and employment needs within and beyond the plan period will increase the sprawl of the Borough's large built-up areas in to the countryside away from the existing settlements, local and town centres. This is likely to increase the distance new inhabitants will have to travel to access key services and facilities, with the potential for minor adverse effect on this objective. However, this effect is uncertain as there may be scope to mitigate such an effect through improvements to the sustainable transport network and the development of renewable energy networks within sustainable urban extensions.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	-/?		The Borough's Green Belt review has proposed a significant reduction in the extent of the Green Belt land defined in the 1998 Basildon District Local Plan. The dedesignation of over 400ha of Green Belt land to accommodate the Borough's housing and employment needs within and beyond the plan period will increase the sprawl of the Borough's large built-up areas in to the countryside away from the existing settlements local and town centres. This is likely to increase the air, land and noise pollution in the countryside, with the potential for minor adverse uncertain effects on this objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0		Draft policy GB2 is not likely to have an effect on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0		Draft policy GB2 is not likely to have an effect on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-	0		Draft policy GB2 is not likely to have an effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	GB2	Alternative 1	Justification
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19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	-/?		The Borough's Green Belt review has proposed a significant reduction in the extent of the Green Belt land defined in the 1998 Basildon District Local Plan. The dedesignation of over 400ha of Green Belt land to accommodate the Borough's housing and employment needs within and beyond the plan period will increase the sprawl of the Borough's large built-up areas in to the countryside away from the existing settlements local and town centres. This is likely to increase the distance new inhabitants will have to travel to access key services and facilities, with the potential for minor adverse effect on this objective. However, this effect is uncertain as there may be scope to mitigate such an effect through improvements to the sustainable transport network within sustainable urban extensions.

Policy GB3 – Plotland Infill

Alternative 1: No Policy. Without a local policy the Borough would be reliant on the NPPF.

Alternative 2: No Local Self-Build Restriction. Those on the self-build register are required to meet local residency criteria providing homes for local people rather than those from elsewhere. This would help to maintain the sustainability of communities and keep homes relatively affordable.

SA Objectives	GB3	Alternative		Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	+/-/?	0	+/-/?	<p>Draft policy GB3 and Alternative Option 2 allow limited residential infill in the Borough's thirteen Plotland settlements located in the Green Belt where such developments comply with a detailed list of criteria aimed at protecting the character of the Plotlands and the openness of the Green Belt. Developments permitted under the criteria outlined are likely to create new homes on vacant plots instead of in open land with minor positive effects on this objective; however in certain locations such infill development has the potential to adversely affect the landscape by increasing the density of plotlands in key strategic gaps with significant adverse effects on this objective. Overall, the effects are mixed. These effects are uncertain until the detailed design, location and layout of each development is known.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would rely on national policy and therefore would not have a direct effect locally on this SA objective.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	-	0	-	<p>Draft policy GB3 and Alternative Option 2 allow limited residential infill in the Borough's thirteen Plotland settlements located in the Green Belt where such developments comply with a detailed list of criteria aimed at protecting the character of the Plotlands and the openness of the Green Belt. The policy therefore helps to maintain the local distinctiveness and heritage significance of these rare settlements whilst securing their long-term future. Direct impacts on designated cultural heritage assets are not considered likely, however, there could be setting impacts, for example on Grade II and II* Listed Buildings (including the Church of All Saints II* to the south of Vange; The Church of All Saints II* to the east of North Benfleet) through additional development in the plotland locations of North Benfleet, in and around Fairmead plotland and to the south of Vange. Development in these locations may also erode the gaps between existing settlements, impacting on local distinctiveness. An overall minor, adverse impact is predicted.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would rely on national policy and therefore would not have a direct effect locally on this SA objective.</p>

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3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	-	0	-	Draft policy GB3 and Alternative Option 2 allow limited residential infill in the Borough's thirteen Plotland settlements located in the Green Belt where such developments comply with a detailed list of criteria, which, amongst other things, retain hedges and trees which could be home to protected species and habitats. Direct impacts on designated nature conservation are unlikely, although there is potential for indirect impacts from sites proposed to the south-east of Basildon close to the Vange & Fobbing Marshes and Pitsea Marsh SSSI and Basildon Meadows SSSI. There are also likely to be localised impacts on habitats and protected species. An overall minor negative impact is predicted. Alternative Option 1 would rely on national policy and therefore would not have a direct effect locally on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+	0	+	Draft policy GB3 and Alternative Option 2 allow limited residential infill in the Borough's thirteen Plotland settlements located in the Green Belt, which is likely to create jobs for local house builders working on small-scale development sites. This is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. Alternative Option 1 would rely on national policy and therefore would not have a direct effect locally on this SA objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0	0	0	Draft policy GB3 and Alternative Option 2 allow limited residential infill in the Borough's thirteen Plotland settlements located in the Green Belt which are generally not located in close proximity to the Borough's Town Centres. Therefore the policies are likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. Alternative Option 1 would rely on national policy and therefore would not have a direct effect locally on this SA objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0	0	0	Draft policy GB3 and its reasonable alternatives are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	++	0	+	Draft policy GB3 and Alternative Option 2 allow limited residential infill in the Borough's thirteen Plotland settlements located in the Green Belt, which will maximise the potential of these relatively open and sparsely populated settlements to accommodate the Borough's growing population. These new properties are likely to be relatively affordable when compared to other housing schemes within the Borough. Draft Policy GB3 requires that applications for new development demonstrate a local need from within

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				<p>the Plotland or are made available for self-build via the Council's Self-Build Register, helping to help to maintain the sustainability of communities and keep homes relatively affordable.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 does not contain the local need/Self-Build Restriction meaning that new properties could be occupied by people from outside the Borough, reducing the affordability of such properties as well as their benefits for the local community.</p> <p>Therefore, draft policy GB3 is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective overall; whereas Alternative Option 2 is only likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would rely on national policy and therefore would not have a direct effect locally on this SA objective.</p>
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0	0	0	Draft policy GB3 and its reasonable alternatives are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+	0	+	<p>Draft policy GB3 and Alternative Option 2 focus new development within the Plotland's vacant plots – places which have the potential to be hotspots for unsociable and criminal behaviour. Therefore, new development is likely to contribute towards making the Borough's Plotlands safer and more vibrant as new residents move in, with minor positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would rely on national policy and therefore would not have a direct effect locally on this SA objective.</p>
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+	0	+	<p>Draft policy GB3 and Alternative Option 2 focus new development within the Plotland's vacant plots, with minor positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would rely on national policy and therefore would not have a direct effect locally on this SA objective.</p>
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0	0	0	Draft policy GB3 and its reasonable alternatives are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of	+	0	+	Draft policy GB3 and Alternative Option 2 focusses new development within the Plotland's vacant plots, places which are more appropriate for development than greenfield land and are therefore

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previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings				likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. Alternative Option 1 would rely on national policy and therefore would not have a direct effect locally on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	--/?	--/?	--/?	The SFRA Level 1 confirmed that the primary mechanism of flooding in the Borough is pluvial flooding associated with the urban centres of Billericay, Wickford and Basildon, which often coincides with fluvial flooding associated with the River Crouch and its tributaries. Parts of borough are also particularly susceptible to surface water flooding. Due to existing flood defences along the Southern edge of the Borough, the risk of flooding from tidal sources is a residual risk. Draft policy GB3 and Alternative Option 2 allow limited residential infill in the Borough's thirteen Plotland settlements located in the Green Belt. Provision of new infill development will likely increase the number of people and accommodation at risk of flooding, particularly plotland areas located in and around North Benfleet (includes land in flood zones 2 and 3a); Nevendon (includes land in flood zones 2, 3a and 3b) and Crays Hill. Consequently a significant adverse, uncertain effect is predicted.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	-/?	0	-/?	Draft policy GB3 and Alternative Option 2 allows limited residential infill in the Borough's thirteen Plotland settlements located in the Green Belt which are generally not located in close proximity to the Borough's centres, local services and facilities with limited sustainable transport options between them. Therefore, it is likely that new inhabitants off the Plotlands will have to travel by private car, generating more greenhouse gases, with minor negative effects on this objective. This minor adverse effect is uncertain until such time as the positive effects of investment in sustainable transport infrastructure on Plotlands can be ascertained. Alternative Option 1 would rely on national policy and therefore would not have a direct effect locally on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	-/?	0	-/?	Draft policy GB3 and Alternative Option 2 allows limited residential infill in the Borough's thirteen Plotland settlements located in the Green Belt which are generally not located in close proximity to the Borough's centres, local services and facilities with limited sustainable transport options between them. Therefore, it is likely that new inhabitants off the Plotlands will have to travel by private car, generating more air and noise pollution, with minor negative effects on this objective. This minor adverse effect is uncertain until such time as the positive effects of investment in sustainable transport infrastructure on Plotlands can be ascertained. Alternative Option 1 would rely on national policy and therefore would not have a direct effect locally on this SA objective.
16. Improve water efficiency	?	0	?	Draft policy GB3 and Alternative Option 2 allows limited residential infill in the Borough's thirteen Plotland settlements located in the Green Belt which are generally not located in close proximity to

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and achieve sustainable water resource management				the Borough's centres, local services and facilities around Nevendon, Crays Hill, North Benfleet and South Basildon. There is uncertainty in respect of this objective noting that plotland locations can be varied in respect of connections to the supply network.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	0	Draft policy GB3 and its reasonable alternatives are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	0	Draft policy GB3 and its reasonable alternatives are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	-/?	0	-/?	<p>Draft policy GB3 and Alternative Option 2 allows limited residential infill in the Borough's thirteen Plotland settlements located in the Green Belt which are generally not located in close proximity to the Borough's centres, local services and facilities with limited sustainable transport options between them. Therefore, it is likely that new inhabitants off the Plotlands will have to travel by private car, with minor negative effects on this objective. This minor adverse effect is uncertain until such time as the positive effects of investment in sustainable transport infrastructure on Plotlands can be ascertained.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would rely on national policy and therefore would not have a direct effect locally on this SA objective.</p>

Policy GB4 – New Development in the Green Belt

Alternative 1: No Policy. Without a local policy the Borough would be reliant on the NPPF.

SA Objectives	GB4	Alternative 1	Justification
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	+/?	0	<p>Draft policy GB4 seeks to protect the openness and character of the Green Belt land by preventing the approval of inappropriate development in the Green Belt unless very special circumstances, outlined in national planning policy, outweigh any harm. This local policy promotes high quality design, scaling and siting of development to minimise harm. In doing this the policy will help to protect the characteristics of the existing countryside within the borough, except in very special circumstances. Overall, this is likely to result in minor positive effect which is uncertain depending on the location and nature of new development.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+/?	0	<p>Draft policy GB4 seeks to protect the openness and character of the Green Belt land by preventing the approval of inappropriate development, except in very special circumstances. This local policy promotes high quality design, scaling and siting of development to minimise harm. In doing this the policy will help to protect the characteristics of the existing countryside within the borough, except in very special circumstances. Overall, this is likely to result in minor positive effect which is uncertain depending on the location and nature of new development.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+/?	0	<p>Draft policy GB4 seeks to protect the openness and character of the Green Belt land by preventing the approval of inappropriate development, except in very special circumstances. Although protecting the openness and character of the Green Belt is not directly linked to conserving and enhancing the Borough's biodiversity and habitats, minimising development in the countryside and requiring proposals to be in conformity with all other relevant policies is likely to result in a minor positive effects against this objective, except in very special circumstances. Overall, this is likely to result in minor positive effect which is uncertain depending on the location and nature of new development.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 relies wholly on the NPPF which does not set out measures to mitigate harm on openness and character. However, as these attributes are not directly related to the Borough's biodiversity and habitats, there is likely to be a negligible effect on this objective.</p>
4. Achieve sustainable levels of	+/-	0	Draft policy GB4 allows new development within the Green Belt which does not harm the Green Belt

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prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration			and is not considered to be inappropriate as defined in the NPPF. Other development is only permitted in very special circumstances where the adverse effects of any harm are clearly outweighed by other benefits. Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective; whereas, draft policy GB4 goes beyond the NPPF by requiring that harm be minimised through high quality design, scaling and siting, including harm to the area's character. Furthermore, draft policy GB4 withdraws permitted development rights on developments which have been permitted under very special circumstances. These additional requirements are likely to make it harder to develop the Borough's greenfield land. This is likely to result in minor adverse effects on this objective. However, the presence of Green Belt encourages the recycling of derelict and other urban land before greenfield land, which is likely to focus economic regeneration within the Boroughs existing settlements, with minor positive effects on this objective. Therefore, draft policy GB4 is likely to have a mixed effect on this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+	0	Draft policy GB4 seeks to protect the openness and character of the Green Belt land by preventing the approval of inappropriate development, except in very special circumstances. This indirectly focusses new development within the Boroughs existing settlements, including in and around their town centres. Therefore, it is considered that Draft Policy GB4 is likely to result in minor positive effects on this objective. Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0	0	Draft policy GB4 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	-/?	0	Draft policy GB4 seeks to protect the openness and character of Green Belt land by going beyond the requirements of the NPPF, requiring that harm be minimised through high quality design, scaling and siting, including harm to the area's character. This is likely to restrict the areas within the Borough suitable for residential development, notably the majority of the Borough's greenfield land. This is likely to restrict the supply of affordable homes within the Borough with minor uncertain negative effects on this objective. Alternative Option 1 would rely on national policy and therefore would not have an effect locally on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's	0	0	Draft policy GB4 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	GB4	Alternative 1	Justification
residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment			
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	Draft policy GB4 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	++	0	Draft policy GB4 seeks to protect the openness and character of Green Belt land by going beyond the requirements of the NPPF so that harm is minimised through high quality design, scaling and siting, including harm to the area's character. This is likely to restrict more development within the Green Belt, which will indirectly encourage the recycling of derelict and other urban land before greenfield land. This is likely to focus economic regeneration within the Boroughs existing settlements, contributing to regenerating and renewing disadvantaged areas with significant positive effects on this objective. Alternative Option 1 would rely on national policy and therefore would not have an effect locally on this SA objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0	0	Draft policy GB4 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	++	0	Draft policy GB4 seeks to protect the openness and character of Green Belt land by going beyond the requirements of the NPPF so that harm is minimised through high quality design, scaling and siting, including harm to the area's character. This is likely to restrict more development within the Green Belt, which will indirectly encourage the recycling of previously developed, derelict and other urban land before greenfield land. This is likely to have significant positive effects on this objective. Alternative Option 1 would rely on national policy and therefore would have a negligible effect locally on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the	0	0	Draft policy GB4 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	GB4	Alternative	Justification
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natural environment flood events can bring			
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0	Draft policy GB4 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0	0	Draft policy GB4 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	Draft policy GB4 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	Draft policy GB4 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	Draft policy GB4 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to	+	0	Draft policy GB4 seeks to protect the openness and character of the Green Belt land by going beyond the requirements of the NPPF to prevent the approval of inappropriate development in the Green Belt, except in very special circumstances, indirectly encouraging the development of urban land within the Borough's existing settlements. Focussing new development within existing settlements is likely to make it more accessible via more sustainable modes of transport to the car – walking,

SA Objectives	GB4	Alternative 1	Justification
sustainable locations			<p>cycling and public transport – with minor positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p>

Policy GB5 – Extensions and alterations to buildings in the Green Belt

Alternative 1: No Policy. Without a local policy the Borough would be reliant on the NPPF.

Alternative 2: Apply extension limits in line with permitted development rights. This alternative would apply a numerical limit to increases over existing levels of built development. Whilst this has been successfully applied in past local policy to dwellings, it is not considered to be a reasonable alternative due to the fact that limits would be designed to take into account permitted development allowances which do not require planning permission and would not add anything.

Alternative 3: Criteria based policy including more criteria than the preferred option. Such a framework is likely to lead to more pragmatic considerations relating to the impact of individual proposals on openness and visual impact; however, such a policy would not take the local context into consideration.

SA Objectives	GB5	Alternative			Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	++/?	0		++	<p>Draft Policy GB5 outlines general criteria to prevent disproportionate additions and alterations to existing buildings within the Green Belt helping to ensure that such extensions and alterations do not harm the openness, character and appearance of the Green Belt. The policy goes beyond national planning policy by clearly defining what is considered to be a disproportionate addition. This is likely to have a significant positive effect against this objective. However, this effect is uncertain as it is wholly dependent on the detailed design, siting and location of each scheme which are not specified in any detail.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 proposes a more detailed criteria-based policy designed to control the impacts of specific additions and alterations in specific, potentially more sensitive locations. Such a policy is likely to more rigorously protect the openness, character and appearance of the Green Belt with less scope for the design, siting and materials used to result in adverse effects. Therefore, this policy is likely to have a significant positive effect against this objective, with less uncertainty than GB5.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	++/?	0		++	<p>Draft Policy GB5 outlines general criteria to prevent disproportionate additions and alterations to existing buildings within the Green Belt helping to ensure that such extensions and alterations do not harm the openness, character and appearance of the Green Belt, including the appearance of heritage assets in the Green Belt which contribute to its local distinctiveness. The policy goes beyond national planning policy by requiring applicants to ensure that the design, siting and materials used in such extensions and alterations are sympathetic to existing buildings and their setting. This is likely to have a significant positive effect against this objective. However, the policy is not prescriptive as to what designs, siting and materials would be appropriate where; therefore, the effect is uncertain.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p>

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					Alternative Option 3 proposes a more detailed criteria-based policy designed to control the impacts of specific additions and alterations in specific, potentially more sensitive locations. Such a policy is likely to more rigorously protect the appearance and setting of heritage assets in the Green Belt, which contribute to the local distinctiveness of the Green Belt. This policy is likely to have a significant positive effect against this objective, with less uncertainty against this objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+/?	0		+/?	Draft policy GB5 and Alternative Option 3 seek to protect the openness and character of the Green Belt land by prevent disproportionate additions and alterations to existing buildings within the Green Belt. Although protecting the openness and character of the Green Belt is not directly linked to conserving and enhancing the Borough's biodiversity and habitats, minimising development in the countryside is likely to result in a minor positive effects against this objective. This effect is uncertain due to the location and nature of new developments being unknown. Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+/-	0		+/- -/?	Draft policy GB5 and Alternative Option 3 outline frameworks within which extensions and alterations to existing buildings within the Green Belt may be permitted. Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective; whereas, draft policy GB5 and Alternative Option 3 go beyond the NPPF by clearly defining what is considered to be a disproportionate addition and requiring such schemes to be scaled, sited and designed not harm the Green Belt's openness and character. These additional requirements are likely to make it harder to develop the Borough's greenfield land in the Green Belt. This is likely to result in adverse effects on this objective. Alternative Option 3 proposes a more detailed criteria-based policy designed to control the impacts of specific additions and alterations in specific, potentially more sensitive locations. Such a policy is likely to more rigorously protect the openness, character and appearance of the Green Belt, resulting in less potential to use the Green Belt to generate economic growth. Therefore, Alternative Option 3 has the potential to have more significant adverse effects against this objective when compared to draft policy GB5. However, the presence of Green Belt encourages the recycling of derelict and other urban land before greenfield land, which is likely to focus economic regeneration within the Boroughs existing settlements, with minor positive effects on this objective. Therefore, both draft policy GB5 and Alternative Option 3 are likely to have a mixed effect on this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as	0	0		0	Draft policy GB5 and Alternative Options 1 and 3 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	GB5	Alternative			Justification
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sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development					
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0	0		0	Draft policy GB5 and Alternative Options 1 and 3 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	-	0		-	Draft policy GB5 and Alternative Option 3 seek to protect the openness and character of Green Belt land by going beyond the requirements of the NPPF to outline in more detail what is considered to be a disproportionate extension or alteration to an existing building in the Green Belt. The policy seeks to protect the openness and character of the Green Belt by encouraging appropriate design, scaling and siting. This is likely to restrict the areas within the Borough suitable for significant extensions and alterations to existing dwellings. This is likely to restrict the capacity of existing dwellings in the Borough to accommodate the Borough's growing population with minor negative effects against this objective. Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0	0		0	Draft policy GB5 and Alternative Options 1 and 3 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0		0	Draft policy GB5 and Alternative Options 1 and 3 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the	+	0		+	Draft policy GB5 and Alternative Option 3 seek to protect the openness and character of Green Belt land by going beyond the requirements of the NPPF to outline in more detail what is considered to be a disproportionate extension or alteration to an existing building in the Green Belt. The policy seeks to protect the openness and character of the Green Belt by encouraging appropriate design, scaling

SA Objectives	GB5	Alternative			Justification
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Borough					and siting. This is likely to restrict development in the Green Belt, which will indirectly encourage development and economic regeneration within the Borough's existing settlements, contributing to regenerating and renewing disadvantaged areas with positive effects on this objective. Therefore, this policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0	0		0	Draft policy GB5 and Alternative Options 1 and 3 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	+	0		+	Draft policy GB5 and Alternative Option 3 provide a framework for appropriately extending and altering existing buildings within the Green Belt. In conjunction with draft policies GB1 and GB4 this promotes the efficient use of land, including previously developed land but most notably existing buildings. Furthermore, by protecting the openness and character of Green Belt land through high quality design, scaling and siting, the policy restricts development within the Green Belt, indirectly encouraging the recycling of previously developed, derelict and other urban land within existing settlements. This is likely to have minor positive effects on this objective. Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0		0	Draft policy GB5 and Alternative Options 1 and 3 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce	0	0		0	Draft policy GB5 and Alternative Options 1 and 3 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	GB5	Alternative			Justification
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the reliance on fossil fuels					
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0	0		0	Draft policy GB5 and Alternative Options 1 and 3 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0		0	Draft policy GB5 and Alternative Options 1 and 3 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0		0	Draft policy GB5 and Alternative Options 1 and 3 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0		0	Draft policy GB5 and Alternative Options 1 and 3 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0	0		0	Draft policy GB5 and Alternative Options 1 and 3 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.

Policy GB6 – Replacement buildings in the Green Belt

Alternative 1: No Policy. Without a local policy the Borough would be reliant on the NPPF.

Alternative 2: Use numerical increase for the total floorspace in line with permitted development rights. This alternative would apply a numerical limit to increases over existing levels of built development. Whilst this has been successfully applied in past local policy to dwellings, it is not considered a reasonable alternative as the limits would be designed to take into account permitted development allowances which do not require planning permission and therefore would not add anything extra.

Alternative 3: Criteria-based Policy, including more criteria than the preferred option. A criteria-based policy framework is likely to lead to more pragmatic considerations relating to the impact of individual proposals on openness and visual impact which is the main stipulation in the NPPF; however, it doesn't take into consideration the local context.

SA Objectives	GB6	Alternative			Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	++/?	0		++	<p>Draft Policy GB6 outlines general criteria to ensure that replacement schemes for existing buildings in the Green Belt are not materially larger than the building they replace, and therefore do not materially urbanise the Green Belt, harm its openness and character. The policy goes beyond national planning policy by clearly defining what is considered to be materially larger. This is likely to have a significant positive effect against this objective. However, this effect is uncertain as it is wholly dependent on the detailed design, siting and location of each scheme which are not specified in any detail.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 proposes a more detailed criteria-based policy designed to control the impacts of specific buildings in specific, potentially more sensitive locations. Such a policy is likely to more rigorously protect the openness and character of the Green Belt with less scope for the design, siting and materials used to result in adverse effects. Therefore, this policy is likely to have a significant positive effect against this objective, with less uncertainty.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	++/?	0		++	<p>Draft Policy GB6 outlines general criteria to ensure that replacement schemes for existing buildings in the Green Belt are not materially larger than the building they replace, and therefore do not materially urbanise the Green Belt, harm its openness and character, including the appearance of heritage assets in the Green Belt which contribute to its local distinctiveness. The policy goes beyond national planning policy by clearly defining what is considered to be materially larger. This is likely to have a significant positive effect against this objective. However, the policy is not prescriptive as to</p>

SA Objectives	GB6	Alternative			Justification
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					<p>what designs, siting and materials would be appropriate where; therefore, the effect is uncertain.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 proposes a more detailed criteria-based policy designed to control the impacts of specific buildings in specific, potentially more sensitive locations. Such a policy is likely to more rigorously protect the appearance and setting of heritage assets in the Green Belt, which contribute to the local distinctiveness of the Green Belt. This policy is likely to have a significant positive effect against this objective, with less uncertainty against this objective.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+/?	0		+/?	<p>Draft policy GB6 and Alternative Option 3 seek to protect the openness and character of the Green Belt land by outlining general criteria to ensure that replacement schemes for existing buildings in the Green Belt are not materially larger than the building they replace. Although protecting the openness and character of the Green Belt is not directly linked to conserving and enhancing the Borough's biodiversity and habitats, minimising development in the countryside and protecting previously developed sites which have been returned nature and have developed greenfield characteristics is likely to result in a minor positive effects against this objective. These effects are uncertain due to the location and nature of new developments being unknown.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p>
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+/-	0		+/- -/?	<p>Draft policy GB6 and Alternative Option 3 outline frameworks within which replacement schemes for existing buildings in the Green Belt may be permitted. Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective; whereas, draft policy GB6 and Alternative Option 3 go beyond the NPPF by clearly defining what is considered to be a materially harmful replacement, requiring such schemes to be scaled, sited and designed not harm the Green Belt's openness and character. These additional requirements are likely to make it harder to develop the Borough's greenfield land. This is likely to result in adverse effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 proposes a more detailed criteria-based policy designed to control the impacts of specific buildings in specific, potentially more sensitive locations. Such a policy is likely to more rigorously protect the openness, character and appearance of the Green Belt, resulting in less potential to use Green Belt land to generate economic growth. Therefore, Alternative Option 3 has the potential to have more significant adverse effects against this objective when compared to draft policy GB6.</p> <p>However, the presence of Green Belt encourages the recycling of derelict and other urban land before greenfield land, which is likely to focus economic regeneration within the Boroughs existing</p>

SA Objectives	GB6	Alternative			Justification
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					settlements, with minor positive effects on this objective. Therefore, both draft policy GB6 and Alternative Option 3 are likely to have a mixed effect on this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0	0		0	Draft policy GB6 and Alternative Options 1 and 3 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0	0		0	Draft policy GB6 and Alternative Options 1 and 3 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+/?	0		+/?	Draft policy GB6 and Alternative Option 3 seek to protect the openness and character of Green Belt land by going beyond the requirements of the NPPF to ensure that replacement buildings do not materially urbanise the Green Belt, or harm its openness and character. The policy sets the planning conditions under which replacement buildings in the Green Belt can be permitted, which is likely to result in minor uncertain positive effects on this objective. Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0	0		0	Draft policy GB6 and Alternative Options 1 and 3 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0		0	Draft policy GB6 and Alternative Options 1 and 3 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
10. Regenerate and renew	+	0		+	Draft policy GB6 and Alternative Option 3 seek to protect the openness and character of Green Belt land by going beyond the requirements of the NPPF to ensure that replacement buildings do not

SA Objectives	GB6	Alternative			Justification
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disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough					<p>materially urbanise the Green Belt, or harm its openness and character. The policy seeks to protect the openness and character of the Green Belt by encouraging appropriate design, scaling and siting. This is likely to restrict development in the Green Belt, which will indirectly encourage development and economic regeneration within the Borough's existing settlements, contributing to regenerating and renewing disadvantaged areas with positive effects on this objective. Therefore, this policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p>
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0	0		0	Draft policy GB6 and Alternative Options 1 and 3 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	+	0		+	<p>Draft policy GB6 and Alternative Option 3 provide a framework for appropriately replacing existing buildings within the Green Belt. In conjunction with draft policies GB1 and GB4 this promotes the efficient use of land, including previously developed land but most notably existing buildings. This is likely to have minor positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p>
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0		0	Draft policy GB6 and Alternative Options 1 and 3 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0		0	Draft policy GB6 and Alternative Options 1 and 3 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	GB6	Alternative			Justification
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15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0	0		0	Draft policy GB6 and Alternative Options 1 and 3 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0		0	Draft policy GB6 and Alternative Options 1 and 3 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0		0	Draft policy GB6 and Alternative Options 1 and 3 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0		0	Draft policy GB6 and Alternative Options 1 and 3 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0	0		0	Draft policy GB6 and Alternative Options 1 and 3 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.

Policy GB7 – Change of use of buildings and land in the Green Belt

Alternative 1: No Policy. Without a local policy the Borough would be reliant on the NPPF.

SA Objectives	GB7	Alternative	Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	+/?	0	<p>Draft Policy GB7 outlines general criteria to ensure that changes of use to existing buildings in the Green Belt do not result in materially greater impacts on the openness and character of the Green Belt through visually intrusive urbanisation and the intensification of use – traffic, noise, air pollution etc. The policy goes beyond national planning policy by clearly defining the circumstances when a change of use would be acceptable / not acceptable. This is likely to have a minor positive effect against this objective. These effects are uncertain due to the location and nature of such changes of use being unknown.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+/?	0	<p>Draft Policy GB7 outlines general criteria to ensure that changes of use to existing buildings in the Green Belt do not result in materially greater impacts on the openness and character of the Green Belt through visually intrusive urbanisation and the intensification of use – traffic, noise, air pollution, etc. The policy goes beyond national planning policy by clearly defining the circumstances when a change of use would be acceptable / not acceptable. This is likely to have a minor positive effect against this objective. These effects are uncertain due to the location and nature of such changes of use being unknown.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough’s biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+/?	0	<p>Protecting the openness and character of the Green Belt is not directly linked to conserving and enhancing the Borough’s biodiversity and habitats, but ensuring that changes of use to existing buildings in the Green Belt do not result in materially greater impacts on the openness and character of the Green Belt through visually intrusive urbanisation and the intensification of use – traffic, noise, air pollution, etc. – is likely to protect sensitive species and habitats in close proximity with minor positive effects against this objective. These effects are uncertain due to the location and nature of such changes of use being unknown.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p>

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4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	-	0	Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective; whereas, draft Policy GB7 goes beyond the NPPF by clearly defining the circumstances when a change of use would be acceptable / not acceptable. These additional requirements are likely to make it harder diversify the economic uses in the Green Belt. This is likely to result in a minor adverse effect on this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0	0	Draft policy GB7 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0	0	Draft policy GB7 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	Draft policy GB7 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0	0	Draft policy GB7 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	Draft policy GB7 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.

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10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0	0	Draft policy GB7 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0	0	Draft policy GB7 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	+	0	Draft policy GB7 goes beyond the NPPF by clearly defining the circumstances when a change of use would be acceptable / not acceptable in the Green Belt. The re-use or adaptation of buildings can help to reduce demands for new buildings in the Green Belt, resulting in the efficient use of land. Therefore, the policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	Draft policy GB7 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0	Draft policy GB7 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through	+	0	Draft policy GB7 goes beyond the NPPF by clearly defining the circumstances when a change of use would be acceptable / not acceptable in the Green Belt. Changes of use in the Green Belt would not be permitted where they would result in excessive noise or air pollution, or other forms of

SA Objectives	GB7	Alternative	Justification
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direct action or mitigation measures			disturbance. Therefore, the policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	Draft policy GB7 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	Draft policy GB7 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	Draft policy GB7 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+	0	Draft policy GB7 goes beyond the NPPF by clearly defining the circumstances when a change of use would be acceptable / not acceptable in the Green Belt. Changes of use in the Green Belt would not be permitted where they would result in the unacceptable generation of traffic. Therefore, the policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.

Policy GB8 – Ancillary buildings and structures in the Green Belt

Alternative 1: No Policy. Without a local policy the Borough would be reliant on the NPPF.

SA Objectives	GB8	Alternative	Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	++/?	0	<p>Draft policy GB8 prevents the construction of ancillary buildings which compromise the openness of the Green Belt and conflict with its purposes. The policy permits ancillary buildings which are appropriate and proportionate to existing buildings and the character of their surroundings. The policy goes beyond national planning policy by clearly defining what is considered to be a disproportionate ancillary building and preventing adverse cumulative effects of multiple ancillary buildings. This is likely to have a significant positive effect against this objective. However, this effect is uncertain as it is wholly dependent on the detailed design, siting and location of each scheme.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	++/?	0	<p>Draft policy GB8 prevents the construction of ancillary buildings which compromise the openness of the Green Belt and conflict with its purposes. The policy permits ancillary buildings which are appropriate and proportionate to existing buildings and the character of their surroundings. The policy goes beyond national planning policy by clearly defining what is considered to be a disproportionate ancillary building and preventing adverse cumulative effects of multiple ancillary buildings. This is likely to have a significant positive effect against this objective. However, this effect is uncertain as it is wholly dependent on the detailed design, siting and location of each scheme.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+/?	0	<p>Draft policy GB8 prevents the construction of ancillary buildings which compromise the openness of the Green Belt and conflict with its purposes. The policy permits ancillary buildings which are appropriate and proportionate to existing buildings and the character of their surroundings. Although protecting the openness and character of the Green Belt is not directly linked to conserving and enhancing the Borough's biodiversity and habitats, minimising development in the countryside is likely to result in a minor positive effects against this objective. This effect is uncertain due to the location and nature of all development being unknown.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p>

SA Objectives	GB8	Alternative 1	Justification
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4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+/-	0	<p>Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective; whereas, draft policy GB8 goes beyond the NPPF by clearly defining what is considered to be a disproportionate ancillary building in the Green Belt and requiring such schemes to be scaled, sited and designed not harm the Green Belt's openness and character. These additional requirements are likely to make it harder to develop the Borough's greenfield land. This is likely to result in adverse effects on this objective.</p> <p>However, the presence of Green Belt encourages the recycling of derelict and other urban land before greenfield land, which is likely to focus economic growth within the Boroughs existing settlements, with minor positive effects on this objective. Therefore, draft policy GB8 is likely to have a mixed effect on this objective.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0	0	Draft policy GB8 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0	0	Draft policy GB8 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	Draft policy GB8 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0	0	Draft policy GB8 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant	0	0	Draft policy GB8 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	GB8	Alternative 1	Justification
communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced			
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+	0	<p>Draft policy GB8 seeks to protect the openness and character of Green Belt land by going beyond the requirements of the NPPF to outline in more detail what is considered to be a disproportionate ancillary building in the Green Belt. This is likely to restrict development in the Green Belt, which will indirectly encourage development and economic regeneration within the Borough's existing settlements, contributing to regenerating and renewing disadvantaged areas with minor positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p>
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0	0	Draft policy GB8 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	+	0	<p>Draft policy GB8 provides a framework for permitting ancillary buildings which are appropriate and proportionate to existing buildings and the character of their surroundings and preventing those that are not. By protecting the openness and character of Green Belt land through high quality design, scaling and siting, the policy restricts significant development within the Green Belt, indirectly encouraging the recycling of previously developed, derelict and other urban land within existing settlements. This is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p>
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	Draft policy GB8 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of	0	0	Draft policy GB8 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	GB8	Alternative 1	Justification
greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels			
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0	0	Draft policy GB8 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	Draft policy GB8 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	Draft policy GB8 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	Draft policy GB8 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0	0	Draft policy GB8 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.

Policy GB9 – Boundary treatments in the Green Belt

Alternative 1: No Policy. Without a local policy the Borough would be reliant on the NPPF.

SA Objectives	GB9	Alternative	Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	+/?	0	Draft policy GB9 protects the Green Belt by only supporting enclosure and boundary treatments in the Green Belt which do not detract from the openness of the Green Belt or represent encroachment on the countryside. This is likely to have a minor positive effect against this objective. However, this effect is uncertain as it is wholly dependent on the detailed design, siting and location of each scheme. Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+/?	0	Draft policy GB9 protects the Green Belt by only supporting enclosure and boundary treatments in the Green Belt which do not detract from the openness of the Green Belt or represent encroachment on the countryside. This has the potential to protect the local distinctiveness of the urban edge of existing settlements within and adjacent to the Green Belt with minor positive effects against this objective. However, this effect is uncertain as it is wholly dependent on the detailed design, siting and location of each scheme. Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0	0	Draft policy GB9 protects the Green Belt by only supporting enclosure and boundary treatments in the Green Belt which do not detract from the openness of the Green Belt or represent encroachment on the countryside. Such boundary revisions are likely to have a relatively minor effect on protected species and habitats within the Green Belt Draft. Overall, there is considered to be no notable effects against this objective. Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0	0	Draft policy GB9 protects the Green Belt by only supporting enclosure and boundary treatments in the Green Belt which do not detract from the openness of the Green Belt or represent encroachment on the countryside. Such boundary revisions are not likely to make a significant contribution to the economic growth and regeneration of the borough; therefore, the policy is considered to have no

SA Objectives	GB9	Alternative	Justification
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			notable effect on this objective. Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0	0	Draft policy GB9 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0	0	Draft policy GB9 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	Draft policy GB9 protects the Green Belt by only supporting enclosure and boundary treatments in the Green Belt which do not detract from the openness of the Green Belt or represent encroachment on the countryside. Such boundary revisions are not likely to make a contribution to the delivery of new dwellings in the Borough; therefore, the policy is considered to have no notable effect on this objective. Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0	0	Draft policy GB9 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	Draft policy GB9 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	GB9	Alternative	Justification
		1	
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0	0	Draft policy GB9 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0	0	Draft policy GB9 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0	0	Draft policy GB9 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	Draft policy GB9 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0	Draft policy GB9 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation	0	0	Draft policy GB9 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	GB9	Alternative	Justification
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measures			
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	Draft policy GB9 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	Draft policy GB9 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	Draft policy GB9 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0	0	Draft policy GB9 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.

Policy GB10 – Agricultural worker dwellings in the Green Belt

Alternative 1: No Policy. Without a local policy the Borough would be reliant on the NPPF.

Alternative 2: Remove the occupancy conditions from policy GB10. Policy GB10 primarily ensures that dwellings associated with agricultural, forestry or other appropriate rural based enterprises are essential to their function. The removal of the application of occupancy conditions could lead to needed accommodation for workers being redeveloped in to private dwellings in the Green Belt.

SA Objectives	GB10	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	+/?	0	-/?	<p>Draft policy GB10 goes beyond the requirements of the NPPF which states agricultural and forestry buildings are not inappropriate in the Green Belt by requiring that new dwellings associated with such uses must protect the openness and character of the countryside. Therefore, the policy is likely to have a minor positive effect against this objective. However, this effect is uncertain as it is wholly dependent on the detailed design, siting and location of each scheme.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 removes the requirement for applicants to justify the need for new dwellings for workers, which will make it easier make the case for their development, resulting in an increase in such dwellings with the potential for minor adverse effects on this objective. Again, this effect is uncertain as it is wholly dependent on the detailed design, siting and location of each scheme.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+/?	0	-/?	<p>Draft policy GB10 goes beyond the requirements of the NPPF which states agricultural and forestry buildings are not inappropriate in the Green Belt by requiring that new dwellings associated with such uses must protect the openness and character of the countryside. Therefore, the policy is likely to have a minor positive effect against this objective. However, this effect is uncertain as it is wholly dependent on the detailed design, siting and location of each scheme.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 removes the requirement for applicants to justify the need for new dwellings for workers, which will make it easier make the case for their development, resulting in an increase in such dwellings with the potential for minor adverse effects on this objective. Again, this effect is uncertain as it is wholly dependent on the detailed design, siting and location of each scheme.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's	0	0	0	Draft policy GB10 and Alternative Options 1 and 2 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	GB10	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
biodiversity and the habitats which support it				
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	++	0	+/-	<p>Draft Policy GB10 supports agricultural and forestry activities in the Green Belt by recognising new dwellings may be required in the Green Belt to support these common Green Belt land uses. Draft Policy GB10 sets out a clear set of criteria for permission to be granted, including demonstration of a functional need tied to the rural enterprise. These criteria apply occupancy conditions so that the dwellings can only be inhabited by agricultural and forestry workers, until such time as there is no longer a need for such services, protecting the dwellings for use by agricultural and forestry workers and sustaining such enterprises in the Borough. Therefore, the draft policy GB10 is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 is largely the same as draft policy GB10 with the exception that it lacks the occupancy conditions restricting the availability of such dwellings to agricultural and forestry workers. This policy option would promote the delivery of new dwellings for agricultural and forestry works with minor positive effects on this objective; however, it would allow the general public to inhabit them after the initial workers had moved on, resulting in the proliferation of unaffordable dwellings in the Green Belt, with adverse effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0	0	0	Draft policy GB10 and Alternative Options 1 and 2 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0	0	0	Draft policy GB10 and Alternative Options 1 and 2 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	++	0	+/-	<p>Draft Policy GB10 supports agricultural and forestry activities in the Green Belt by recognising new dwellings may be required in the Green Belt to support these common Green Belt land uses. Draft Policy GB10 sets out a clear set of criteria for permission to be granted, including clear demonstration of a functional need tied to the rural enterprise. These criteria serve to protect the openness and character of the Green Belt and apply occupancy conditions so that the dwellings can only be</p>

SA Objectives	GB10	Alternative		Justification
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				<p>inhabited by agricultural and forestry workers, until such time as there is no longer a need for such services. The policy therefore enables the provision of new dwellings. Furthermore, protecting the dwellings for use by agricultural and forestry workers will help to maintain their affordability. Therefore, the draft policy GB10 is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 is largely the same as draft policy GB10 with the exception that it lacks the occupancy conditions restricting the availability of such dwellings to agricultural and forestry workers. This policy option would promote the delivery of new dwellings with minor positive effects on this objective; however, it would also allow the general public to inhabit them after the initial inhabitants had moved on, potentially resulting in the proliferation of unaffordable dwellings in the Green Belt, with adverse effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p>
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0	0	0	Draft policy GB10 and Alternative Options 1 and 2 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	0	Draft policy GB10 and Alternative Options 1 and 2 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0	0	0	Draft policy GB10 and Alternative Options 1 and 2 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0	0	0	Draft policy GB10 and Alternative Options 1 and 2 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land	0	0	0	Draft policy GB10 and Alternative Options 1 and 2 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	GB10	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings				
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	0	Draft policy GB10 and Alternative Options 1 and 2 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0	0	Draft policy GB10 and Alternative Options 1 and 2 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0	0	0	Draft policy GB10 and Alternative Options 1 and 2 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	0	Draft policy GB10 and Alternative Options 1 and 2 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	0	Draft policy GB10 and Alternative Options 1 and 2 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	GB10	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	0	Draft policy GB10 and Alternative Options 1 and 2 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0	0	0	Draft policy GB10 and Alternative Options 1 and 2 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.

Policy GB11 – Positive uses of land in the Green Belt

Alternative 1: No Policy. Without a local policy, the Borough would be reliant on the NPPF.

SA Objectives	GB11	Alternative 1	Justification
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	++	0	<p>The Borough’s Green Belt Review is supported by a Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study which assesses the relative sensitivity of the Borough’s countryside, its special qualities that need to be safeguarded and those that have the potential to be enhanced for the benefit of local wildlife and communities.</p> <p>Draft policy GB11 encourages the delivery of these opportunities for enhancement identified within the study, including opportunities to improve the attractiveness of the landscape which are likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	++	0	<p>The Borough’s Green Belt Review is supported by a Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study which assesses the relative sensitivity of the Borough’s countryside, its special qualities that need to be safeguarded and those that have the potential to be enhanced for the benefit of local wildlife and communities.</p> <p>Draft policy GB11 encourages the delivery of these opportunities for enhancement identified within the study, including opportunities to improve the historic characteristics of the landscape which are likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough’s biodiversity and the habitats which support it	++	0	<p>The Borough’s Green Belt Review is supported by a Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study which assesses the relative sensitivity of the Borough’s countryside, its special qualities that need to be safeguarded and those that have the potential to be enhanced for the benefit of local wildlife and communities.</p> <p>Draft policy GB11 encourages the delivery of these opportunities for enhancement identified within the study, including opportunities to improve nature conservation which are likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on</p>

SA Objectives	GB11	Alternative 1	Justification
			this objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0	0	Draft policy GB11 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0	0	Draft policy GB11 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0	0	Draft policy GB11 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	Draft policy GB11 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+	0	<p>The Borough's Green Belt Review is supported by a Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study which assesses the relative sensitivity of the Borough's countryside, its special qualities that need to be safeguarded and those that have the potential to be enhanced for the benefit of local wildlife and communities.</p> <p>Draft policy GB11 encourages the delivery of these opportunities for enhancement identified within the study, including opportunities to improve access to the countryside and provide new and improved outdoor sports and recreation facilities, both which are likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p>

SA Objectives	GB11	Alternative	Justification
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9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	Draft policy GB11 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	++	0	<p>The Borough's Green Belt Review is supported by a Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study which assesses the relative sensitivity of the Borough's countryside, its special qualities that need to be safeguarded and those that have the potential to be enhanced for the benefit of local wildlife and communities.</p> <p>Draft policy GB11 encourages the delivery of these opportunities for enhancement identified within the study, including opportunities to improve damaged and derelict land which are likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p>
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+	0	<p>The Borough's Green Belt Review is supported by a Landscape Character and Green Belt Landscape Capacity Study which assesses the relative sensitivity of the Borough's countryside, its special qualities that need to be safeguarded and those that have the potential to be enhanced for the benefit of local wildlife and communities.</p> <p>Draft policy GB11 encourages the delivery of these opportunities for enhancement identified within the study, including opportunities to improve access to the countryside and provide new and improved outdoor sports and recreation facilities, both which are likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative option 1 is consistent with the NPPF and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p>
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	+	0	<p>Draft policy GB11 supports proposals to improve damaged and derelict land in the Green Belt, which is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 is not likely to have an effect on this objective.</p>

SA Objectives	GB11	Alternative	Justification
		1	
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	Draft policy GB11 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0	Draft policy GB11 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+	0	Draft policy GB11 requires proposals to enhance the beneficial use of the Green Belt not to generate unacceptable levels of noise or other forms of disturbance, which is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. Alternative Option 1 is not likely to have an effect on this objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	Draft policy GB11 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	Draft policy GB11 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	Draft policy GB11 and Alternative Option 1 are not likely to have an effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	GB11	Alternative 1	Justification
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+	0	Draft policy GB11 requires proposals to enhance the beneficial use of the Green Belt not to generate unacceptable levels of traffic, which is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. Alternative Option 1 is not likely to have an effect on this objective.

Chapter 15 – Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change and Flooding Policies

SA Objectives	Chapter 15 Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change and Flooding						
	CC1	CC2	CC3	CC4	CC5	CC6	CC7
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough.	0	0	0	0	+	0	++
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough.	+	+	+	0	+	+	++
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it.	+	++	+/?	0	0	0	++
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration.	+	+	+	+/-	0	0	0
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development.	0	0	0	0	+/?	0	0
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally.	+/-/?	+	+	+/-	+/-	0	0
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough.	0	0	0	0	+/?	0	0
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities.	++	0	0	0	0	0	0

SA Objectives	Chapter 15 Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change and Flooding						
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring.	++	++	++	++/?	0	+	0
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels.	++	0	0	0	++/?	+	++
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures.	+	0	0	0	0	0	0
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management.	++	+	+	0	++	+	0
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the effects of climate change.	++	+	0	+	0	+	0
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used.	0	0	0	0	++	+	0
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations.	++	0	0	0	0	0	0

Policy CC1- Responding to Climate Change

Recommendation:

Policy CC1 could be improved through the inclusion of provision for tree planting, landscaping and design of the public realm (e.g. shelters in public transport waiting areas) that reduce the effects of extreme weather events (e.g. heat, storms). This could apply in particular to town centres.

Alternative Option 1: Have no policy: not considered to be a reasonable alternative. The NPPF requires local planning authorities to adopt proactive strategies to mitigate and adapt to climate change. Failing to include a strategic policy on climate change is therefore likely to be contrary to the NPPF

Alternative Option 2: Set a specific target for borough-wide CO₂ emission reduction: not considered to be a reasonable alternative. A borough-wide target would be too challenging to achieve given that most emissions are beyond the scope of the plan.

Alternative Option 3: Do not set a specific target for CO₂ emissions for new builds and conversions: not considered to be a reasonable alternative. The Building Regulations set out CO₂ emission requirements for new build homes, however the Merton Rule is a well-established method of requiring a given percentage reduction in carbon emissions through new build and conversion development and is effective in working towards the EU targets. Over 100 local authorities have set specific targets for reducing CO₂ emissions through their local plans.

Alternative Option 4: Set a higher CO₂ emissions target for new builds and conversions. In light of the increasing effects of climate change a lower target than 20% is not considered to be a reasonable alternative; however, a higher target may be feasible.

SA Objectives	CC1	Alternative				Justification
		1	2	3	4	
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	0				0	Draft Policy CC1 and Alternative Option 4 do not have a direct effect on this objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+				+	Whilst the protection and conservation of cultural heritage is not mentioned in the policy, it seeks to ensure that flood risk is managed which is likely to help avoid the potential negative effects of flooding to assets such as Listed Buildings. Draft Policy CC1 and Alternative Option 4 are therefore both likely to have a minor positive effect on this SA objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+				+	Whilst the protection and conservation of biodiversity is not mentioned in the policy, it seeks to ensure that flood risk is managed which is likely to help avoid the potential negative effects of flooding on the natural environment. The policy also seeks to deliver multi-functional green infrastructure, which could have benefits on habitat creation and connectivity. Draft Policy CC1 and Alternative Option 4 are therefore both likely to have a minor positive effect on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic	+/-				+ /- -	This policy, which seeks to minimise flood risk in Basildon, will reduce the potential for economic losses to result from flooding. However through the setting of a CO ₂ emissions reduction target for new builds and conversions new developments could potentially become unaffordable therefore a

SA Objectives	CC1	Alternative				Justification
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growth to stimulate economic regeneration						<p>mixed effect is likely.</p> <p>While Alternative Option 4 seeks to minimise flood risk in the Borough and reduce the potential for associated economic losses, by setting a higher CO₂ emissions reduction target for new builds and conversions, new residential developments could potentially become financially unviable and unaffordable. This would have a significant negative related impact on the economic growth and regeneration in the area. A mixed effect is therefore likely.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0				0	Neither Draft Policy CC1 or Alternative Option 4 would have a direct effect on this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0				0	Neither Draft Policy CC1 or Alternative Option 4 would have a direct effect on this objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+/-/?				+ /- -	<p>As Draft Policy CC1 seeks to minimise flood risk in Basildon, this will reduce the potential for peoples' homes to be affected by flooding, thereby improving their quality. However, Draft Policy CC1 also seeks to ensure that new residential developments incorporate on-site renewable energy equipment to reduce carbon emissions. This could potentially make new residential developments financially unviable and unaffordable, although the policy also states that offsite generation will also be considered to mitigate effects on affordability. A mixed though uncertain effect is therefore likely for this objective.</p> <p>As with Draft Policy CC1, Alternative Option 4 seeks to minimise flood risk in Basildon, thus reducing the potential for peoples' homes to be affected by flooding, thereby improving their quality. How by setting a higher CO₂ emissions reduction target for new builds and conversions, new residential developments could potentially become financially unviable and unaffordable. A mixed effect is therefore likely.</p>

SA Objectives	CC1	Alternative				Justification
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8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+				+	This policy seeks to ensure that development locations have good access to services and delivers active travel modes both of which are likely to provide opportunities for people to walk or cycle more which has benefits on health. The policy also seeks to manage flood risk and this therefore has a positive effect on health as the risk of people's physical and mental health and wellbeing being affected by flooding is reduced. Draft Policy CC1 and Alternative Option 4 are therefore both likely to have a minor positive effect on this SA objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0				0	Neither Draft Policy CC1 or Alternative Option 4 would have a direct effect on this objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0				0	Neither Draft Policy CC1 or Alternative Option 4 would have a direct effect on this objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	++				++	This policy seeks to ensure that development locations are identified that have good access to services and public transport provision in order to reduce carbon emissions and encourage more sustainable forms of travel that minimises the Borough's contribution to climate change. Draft Policy CC1 and Alternative Option 4 are therefore both likely to have a significant positive effect on this SA objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0				0	Neither Draft Policy CC1 or Alternative Option 4 would have a direct effect on this objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	++				++	The purpose of this policy is to seek to reduce the impacts of the Borough on climate change, and it specifically addresses the need to minimise the impact of climate change through flood risk and drainage management, thus reducing the risk to people and buildings. Draft Policy CC1 and Alternative Option 4 are therefore both likely to have a significant positive effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	CC1	Alternative				Justification
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14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	++				+	<p>The purpose of Policy CC1 is to seek to reduce the impacts of the Borough on climate change by encouraging the development of high quality sustainable and energy efficient homes and commercial and industrial buildings, as well as by encouraging the incorporation of on-site renewable energy equipment to reduce carbon emissions. The policy also encourages development locations with good access to local services and public transport which would reduce the need to rely on the private car which would help to reduce the associated greenhouse gas emissions. A significant positive effect is likely for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 4 sets a higher CO₂ emissions reduction target for new builds and conversions, thus encouraging the development of high quality, sustainable and energy efficient buildings. As this target is more stringent than the target outlined in Draft Policy CC1, Alternative Option 4 is likely to have a significant positive effect than Draft policy CC1 on this SA objective.</p>
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+				+	<p>By increasing the range of travel modes in the Borough and improving public transport there is likely to be less of a need to rely on private cars which has benefits including reduced air pollution. In addition, the incorporation of renewable energy generation into new developments would also offset air pollution associated with the generation of energy from fossil fuels. A minor positive effect is likely for this objective.</p> <p>By implying stricter targets for the reduction of CO₂ emissions Alternative Option 4 is likely encourage the incorporation of renewable energy generation into new developments, thus reducing air pollution associated with the generation of energy from fossil fuels. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p>
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	++				+	<p>The purpose of this policy is to seek to reduce the impacts of the Borough on climate change by encouraging the development of high quality sustainable and water efficient homes and commercial and industrial buildings. A significant positive effect is therefore likely. Draft Policy CC1 and Alternative Option 4 are therefore both likely to have a significant positive effect on this SA objective.</p>
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	++				+	<p>This policy seeks to encourage the delivery of multi-functional green infrastructure which has the potential to help increase permeable land which would reduce the risk of flooding as a result of climate change. Draft Policy CC1 and Alternative Option 4 are therefore both likely to have a significant positive effect on this SA objective.</p>
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0				0	<p>Neither Draft Policy CC1 or Alternative Option 4 would have a direct effect on this objective.</p>

SA Objectives	CC1	Alternative				Justification
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19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	++				+	This policy seeks to deliver improvements to public transport and a wider range of active modes of transport to reduce the impact of the Borough on climate change. These measures, along with encouraging development locations that have good access to services, are likely to reduce the need to rely on private cars which in turn should help to reduce levels of congestion and pollution in the Borough. Draft Policy CC1 and Alternative Option 4 are therefore both likely to have a significant positive effect on this SA objective.

Policy CC2- Flood Risk and Drainage Management

Alternative Option 1: Have no policy: this is not considered to be a reasonable alternative. There is a complex range of flood risk issues affecting Basildon Borough. A clear strategic approach to its management is therefore essential. Without such a policy is unlikely that this plan would be effective in managing flood risk.

SA Objectives	CC2	Alternative	Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	0		Draft Policy CC2 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+		The purpose of Draft Policy CC2 is to ensure that new development within Basildon does not increase the number of people or properties at risk of flooding and does not result in increased flood risk elsewhere. Whilst the protection and conservation of cultural heritage is not mentioned in the policy, it seeks to ensure that flood risk is managed which is likely to help avoid the potential negative effects of flooding to assets such as Listed Buildings. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	++		Draft Policy CC2 seeks to develop a riverside strategy covering the marshlands to the south of the Borough, with the aim of protecting important habitats. In addition, the policy also seeks to ensure that new development within Basildon does not increase the number of people or properties at risk of flooding and does not result in increased flood risk elsewhere. As a result there can be seen to be benefits to the natural environment in terms of reduced habitat fragmentation/erosion for example. A significant positive effect is therefore likely.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+		Whilst Policy CC2 could prove restrictive to commercial developments in certain locations, developments in areas of inappropriately high flood risk would not be suitable areas for economic development anyway. Reducing the extent of flood risk in Basildon and ensuring that development is appropriately located will reduce the potential for economic losses to result from flooding and a minor positive effect is likely.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0		Draft Policy CC2 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived	0		Draft Policy CC2 would not have a direct effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	CC2	Alternative	Justification
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7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+		While the criteria set out in Draft Policy CC2 could prove restrictive to residential developments in certain locations, sites in areas of inappropriately high flood risk would not be suitable areas for housing development anyway. Reducing the extent of flood risk in Basildon and ensuring that development is appropriately located will reduce the potential for peoples' homes to be affected by flooding, thereby improving their quality, and a minor positive effect is likely.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+		The purpose of Draft Policy CC2 is to ensure that new development within Basildon does not increase the number of people or properties at risk of flooding and does not result in increased flood risk elsewhere. By ensuring that development is not located in areas of inappropriately high flood risk, a minor positive effect on health is likely as the risk of people's physical and mental health and wellbeing being affected by flooding is reduced.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0		Draft Policy CC2 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0		Draft Policy CC2 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0		Draft Policy CC2 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0		Draft Policy CC2 would not have a direct effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	CC2	Alternative	Justification
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13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	++		The purpose of Draft Policy CC2 is to ensure that new development within Basildon does not increase the number of people or properties at risk of flooding and does not result in increased flood risk elsewhere. Therefore, as Draft Policy CC2 directly relates to this objective, a significant positive effect is likely.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0		Draft Policy CC2 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0		Draft Policy CC2 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	+		Draft Policy CC2 encourages the use of off-site surface water management measures. This is likely to result in improved water efficiency and sustainable water resource management on the whole across the Borough. It is also likely to reduce water pollution from flooding events. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	+		Draft Policy CC2 requires that flood risk is managed effectively on development sites through measures such as SuDS. This is likely to help attenuate the effects of flooding as a result of climate change in the Borough, and a minor positive effect is likely.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0		Draft Policy CC2 would not have a direct effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	CC2	Alternative 1	Justification
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0		Draft Policy CC2 would not have a direct effect on this objective.

Policy CC3- Washlands

Alternative Option 1: Have no policy

Alternative Option 2: Ensure strict protection of washlands without exception

SA Objectives	CC3	Alternative		Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	0	0	0	Draft Policy CC3 or the alternative options would not have direct effects on this objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+	0	+	<p>Draft Policy CC3 requires that land within washlands is safeguarded for the ongoing provision of flood and storm water storage but would allow for development in exceptional circumstances where the integrity of washlands is not affected. Whilst the protection and conservation of cultural heritage is not mentioned in the policy, a positive effect on cultural heritage is likely as the risk of assets such as listed buildings being affected by flooding in the Borough would continue to be managed.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 (have no policy and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to washlands. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply with regards to flooding and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would ensure that washlands are not developed under any circumstances. Whilst the protection and conservation of cultural heritage is not mentioned in the policy, a positive effect on cultural heritage is likely as the risk of assets such as listed buildings being affected by flooding in the Borough would continue to be managed.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+/?	0	+	<p>Draft Policy CC3 requires that land within washlands is safeguarded for the ongoing provision of flood and storm water storage. However the policy does allow for development to be exceptionally permitted provided that the area of washland lost is replaced. It is recognised that washlands would be important for terrestrial habitats, but whilst this policy protects washlands, it does permit development which could potentially cause fragmentation to these habitats. A minor positive but uncertain effect is likely for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 (have no policy and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to washlands. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply in relation to flooding and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p>

SA Objectives	CC3	Alternative		Justification
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				Alternative Option 2 would ensure that washlands are not developed under any circumstances which would have a positive effect on protecting and enhancing biodiversity within these areas.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+	0	+/-	<p>Draft Policy CC3 requires that land within washlands are safeguarded for the ongoing provision of flood and storm water storage but would allow for development in exceptional circumstances. It is noted though that commercial development would not normally be appropriate in washland areas (Flood Zone 3 areas) anyway. Reducing the extent of flood risk in Basildon through the safeguarding of washlands or provision of water storage where washlands are developed will reduce the potential for economic losses to result from flooding in the Borough and a minor positive effect is likely.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 (have no policy and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to washlands. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply in relation to flooding and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would ensure that washlands are not developed under any circumstances which, although can be seen to be potentially restrictive to commercial developments, these types of development would not normally be appropriate for Flood Zone 3 areas. Reducing the extent of flood risk in Basildon through the safeguarding of washlands will reduce the potential for economic losses to result from flooding and a minor positive effect is likely. However, the inflexibility of this policy means that wider economic objectives within the Borough may not be met, and a mixed effect is likely.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0	0	0	Draft Policy CC3 or the alternative options would not have direct effects on this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0	0	0	Draft Policy CC3 or the alternative options would not have direct effects on this objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help	+	0	+	Draft Policy CC3 requires that land within washlands is safeguarded for the ongoing provision of flood and storm water storage but would allow for development in exceptional circumstances. It is noted though that residential developments would not normally be appropriate in washland areas (Flood Zone 3b areas). Reducing the extent of flood risk in Basildon through the safeguarding of washlands

SA Objectives	CC3	Alternative		Justification
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those in most need locally				<p>will reduce the potential for damage to property elsewhere from flooding and a minor positive effect is likely.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 (have no policy and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to washlands. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply in relation to flooding and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would ensure that washlands were not developed under any circumstances which although can be seen to be restrictive to residential developments, these types of development would not normally be appropriate for Flood Zone 3b areas anyway. Reducing the extent of flood risk in Basildon through the safeguarding of washlands will reduce the potential for damage to property from flooding and a minor positive effect is likely.</p>
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+	0	+	<p>Draft Policy CC3 requires that land within washlands is safeguarded for the ongoing provision of flood and storm water storage but would allow for development in exceptional circumstances where the integrity of the washland is not affected. By ensuring that washlands are safeguarded regardless of whether development takes place, a positive effect on health is likely as the risk of people's physical and mental health and wellbeing being affected by flooding is reduced.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 (have no policy and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to washlands. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply in relation flooding and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would ensure that washlands were not developed under any circumstances By ensuring that washlands are safeguarded, a positive effect on health is also likely under this option as the risk of people's physical and mental health and wellbeing being affected by flooding would continue to be managed.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	0	Draft Policy CC3 or the alternative options would not have direct effects on this objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the	0	0	0	Draft Policy CC3 or the alternative options would not have direct effects on this objective.

SA Objectives	CC3	Alternative		Justification
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11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0	0	0	Draft Policy CC3 or the alternative options would not have direct effects on this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0	0	0	Draft Policy CC3 or the alternative options would not have direct effects on this objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	++	0	++	<p>Draft Policy CC3 requires that land within washlands are safeguarded for the ongoing provision of flood and storm water storage but would allow for development in exceptional circumstances where the integrity of the washland is not affected. As this policy directly relates to minimising the risk of flooding through washlands, a significant positive effect is likely.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 (have no policy and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to washlands. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply in relation to flooding and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would ensure that washlands are not developed under any circumstances. As this policy directly relates to minimising the risk of flooding through washlands, a significant positive effect is likely.</p>
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0	0	Draft Policy CC3 or the alternative options would not have direct effects on this objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise	0	0	0	Draft Policy CC3 or the alternative options would not have direct effects on this objective.

SA Objectives	CC3	Alternative		Justification
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pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures				
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	+	0	+	<p>Draft Policy CC3 allows for the sustainable management as part of a wider approach to sustainable urban drainage. This is likely to have a minor positive effect on water resources.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 (have no policy and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to the sustainable management of washlands. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply in relation to flooding and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would ensure that washlands are not developed under any circumstances, which would mean that their purpose for sustainable management of flood waters and water resources would be maintained. A minor positive effect is likely.</p>
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	0	Draft Policy CC3 or the alternative options would not have direct effects on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	0	Draft Policy CC3 or the alternative options would not have direct effects on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0	0	0	Draft Policy CC3 or the alternative options would not have direct effects on this objective.

Policy CC4- Managing Flood Risk in new Development

Alternative Option 1: Have no policy: not considered to be a reasonable alternative so has not been appraised. There is a complex range of flood risk issues affecting the Borough. A clear approach as to how the Council will address flood risk issues through the development management process is therefore essential. Without such a policy is unlikely that this plan would be effective in managing flood risk.

Alternative Option 2: Not permitting any development in areas at risk of flooding

Alternative Option 3: Not permitting development that cannot be made resistant to flooding

SA Objectives	CC4	Alternative			Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	0		0	0	Draft Policy CC4 or the alternative options would not have direct effects on this objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0		0	0	Draft Policy CC4 or the alternative options would not have direct effects on this objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0		0	0	Draft Policy CC4 or the alternative options would not have direct effects on this objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+/-		-	-	<p>Draft Policy CC4 could potentially permit economic development in flood zone areas which comply with the specified criteria (including the sequential and exceptions tests as appropriate). However, higher design standards may be required in flood risk zones to ensure that properties and people are safe from flooding which could have an effect on affordability. A mixed effect is likely for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would prevent economic development in areas of flood risk regardless of whether this risk can be mitigated and this can be seen to be restrictive to the development of new homes in the Borough. A minor negative effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 can again be seen to be potentially restrictive in that new economic development proposals which cannot be made resistant to flooding will not be permitted and a minor negative</p>

SA Objectives	CC4	Alternative			Justification
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					effect is likely.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0		0	0	Draft Policy CC4 or the alternative options would not have direct effects on this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0		0	0	Draft Policy CC4 or the alternative options would not have direct effects on this objective
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+/-		-	-	<p>Draft Policy CC4 could potentially permit residential developments in flood zone areas which comply with the specified criteria (including the sequential and exceptions tests as appropriate) leading to the provision of more homes. However, higher design standards may be required in flood risk zones to ensure that properties and people are safe from flooding which could have an effect on affordability. A mixed effect is likely for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would prevent development in areas of flood risk regardless of whether this risk can be mitigated and this can be seen to be restrictive to the development of new homes in the Borough. A minor negative effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 can again be seen to be potentially restrictive in that new development proposals which cannot be made resistant to flooding will not be permitted and a minor negative effect is likely.</p>
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+		+/-	+/-	<p>Draft Policy CC4 seeks to ensure that new development within areas of flood risk is carefully designed to minimise the potential effects of flooding. This therefore has a positive effect on health as the risk of people's physical and mental health and wellbeing being affected by flooding is reduced in new developments in flood risk areas.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks to ensure that no development occurs in areas of flood risk which would ensure that a precautionary approach was taken in relation to minimising the effects that flooding can have on people's health. A minor positive effect is therefore likely. However, this option does not provide the flexibility that may be required to allow for development requirements (e.g. recreational buildings within Wat Tyler Country Park) to be met which could be of benefit to health and wellbeing and results in a minor negative effect. A mixed effect is therefore likely overall.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 can again be seen to have a positive effect on health as it would not permit development that cannot be made resistant to flooding, which again would minimise the effects that</p>

SA Objectives	CC4	Alternative			Justification
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					flooding could potentially have on health. However, this option does not provide the flexibility that may be required to allow for wider sustainable development requirements to be met which could be of benefit to health and wellbeing and results in a negative effect. A mixed effect is therefore likely overall.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0		0	0	Draft Policy CC4 or the alternative options would not have direct effects on this objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0		0	0	Draft Policy CC4 or the alternative options would not have direct effects on this objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0		0	0	Draft Policy CC4 or the alternative options would not have direct effects on this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0		0	0	Draft Policy CC4 or the alternative options would not have direct effects on this objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	++/?		++	++	<p>Draft Policy CC4 seeks to ensure that new development within areas of flood risk is carefully designed to minimise the potential effects of flooding. However as this policy permits development in areas of flood risk under certain circumstances, an uncertain significant positive effect is likely.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 seeks to ensure that there is no development takes place in flood risk areas which would ensure that the risk of flooding is minimised in the Borough, resulting in a significant positive effect.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 would also ensure that the risk of flooding was minimised in the Borough by not permitting development which cannot be made resistant to flooding, and a significant positive effect</p>

SA Objectives	CC4	Alternative			Justification
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					is likely.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0		0	0	Draft Policy CC4 or the alternative options would not have direct effects on this objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0		0	0	Draft Policy CC4 or the alternative options would not have direct effects on this objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0		0	0	Draft Policy CC4 or the alternative options would not have direct effects on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	+		0	+	<p>Draft Policy CC4 seeks to ensure that new development within areas of flood risk is carefully designed to minimise the potential effects of flooding and encourages the incorporation of SuDS which attenuate surface water on-site. This would ensure that the effects of future flooding, caused by climate change, is reduced in new developments in areas of flood risk across the borough, and a minor positive effect is likely.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would have little a negligible effect on this objective as no development would take place in flood risk areas.</p> <p>Alternative Option 3 would ensure that development that cannot be made resistant to flooding would not be permitted, therefore not putting at risk such development to climate change events. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.</p>
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-	0		0	0	Draft Policy CC4 or the alternative options would not have direct effects on this objective.

SA Objectives	CC4	Alternative			Justification
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used					
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0		0	0	Draft Policy CC4 or the alternative options would not have direct effects on this objective.

Policy CC5- Sustainable Buildings- New Builds

Alternative Option 1: Have no policy: not considered to be a reasonable alternative so has not been appraised. The NPPF requires local planning authorities to support sustainable design, energy efficiency and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions where possible in new and existing developments. Failing to include a policy on the sustainable new builds is therefore contrary to the NPPF.

SA Objectives	CC5	Alternative	Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	+		Draft Policy CC5 seeks to ensure that the sustainable design of all new developments does not detract from the visual appearance of its surroundings. This is likely to have a positive effect on conserving and enhancing local character and townscape and a minor positive effect is likely.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+		Draft Policy seeks to ensure that sustainability measures incorporated into new builds are balanced alongside the need to retain the integrity of the historic environment and to respect the character and significance of historical assets. A minor positive effect is therefore likely for this objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0		Draft Policy CC5 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0		Draft Policy CC5 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+/?		Policy DES8 seeks to ensure that proposals for new builds are sustainable. New sustainable buildings within town centres could safeguard the appearance and character of these areas which may increase the attractiveness of an area for investors and people for retail and leisure purposes, therefore a minor positive although uncertain effect is likely.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived	0		Draft Policy CC5 would not have a direct effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	CC5	Alternative	Justification
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areas of the Borough			
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+/-		This policy seeks to ensure that all new builds are sustainable and where possible include sustainability measures such as on-site renewable energy. This may result in dwellings within Basildon being of a particularly high standard, leading to a minor positive effect on this objective. However Draft Policy CC5 could potentially have a minor negative effect on this objective whereby high quality sustainable design criteria requirements and materials results in affordable housing developments becoming less viable due to higher construction costs. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+		Draft Policy CC5 seeks to ensure that the design of all new development incorporates measures for achieving high levels of energy efficiency which has a direct impact on the health related effects associated with fuel poverty. However, the minimum requirement is in line with the most up to date Building Regulations which would need to be met anyway. A minor positive effect is therefore likely for this objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0		Draft Policy CC5 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+/?		Policy DES8 seeks to ensure that proposals for new builds are sustainable. New sustainable buildings within disadvantaged areas could safeguard the appearance and character of these areas which may lead to contributing to their regeneration, therefore a minor positive although uncertain effect is likely.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0		Draft Policy CC5 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the	0		Draft Policy CC5 would not have a direct effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	CC5	Alternative	Justification
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re-use of materials from previous buildings			
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0		Draft Policy CC5 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	++/?		Draft Policy CC5 seeks to ensure that the design of new build developments incorporates measures for achieving high levels of energy efficiency. The policy also seeks to increase on-site renewable generation to meet local needs or where this is not possible off-site provision by making 'allowable solutions contributions' which will be used for wider energy efficiency and energy generation initiatives in the Borough. These measures would help to offset greenhouse gas emissions and reduce the Borough's contribution to carbon emissions and climate change. However, the minimum requirement is in line with the most up to date Building Regulations which would need to be met anyway. Therefore an uncertain significant positive effect is likely.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0		Draft Policy CC5 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	++		Draft Policy CC5 seeks to ensure that the design of all new developments incorporates measures for achieving high levels of water efficiency.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0		Draft Policy CC5 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of	++		Draft Policy CC5 requires that the waste resulting from the construction of all new buildings should be managed in a way that maximises the re-use and recycling of materials, including aggregates, on-site where possible. The policy also states that space should be provided in new builds which allows for

SA Objectives	CC5	Alternative 1	Justification
waste which is recycled or re-used			the segregation of waste. A significant positive effect is therefore likely for this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0		Draft Policy CC5 would not have a direct effect on this objective.

Policy CC6- Sustainable Buildings-Extensions, Alterations and Conversions

Alternative Option 1: *Have no policy: this is not considered to be a reasonable alternative so has not been appraised. The NPPF requires local planning authorities to support sustainable design, energy efficiency and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions where possible in new and existing developments. Failing to include a policy on the sustainable extensions, alterations and conversions is therefore contrary to the NPPF*

SA Objectives	CC6	Alternative	Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	0		Draft Policy CC6 would not have a directly effect on this objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+		Draft Policy CC6 seeks to ensure that sustainability measures incorporated into extensions, alterations and conversions are balanced alongside the need to retain the integrity of the historic environment and to respect the character and significance of historical assets. A minor positive effect is therefore likely for this objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0		Draft Policy CC6 would not have a directly effect on this objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0		Draft Policy CC6 would not have a directly effect on this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0		Draft Policy CC6 would not have a directly effect on this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived	0		Draft Policy CC6 would not have a directly effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	CC6	Alternative	Justification
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areas of the Borough			
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0		Draft Policy CC6 would not have a directly effect on this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+		Draft Policy CC6 requires that extensions, alterations and conversions to existing buildings should be constructed in a manner that reduces the property's risk to extreme weather events, and increases resilience to surface water flooding. This therefore has benefits to reducing the likely physical and mental effects that flooding can have on peoples' health, and a minor positive effect is likely.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0		Draft Policy CC6 would not have a directly effect on this objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0		Draft Policy CC6 would not have a directly effect on this objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0		Draft Policy CC6 would not have a directly effect on this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0		Draft Policy CC6 would not have a directly effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	CC6	Alternative	Justification
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13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	+		Draft Policy CC6 requires that extensions, alterations and conversions to existing buildings should be constructed in a manner that reduces the property's risk to extreme weather events, and increases resilience to surface water flooding. A minor positive effect is likely for this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+		Draft Policy CC6 encourages applicants to consider whether opportunities exist to make improvements to the energy efficiency of the existing building alongside the construction works required to deliver the proposed extension or alteration, although it is recognised that this does not place a requirement on developers to implement such measures. However, the policy also seeks to increase on-site renewable generation to meet local needs , or where this is not possible off-site provision by making 'allowable solutions contributions' which will be used for wider energy efficiency and energy generation initiatives in the Borough. These measures would help to offset greenhouse gas emissions and reduce the Borough's contribution to carbon emissions and climate change. A minor positive effect is likely for this objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0		Draft Policy CC6 would not have a directly effect on this objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	+		Draft Policy CC6 encourages applicants to consider whether opportunities exist to make improvements to the water efficiency of the existing building alongside the construction works required to deliver the proposed extension or alteration, although it is recognised that this does not place a requirement on developers to implement such measures. A minor positive effect is therefore likely for this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	+		Draft Policy CC6 requires that extensions, alterations and conversions to existing buildings should be constructed in a manner that reduces the property's risk to extreme weather events, and increases resilience to surface water flooding. The policy also makes provision for passive air cooling within new developments, and both these measures can be seen to provide opportunities for mitigating the effects of climate change. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-	+		Draft Policy CC6 seeks to ensure that site waste is managed in a way that maximises the re-use and recycling of materials, on-site where possible and that the extension or alteration should not prevent the segregated storage of waste arising from the use of the development, or otherwise prevent

SA Objectives	CC6	Alternative 1	Justification
used			recycling by the end users of the building. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0		Draft Policy CC6 would not have a directly effect on this objective.

Policy CC7- Renewable Energy Infrastructure

Alternative Option 1: Have no policy: not considered to be a reasonable alternative so has not been appraised. The NPPF requires local planning authorities to recognise the responsibility on all communities to contribute to energy generation from renewable or low carbon sources to help increase the use and supply. Positive strategies should be put in place to promote energy from renewable and low carbon energy development. Failing to include a policy on the renewable energy is therefore contrary to the NPPF.

SA Objectives	CC7	Alternative	Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	++		Draft Policy CC7 seeks to encourage the deployment of renewable energy and low carbon schemes whereby they do not result in demonstrable harm to landscape and visual amenity. This will have benefits on protecting and enhancing the natural and urban landscape and would have a significant positive effect on this objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	++		Draft Policy CC7 seeks to encourage the deployment of renewable energy and low carbon schemes whereby they do not result in demonstrable harm to heritage assets. This will have benefits on protecting and enhancing cultural heritage and local distinctiveness and would have a significant positive effect on this objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	++		Draft Policy CC7 seeks to encourage the deployment of renewable energy and low carbon schemes whereby they do not result in demonstrable harm local wildlife and their habitats. This will have benefits on protecting and enhancing the Borough's biodiversity and would have a significant positive effect on this objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0		Draft Policy CC7 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0		Draft Policy CC7 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion,	0		Draft Policy CC7 would not have a direct effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	CC7	Alternative	Justification
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especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough			
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0		Draft Policy CC7 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+		Draft Policy CC7 states that the deployment of renewable energy and low carbon schemes will only be permitted whereby they do not result in demonstrable harm to health by means of pollution i.e. noise generation, dust or vibration. A minor positive effect is therefore likely for this objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0		Draft Policy CC7 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0		Draft Policy CC7 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0		Draft Policy CC7 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0		Draft Policy CC7 would not have a direct effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	CC7	Alternative	Justification
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13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0		Draft Policy CC7 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	++		The purpose of Draft Policy CC7 is to seek to encourage the deployment renewable energy and low carbon schemes whereby they are technically feasible. This policy is directly related to this objective as it would result in increased renewable generation of power which in turn would reduce greenhouse gases associated with a reliance on fossil fuels. A significant positive effect is therefore likely for this objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0		Draft Policy CC7 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0		Draft Policy CC7 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0		Draft Policy CC7 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0		Draft Policy CC7 would not have a direct effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	CC7	Alternative 1	Justification
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0		Draft Policy CC7 would not have a direct effect on this objective.

Chapter 16 – Conserving an Enhancing the Natural Environment Policies

SA Objectives	Chapter 16 Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment								
	NE1	NE2	NE3	NE4	NE5	NE6	NE7	NE8	NE9
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough.	++	++	++	++	++	++	+	0	-/?
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough.	+	++	+	+	+	+	0	0	-/?
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it.	++	++	+	++	++	+	+	0	-/?
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration.	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough.	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally.	+	--/?	-	-	-	-	+/-	+	+
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment.	+	+	+	+	0	+	++	0	0
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced.	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough.	+	+	0	0	-	0	0	0	0
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities.	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0

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12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	++	0
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels.	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures.	++	+	+	+	+	+	++	+	+
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management.	+	0	0	0	0	0	++	0	0
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the effects of climate change.	++	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations.	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0

Policy NE1 – Green Infrastructure Strategy

Alternative 1: No policy. This is not considered to be a reasonable option and has not been considered further.

SA Objectives	NE1	Alternative	Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	++		Draft Policy NE1 aims to protect, extend and enhance the Borough's Green Infrastructure network, including Areas of Higher Landscape Value, Country Parks and Local Wildlife Sites. This policy also aims to preserve and enhance landscape and landscape features, securing strategic landscaping on all new major housing and employment development proposals, and secure new green infrastructure alongside new development, where appropriate. The urban landscape will be improved through provision of green infrastructure including parks, gardens, allotments, trees and green roofs. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+		Draft Policy NE1 states that the Council will strive to minimise the conflict between human activities, including sensitive heritage assets, and the natural environment. However the focus of this policy is on Green Infrastructure and not the enhancement of cultural heritage and local distinctiveness. A minor effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	++		Draft Policy NE1 aims to secure a net increase in biodiversity across the Borough, with focus on priority habitats and priority species. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	-		Draft Policy NE1 may impact on the ability of the borough to deliver economic growth due to the restrictive policy criteria.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0		Draft Policy NE1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0		Draft Policy NE1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has	+		Draft Policy NE1 seeks to secure strategic landscaping on all new major housing and employment

SA Objectives	NE1	Alternative	Justification
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the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally			proposals and to secure new green infrastructure measures in all new development where appropriate. Measures will also be incorporated to help reduce the extent of climate change impacts. However this policy makes no provision for the improvement of existing housing development, or an increase in homes within the Borough. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+		The supporting text for Draft Policy NE1 highlights the health and wellbeing benefits connected with green infrastructure, including a reduction in pollution. However no specific provision is made within the policy relating to the health and wellbeing, or inequalities in health. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0		Draft Policy NE1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+		Draft Policy NE1 aims to protect, extend and enhance the Borough's Green Infrastructure network, including Areas of Higher Landscape Value, Country Parks and Local Wildlife Sites. In addition it aims to develop and improve the urban environment through provision of green infrastructure including parks, gardens, allotments, trees and green roofs. The protection and enhancement of green spaces within the Borough, and the improvement of the urban environment may lead to the renewal of disadvantaged areas. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+		Draft Policy NE1 aims to protect, extend and enhance the Borough's Green Infrastructure network, including Areas of Higher Landscape Value, Country Parks and Local Wildlife Sites. However no specific provision is made within the policy relating recreational opportunities. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0		Draft Policy NE1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to	+		Draft Policy NE1 seeks the provision of Green Infrastructure which is multi-functional and incorporates measures that will help to reduce the extent of climate change and/or enable the Borough's communities to adapt better to a changing climate. This will involve the incorporation of

SA Objectives	NE1	Alternative	Justification
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public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring			green infrastructure in to new development, through measures such as the provision of parks, gardens, trees, allotments and green roofs. These absorbent green spaces may help reduce the risk of flooding, however the policy makes no reference to flood defences, flood management, or other flood reduction measures. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	++		Draft Policy NE1 seeks the provision of Green Infrastructure which is multi-functional and incorporates measures that will help to reduce the extent of climate change and/or enable the Borough's communities to adapt better to a changing climate. This will involve the incorporation of green infrastructure within new development, through measures such as the provision of parks, gardens, trees, allotments and green roofs. Measures such as these are likely to reduce the local contribution to climate change (e.g. through absorbing pollutants). A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	++		Draft Policy NE1 seeks to secure the provision of Green Infrastructure alongside development which achieves a reduction in pollution to air, water and soil. A significant positive effect is anticipated.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	+		Draft Policy NE1 aims to incorporate green infrastructure into new development and the urban environment, where appropriate. As green infrastructure often involves water management techniques, a minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	++		Draft Policy NE1 seeks the provision of Green Infrastructure which is multi-functional and incorporates measures that will help to reduce the extent of climate change and/or enable the Borough's communities to adapt better to a changing climate. This includes incorporating green infrastructure into new development and the urban environment, where appropriate. This will help to ensure that buildings and public realm areas are prepared for the impacts of climate change. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0		Draft Policy NE1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion	0		Draft Policy NE1 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	NE1	Alternative 1	Justification
and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations			

Policy NE2 - Areas of Higher Landscape Value

Alternative 1: No policy. This is stated within the draft Local Plan chapter as being an unreasonable alternative.

SA Objectives	NE2	Alternative	Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	++		Draft Policy NE2 aims to protect and enhance Areas of Higher Landscape Value. Conditions may be imposed on development proposals to ensure every opportunity is made to retain landscape character features. Proposals which would result in the loss of or harm to important landscape character features, identified within each of the Areas of Higher Landscape Value, will not be supported unless the loss can be justified by appropriate mitigation and/or compensatory measures which can be secured to the satisfaction of the Council. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	++		Draft Policy NE2 states that Areas of Higher Landscape Value which support the quality, character and distinctiveness of Basildon's natural environment, including its landscape, cultural and historic value, tranquillity, geology, countryside, soil and biodiversity, will be protected from degradation and opportunities to enhance them will be supported. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	++		Draft Policy NE2 aims to protect and enhance Areas of Higher Landscape Value which support the quality, character and distinctiveness of Basildon's natural environment, including its landscape, countryside, soil and biodiversity. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	-		Draft Policy NE2 may impact on the ability of the borough to deliver economic growth due to the restrictive policy criteria.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0		Draft Policy NE2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0		Draft Policy NE2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has	--/?		As Draft Policy NE2 aims to protect and enhance Areas of Higher Landscape Value, this is likely to

SA Objectives	NE2	Alternative 1	Justification
the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally			result in less land being available within and adjacent to the Borough's settlements for housing, with potentially significant negative effects on this SA objective. Areas proposed to be allocated as Areas of Higher Landscape Value include an area to the east of Billericay, an area to the west of Wickford and a large area of land to the south of Basildon.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+		Draft Policy NE2 aims to protect and enhance Areas of Higher Landscape Value. While the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents is not the focus of this policy, these areas are likely to be utilised for a diverse range of activities, some of which may contribute to improving the physical and mental health of Borough's residents. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+		As Areas of Higher Landscape Value are likely to be utilised for a diverse range of activities, they may increase community vibrancy and create a sense of social inclusion. A minor positive effect is possible on this SA objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+		The supporting text highlights the importance of realising the opportunities which exist for the enhancement of the historic environment as a means of minimising adverse impacts associated with development. The role of the historic environment in creating a 'sense of place' as existing communities are enhanced is stressed. Therefore the protection of areas such as these may in turn lead to the enhancement or renewal of disadvantaged areas. A minor positive effect on this SA objective is likely.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+		As Areas of Higher Landscape Value are likely to be utilised for a diverse range of activities, the protection and enhancement of these may lead to improved accessibility and enhanced local services and facilities. A minor positive effect is possible on this SA objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0		Draft Policy NE2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to	+		Protecting and enhancing Areas of Higher Landscape Value is likely to contribute to maintaining the Borough's resilience to flooding (through retaining areas free from built development), though this is not a focus of the policy. Draft Policy NE2 is therefore likely to have a minor positive effect on this

SA Objectives	NE2	Alternative	Justification
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public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring			objective overall.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+		Draft Policy NE2 aims to protect and enhance Areas of Higher Landscape Value, which support the quality, character and distinctiveness of Basildon's natural environment, including its landscape, cultural and historic value, tranquillity, geology, countryside, soil and biodiversity. The protection and enhancement of countryside, and green spaces which are able to absorb pollutants from traffic and industrial processes may help reduce the local contribution to climate change. However as this is not the focus of this policy, Draft Policy NE2 is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective overall.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+		Draft Policy NE2 aims to protect and enhance Areas of Higher Landscape Value, which support the quality, character and distinctiveness of Basildon's natural environment, including its landscape, cultural and historic value, tranquillity, geology, countryside, soil and biodiversity. The protection and enhancement of countryside, and green spaces which are able to absorb pollutants from traffic and industrial processes may help reduce various forms of pollution. However as this is not the focus of this policy, Draft Policy NE2 is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective overall.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0		Draft Policy NE2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0		Draft Policy NE2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0		Draft Policy NE2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels	0		Draft Policy NE2 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	NE2	Alternative 1	Justification
by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations			

Policy NE3 - Country Parks

Recommendation:

Policy could be improved by defining what is meant by 'harm' to Country Parks.

Alternative 1: No policy. This is stated within the draft Local Plan chapter as being an unreasonable alternative.

SA Objectives	NE3	Alternative	Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	++		Draft Policy NE3 aims to retain existing Country Parks, supporting opportunities to enhance them where possible. As this policy will conserve and enhance countryside and green space within the Borough a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+		The supporting text to Draft Policy NE3 highlights how Country Parks lie within important areas of green belt, helping to maintain the separation between settlements. It could be said therefore that the retention of existing Country Parks within Basildon is helping to protect the local distinctiveness of the Borough. A minor positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+		Draft Policy NE3 aims to retain existing Country Parks, supporting opportunities to enhance them where possible. The supporting text highlights Country Parks as being home to key species. Through the retention and enhancement of Country Parks therefore this policy will help to protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it. A minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	-		Draft Policy NE3 may impact on the ability of the borough to deliver economic growth due to the restrictive policy criteria.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0		Draft Policy NE3 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Improve educational	+		As Country Parks are likely to be utilised for a diverse range of activities, they may create a sense of

SA Objectives	NE3	Alternative	Justification
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attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough			social inclusion. A minor positive effect is possible on this SA objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	-		As Draft Policy NE3 aims to retain and enhance Country Parks this is likely to result in less land being available within and adjacent to the Borough's settlements for housing. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+		Draft Policy NE3 aims to retain and enhance Country Parks. While the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents is not the focus of this policy Country Parks are likely to be utilised for a diverse range of activities, many of which may contribute to improving the physical and mental health of Borough's residents, with minor positive effects against this objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+		As Country Parks are likely to be utilised for a diverse range of activities, they may increase community vibrancy A minor positive effect is possible on this SA objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0		Draft Policy NE3 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+		As Country Parks are likely to be utilised for a diverse range of activities, the retention and enhancement of these may lead to improved accessibility and enhanced local services and facilities. A minor positive effect is possible on this SA objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from	0		Draft Policy NE3 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	NE3	Alternative	Justification
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previous buildings			
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	+		Retaining and enhancing Country Parks is likely to contribute to maintaining the Borough's resilience to flooding (e.g. through retaining areas not affected by built development), though this is not a focus of the policy. Draft Policy NE3 is therefore likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective overall.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+		Draft Policy NE3 aims to retain and enhance Country Parks, green spaces which are able to absorb pollutants from traffic and industrial processes. This will help reduce the local contribution to climate change. However as this is not the focus of this policy, Draft Policy NE3 is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective overall.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+		Draft Policy NE3 aims to retain and enhance Country Parks, green spaces which are able to absorb pollutants from traffic and industrial processes. This will help reduce air, land and noise pollution within the Borough. However as this is not the focus of this policy, Draft Policy NE3 is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective overall.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0		Draft Policy NE3 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0		Draft Policy NE3 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-	0		Draft Policy NE3 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	NE3	Alternative 1	Justification
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19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0		Draft Policy NE3 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Policy NE4 - Local Wildlife Sites

Alternative 1: No policy. This is stated within the draft Local Plan chapter as being an unreasonable alternative.

SA Objectives	NE4	Alternative	Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	++		Draft Policy NE4 seeks the conservation and enhancement of Local Wildlife Sites, supporting proposals which ensure the active management and improvement of biodiversity interest at these sites. As this policy will conserve and enhance countryside and green space within the Borough a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+		The supporting text notes that Local Wildlife Sites around the Borough generally consist of ancient woodlands, grasslands, meadows and marshes. The conservation and enhancement of areas such as this could help protect the local distinctiveness of the area. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	++		Draft Policy NE4 seeks the conservation and enhancement of Local Wildlife Sites, supporting proposals which ensure the active management and improvement of biodiversity interest at these sites. The supporting text states that Local Wildlife Sites support locally and nationally threatened wildlife with many sites containing priority species. Development proposals which would result in harm to a Local Wildlife Site will be considered against the requirements of policy NE5: Development Impacts on Ecology and Biodiversity. A significant positive effect is predicted overall.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	-		Draft Policy NE4 may impact on the ability of the borough to deliver economic growth due to the restrictive policy criteria.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0		Draft Policy NE4 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+		Local Wildlife Sites are likely to be utilised for a range of recreational activities, (possibly including educational purposes) which may help create a sense of social inclusion. A minor positive effect is possible on this SA objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has	-		As Draft Policy NE4 seeks the conservation and enhancement of Local Wildlife Sites this is likely to

SA Objectives	NE4	Alternative	Justification
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the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally			result in less land being available within and adjacent to the Borough's settlements for housing. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+		Draft Policy NE4 seeks the conservation and enhancement of Local Wildlife Sites. While the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents is not the focus of this policy Local Wildlife Sites are likely to be utilised for a range of recreational activities, many of which may contribute to improving the physical and mental health of Borough's residents. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+		As Local Wildlife Sites are likely to be utilised for a range of recreational activities, they may increase community vibrancy. A minor positive effect is possible on this SA objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0		Draft Policy NE4 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+		As Local Wildlife Sites are likely to be utilised for a range of recreational activities, the conservation and enhancement of Local Wildlife Sites may lead to improved accessibility and enhanced local services and facilities. A minor positive effect is possible on this SA objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0		Draft Policy NE4 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and	+		Conserving and enhancing Local Wildlife Sites is likely to contribute to maintaining the Borough's resilience to flooding (through retaining areas as free from built development), though this is not a focus of the policy. Draft Policy NE4 is therefore likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective overall.

SA Objectives	NE4	Alternative	Justification
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commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring			
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+		Draft Policy NE4 aims to conserve and enhance Local Wildlife Sites, green spaces which are able to absorb pollutants from traffic and industrial processes. This will help reduce the local contribution to climate change. However as this is not the focus of this policy, Draft Policy NE4 is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective overall.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+		Draft Policy NE4 aims to conserve and enhance Local Wildlife Sites, green spaces which are able to absorb pollutants from traffic and industrial processes. This will help reduce air, land and noise pollution within the Borough. However as this is not the focus of this policy, Draft Policy NE4 is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective overall.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0		Draft Policy NE4 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0		Draft Policy NE4 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0		Draft Policy NE4 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and	0		Draft Policy NE4 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	NE4	Alternative 1	Justification
channelling development to sustainable locations			

Policy NE5 - Development Impacts on Ecology and Biodiversity

Alternative 1: No policy. This is stated within the draft Local Plan chapter as being an unreasonable alternative.

SA Objectives	NE5	Alternative 1	Justification
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	++		Draft Policy NE5 aims to support proposals which can demonstrate a resultant net gain in biodiversity (subject to compliance with other relevant policies in this plan). Proposals resulting in any adverse impacts to biodiversity to Ramsar sites, Special Protection Areas, potential Special Protection Areas, Special Areas of Conservation, SSSIs and Ancient Woodland will not be permitted. Proposals which may result in adverse harm to other sites with local biodiversity interest, including those sites with protected species, priority species and/or priority habitats, will only be supported if they can meet the requirements outlined within the policy. As this policy will conserve and enhance countryside and green space within the Borough a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+		The supporting text notes that the Borough's habitats are diverse and complex comprising ancient and semi-natural woodland, heathland, grassland, open fields and meadows, river systems, and wetlands. The protection of areas such as this could help protect the local distinctiveness of the area. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	++		Draft Policy NE5 aims to support proposals which can demonstrate a resultant net gain in biodiversity (subject to compliance with other relevant policies in this plan). Proposals resulting in any adverse impacts to biodiversity to Ramsar sites, Special Protection Areas, potential Special Protection Areas, Special Areas of Conservation, SSSIs and Ancient Woodland will not be permitted. Proposals which may result in adverse harm to other sites with local biodiversity interest, including those sites with protected species, priority species and/or priority habitats, will only be supported if they can meet the requirements outlined within the policy. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	-		Draft Policy NE5 seeks to avoid impacts on biodiversity and would support proposals which can demonstrate a net gain in biodiversity. As a last resort, if the harm to biodiversity in terms of quality and quantity have not been fully addressed, off-site compensation which would result in a net gain in biodiversity will be required. This could restrict the amount of development coming forward with a minor negative effect predicted.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0		Draft Policy NE5 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	NE5	Alternative	Justification
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6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0		Policy NE5 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	-		Draft Policy NE5 supports proposals which can demonstrate a resultant net gain in biodiversity. Proposals resulting in adverse impacts to the biodiversity of Ramsar sites, Special Protection Areas, potential Special Protection Areas, Special Areas of Conservation, SSSIs and Ancient Woodland will not normally be permitted. Proposals which may result in adverse harm to other sites with local biodiversity interest, including those sites with protected species, priority species and/or priority habitats, will only be supported if they can meet the requirements outlined within the policy. This policy is therefore likely to result in less land being available within and adjacent to the Borough's settlements for housing. A minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0		Draft Policy NE5 supports proposals which can demonstrate a resultant gain in biodiversity. Although the protection of the habitats which support biodiversity suggests the protection of green and open spaces (which may in turn be used for a range of recreational activities) the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents is not the focus of this policy, and no provision is made for it within the supporting text of the policy. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0		Draft Policy NE5 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	-		Draft Policy NE5 sets out a number of stringent policy requirements which need to be met in order for development to come forward. This may result in negative impacts against this objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0		Draft Policy NE5 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of	0		Draft Policy NE5 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	NE5	Alternative	Justification
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previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings			
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	+		Draft Policy NE5 supports proposals which can demonstrate a resultant gain in biodiversity. The protection of the habitats which support biodiversity could indirectly protect green and open spaces, which may in turn contribute to maintaining the Borough's resilience to flooding (through retaining areas free from development). However this is not the focus of this policy, and no provision is made for it within the supporting text of the policy. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+		Draft Policy NE5 supports proposals which can demonstrate a resultant gain in biodiversity. The protection of the habitats which support biodiversity could indirectly protect green and open spaces, which are able to absorb pollutants from traffic and industrial processes, thus reducing the local contribution to climate change. However this is not the focus of this policy, and no provision is made for it within the supporting text of the policy. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+		Draft Policy NE5 supports proposals which can demonstrate a resultant gain in biodiversity. The protection of the habitats which support biodiversity could indirectly protect green and open spaces, which are able to absorb pollutants from traffic and industrial processes. However this is not the focus of this policy, and no provision is made for it within the supporting text of the policy. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0		Draft Policy NE5 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0		Draft Policy NE5 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	NE5	Alternative 1	Justification
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0		Draft Policy NE5 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0		Draft Policy NE5 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Policy NE6- Development Impacts on landscape and landscape features

Recommendation:

In addition to the revisions already made to this policy, it is also recommended that the policy wording should be amended further to read "adverse impacts TO and WITHIN designated sites and ancient woodland should be avoided."

Alternative 1: No policy. This is stated within the draft Local Plan chapter as being an unreasonable alternative.

SA Objectives	NE6	Alternative	Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	++		Draft Policy NE6 seeks to protect key natural and semi-natural features and the character of the landscape from inappropriate development, and encourage development proposals which enhance the quality and visual amenity of the landscape and urban environment. Features which will be protected include established field boundaries, hedgerows and trees lines, trees with high visual amenity value, established areas of woodland and topographical features including ridge lines, watercourses, ditch systems and bunds. This policy will therefore conserve aspects of the natural landscape of the Borough. A significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+		The supporting text notes that the Borough's attractive environment is considered by many residents to be one of its key strengths, thus suggesting that it contributes to the local distinctiveness of the area. As Draft Policy NE6 seeks to protect key natural and semi-natural features and the character of the landscape from inappropriate development it will contribute to the protection of the local distinctiveness of the Borough. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+		Draft Policy NE6 seeks to ensure all development proposals protect and integrate key natural and semi natural features, such as hedgerows and trees lines, established areas of woodland and topographical features including watercourses and ditch systems. These measures will help to protect the biodiversity supported by these habitats. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0		Draft Policy NE6 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0		Draft Policy NE6 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	NE6	Alternative	Justification
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6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0		Draft Policy NE6 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	-		Draft Policy NE6 seeks to protect key natural and semi-natural features and the character of the landscape from inappropriate development, and encourage development proposals which enhance the quality and visual amenity of the landscape and urban environment. This policy is therefore likely to result in less land being available within and adjacent to the Borough's settlements for housing. A minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+		Draft Policy NE6 supports proposals which will contribute positively towards a visually attractive green environment, and enhance the quality and visual amenity of the landscape and urban environment. It also seeks for development proposals to avoid harm to the landscape as a result of adverse impacts on the openness and tranquillity. Although the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents is not the focus of this policy, and no provision is made for it within the supporting text of the policy, health and wellbeing among residents is likely to be improved through the incorporation of proposals which will enhance the quality of the urban environment, conserving any existing sense of openness or tranquillity. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0		Draft Policy NE6 may lead to improvements in the quality and visual amenity of the urban environment; however it is not considered that these changes would be sufficient enough to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0		Draft Policy NE6 may lead to improvements in the quality and visual amenity of the urban environment; however it is not considered that these changes would be sufficient enough to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0		Draft Policy NE6 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of	0		Draft Policy NE6 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	NE6	Alternative	Justification
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previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings			
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	+		Draft Policy NE6 seeks to protect key natural and semi-natural features and the character of the landscape from inappropriate development, and encourage development proposals which enhance the quality and visual amenity of the landscape and urban environment. Features which will be protected include established field boundaries, hedgerows and trees lines, trees with high visual amenity value, established areas of woodland and topographical features including ridge lines, watercourses, ditch systems and bunds. The protection of these features, may in turn contribute to improving the Borough's resilience to flooding. However this is not the focus of this policy, and no provision is made for it within the supporting text of the policy. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+		Draft Policy NE6 seeks to protect key natural and semi-natural features including established hedgerows, trees lines and established areas of woodland which are able to absorb pollutants from traffic and industrial processes, thus reducing the local contribution to climate change. However this is not the focus of this policy, and no provision is made for it within the supporting text of the policy. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+		Draft Policy NE6 seeks to protect key natural and semi-natural features including established hedgerows, trees lines and established areas of woodland which are able to absorb pollutants from traffic and industrial processes, thus reducing various forms of pollution. However this is not the focus of this policy, and no provision is made for it within the supporting text of the policy. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0		Draft Policy NE6 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the	0		Although this policy seeks to ensure that development proposals protect and incorporate natural and semi natural design features, there is no specific mention as to how public realm design should be adapted for the impacts of climate change. Therefore Draft Policy NE6 would not have a direct effect on this objective.

SA Objectives	NE6	Alternative 1	Justification
impacts of climate change			
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0		Draft Policy NE6 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0		Draft Policy NE6 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Policy NE7 - Pollution Control and Residential Amenity

Recommendation:

Provide a cross-reference to the sustainable transport policies in the supporting text to this policy. Sustainable transport policies may also help to mitigate impacts from pollution.

Alternative 1: No policy. This is stated within the draft Local Plan chapter as being an unreasonable alternative.

SA Objectives	NE7	Alternative	Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	+		Draft Policy NE7 stresses that development proposals must be located and designed so as not to cause a significant adverse effect upon the environment by reason of pollution or as a result of any form of disturbance. As this will help to conserve the natural and urban landscapes within the Borough a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0		Draft Policy NE7 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+		Draft Policy NE7 stresses that development proposals must be located and designed so as not to cause a significant adverse effect upon the environment by reason of pollution or as a result of any form of disturbance. This policy could be expected to therefore offer some protection to habitats within the Borough which support biodiversity. A minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0		Draft Policy NE7 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0		Draft Policy NE7 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived	0		Draft Policy NE7 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	NE7	Alternative	Justification
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areas of the Borough			
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+/-		<p>Draft Policy NE7 requires that new residential developments, located near to existing noise, odour or light generating uses demonstrate that the proposal will not result in unacceptable living standards. This will help ensure that residents moving into new developments are living in decent homes.</p> <p>However it could also be argued that the implementation of this policy may result in less land being available to build new residential developments on, which could in turn result in difficulties in meeting housing targets within the Borough. A mixed effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p>
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	++		Draft Policy NE7 specifies that all development proposals must be located and designed so as to not cause significant adverse effects upon the health of residents. In addition residential amenity must not be compromised by pollution to land, air or water. A significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0		Draft Policy NE7 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0		Draft Policy NE7 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0		Draft Policy NE7 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from	0		Draft Policy NE7 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	NE7	Alternative	Justification
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previous buildings			
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	+		The supporting text highlights that it is preferable to ensure that water efficiency is achieved in new developments, while Draft Policy NE7 states that Sustainable Drainage Systems should be incorporated wherever practical to minimise impacts on water quality. These measures should help to minimise the risk of flooding due to new developments. However no provision is made within the policy for more encompassing flood management measures within the Borough. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+		Draft Policy NE7 stresses that development proposals must be located and designed so as not to cause a significant adverse effect upon the environment by reason of pollution or as a result of any form of disturbance. In addition the supporting text notes that air quality should be addressed through tree planting, and ensuring the design of new development adopts energy efficient building techniques where appropriate, in addition to supporting alternatives to car use, including facilities close by to provide an opportunity for people to contribute to the reduction of local greenhouse gas emissions and reduce pollution levels. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	++		Draft Policy NE7 requires all development proposals to be located and designed in such a manner so as to not cause significant adverse effects upon the environment, the health of residents or residential amenity by reason of pollution to land, air or water, or as a result of any form of disturbance including, but not limited to noise, light, odour, heat, dust, vibrations and littering. In addition planning conditions and enforceable environmental controls may be used to manage and mitigate the effects of pollution and/or disturbance arising from development.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	++		The supporting text highlights that it is preferable to ensure that water efficiency is achieved in new developments, while Draft Policy NE7 states that Sustainable Drainage Systems should be incorporated wherever practical to minimise impacts on water quality. These measures will help achieve sustainable water resource management. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	+		The supporting text notes it should be ensured that the design of new development adopts energy efficient building techniques where appropriate. The adoption of measures such as this will help to ensure the Borough is prepared for some of the impacts of climate change, though this is not the primary focus of this policy. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of	0		Draft Policy NE7 mentions that all development proposals must be located and designed so as to not cause significant adverse effects as a result of any form of disturbance including through littering. However no further provision is made within this policy to outline how this will be achieved, either

SA Objectives	NE7	Alternative		Justification
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waste which is recycled or re-used				through the reduction of waste generation or as a result of an increase in the recycling or re-use of waste. Draft Policy NE7 would therefore have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+			Draft Policy NE7 states that all development proposals must be located and designed in such a manner so as to not cause significant adverse effects upon the environment, the health of residents or residential amenity by reason of pollution (including to the air), or as a result of any form of disturbance (including noise). The supporting text notes that traffic emissions are the main source of air pollution within the Borough. As the type and location of new development will influence traffic generation and the pattern and volume of vehicular movement, the Council will look to locate new development, particularly those expected to generate a large number of journeys, to the most accessible locations. In addition development will be mitigated by improving highway and junction capacity which can lead to cars remaining idle or queueing in peak periods. These measures will help reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.

Policy NE8 -Development on Contaminated land

Alternative 1: No policy. This is stated within the draft Local Plan chapter as being an unreasonable alternative.

Alternative 2: Provide stricter policy requirements in the form of site surveys for every planning application. This is stated within the draft Local Plan chapter as being an unreasonable alternative.

SA Objectives	NE8	Alternative		Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	0			Remediation of land classified as contaminated, potentially contaminated or suspected as being contaminated will reduce land pollution and may also improve the quality of ground water. However remediation will only occur in situations where the land is intended to be then be used for development, thus is unlikely to have a significant effect on the conservation and enhancement of the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces within the Borough. A negligible effect is likely on this SA objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0			Draft Policy NE8 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0			Remediation of land classified as contaminated, potentially contaminated or suspected as being contaminated will reduce land pollution and may also improve the quality of ground water. However remediation will only occur in situations where the land is intended to be then be used for development, thus is unlikely to enhance the Borough's biodiversity and habitats which support it. A negligible effect is likely on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	NE8	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0			Draft Policy NE8 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0			Draft Policy NE8 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0			Draft Policy NE8 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+			Through the remediation of contaminated land, prior to development, Draft Policy NE8 ensures that the site must be fit for purpose and not pose a threat to public health. Draft Policy NE8 may therefore increase the land area which is available for the development of new residential properties, through the utilisation of previously contaminated land, helping to ensure everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home. This policy will therefore have a minor positive effect on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0			Draft Policy NE8 aims to ensure that if development is proposed on contaminated land then the site must be fit for purpose, following remediation, and not pose a threat to public health. However the focus of this policy is not to actually improve the health and wellbeing of the residents, therefore Draft Policy NE8 will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and	0			Draft Policy NE8 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	NE8	Alternative		Justification
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where crime is reduced				
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0			Draft Policy NE8 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0			Draft Policy NE8 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	++			Draft Policy NE8 may improve efficiency of land use through the utilisation of previously contaminated land, following remediation. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0			Draft Policy NE8 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0			Draft Policy NE8 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and	+			Remediation of land classified as contaminated, potentially contaminated or suspected as being

SA Objectives	NE8	Alternative		Justification
		1	2	
noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures				contaminated will reduce land pollution and may also improve the quality of ground water. However remediation will only occur in situations where development is proposed on the contaminated land, therefore the reduction of pollution is not the focus of this policy. A minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0			Draft Policy NE8 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0			Draft Policy NE8 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0			Draft Policy NE8 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0			Draft Policy NE8 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Policy NE9 - Ensuring health and safety in development

Alternative 1: No policy. This is stated within the draft Local Plan chapter as being an unreasonable alternative.

SA Objectives	NE9	Alternative 1	Justification
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	-/?		Draft Policy NE9 focuses on hazardous developments or development in the vicinity of hazardous installations, aiming to mitigate the adverse effects of the hazardous development on the existing or permitted residential, employment or other development. However no provision is made within the policy for the protection or conservation of the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of the Borough. It could therefore be argued that in situations where a hazardous development is proposed, this could lead to a negative effect on this SA objective. This is currently uncertain however as it will depend on the details of each proposal.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	-/?		Draft Policy NE9 focuses on hazardous developments or development in the vicinity of hazardous installations, aiming to mitigate the adverse effects of the hazardous development on the existing or permitted residential, employment or other development. However no provision is made within the policy for the protection or enhancement of the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of the Borough. It could therefore be argued that in situations where a hazardous development is proposed, this could lead to a negative effect on this SA objective. This is currently uncertain however as it will depend on the details of each proposal.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	-/?		Draft Policy NE9 focuses on hazardous developments or development in the vicinity of hazardous installations, aiming to mitigate the adverse effects of the hazardous development on the existing or permitted residential, employment or other development. However no provision is made within the policy for the protection or conservation of the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it. It could therefore be argued that in situations where a hazardous development is proposed, this could lead to a negative effect on this SA objective. This is currently uncertain however as it will depend on the details of each proposal.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0		Draft Policy NE9 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0		Draft Policy NE9 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	NE9	Alternative 1	Justification
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0		Draft Policy NE9 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+		Draft Policy NE9 states that development proposals will be assessed in accordance with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) Guidance where a new hazardous development is proposed or where proposed development falls within a consultation zone for one or more hazardous installations. Furthermore, Anglia Water will be consulted on all development proposals falling within use classes A, C and D where they fall within 400m of a Water Recycling Centre. This policy should therefore ensure that any hazardous development does not have an adverse effect on areas of residential development. Furthermore, any development proposals close to a Water Recycling Centre will need to be accompanied by Odour Plume Modelling to determine what impact may be experienced by potential occupiers. A minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0		Draft Policy NE9 may help to safeguard the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents by requiring development proposals to be assessed in accordance with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) Guidance where a new hazardous development is proposed or where proposed development falls within a consultation zone for one or more hazardous installations. Furthermore, Anglia Water will be consulted on all development proposals falling within use classes A, C and D where they fall within 400m of a Water Recycling Centre. This policy should therefore ensure that any hazardous development does not have an adverse effect on areas of residential development. Furthermore, any development proposals close to a Water Recycling Centre will need to be accompanied by Odour Plume Modelling to determine what impact may be experienced by potential occupiers However despite potentially safeguarding health and wellbeing no provision is made within this policy to improve current circumstances. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0		Draft Policy NE9 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0		Draft Policy NE9 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	NE9	Alternative 1	Justification
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0		Draft Policy NE9 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0		Draft Policy NE9 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0		Draft Policy NE9 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0		Draft Policy NE9 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+		Draft Policy NE9 focuses on hazardous developments or development in the vicinity of hazardous installations, aiming to mitigate the adverse effects of the hazardous development on the existing or permitted residential, employment or other development. Through measures such as the implementation of screening, it may be possible to mitigate issues such as noise pollution. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water	0		Draft Policy NE9 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	NE9	Alternative 1	Justification
resource management			
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0		Draft Policy NE9 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0		Draft Policy NE9 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0		Draft Policy NE9 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Chapter 17 – Conserving and Enhancing the Historic Environment Policies

SA Objectives	Chapter 17 Strategy for Conserving and Enhancing the Historic Environment				
	HE1	HE2	HE3	HE4	HE5
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough.	++	++/?	++/?	++/?	++/?
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough.	++	++/?	++/?	++/?	++/?
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it.	0	+	0	0	0
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration.	0	0	0	0	0
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development.	0	0	0	0	0
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough.	0	0	0	0	0
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally.	0	0	0	0	0
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment.	0	0	0	0	0

SA Objectives	Chapter 17 Strategy for Conserving and Enhancing the Historic Environment				
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced.	0	0	0	0	0
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough.	0	0	+/?	0	0
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities.	0	0	0	0	0
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings.	0	0	+/?	0	0
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring.	0	0	0	0	0
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels.	0	0	0	0	0
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures.	0	0	0	0	0
16. Improve water efficiency and	0	0	0	0	0

SA Objectives	Chapter 17 Strategy for Conserving and Enhancing the Historic Environment				
achieve sustainable water resource management.					
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the effects of climate change.	0	0	0	0	0
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used.	0	0	0	0	0
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations.	0	0	0	0	0

Policy HE1 – Strategy for conserving and enhancing the Historic Environment

Alternative Option 1: No Policy: Not considered to be a reasonable alternative and has not been appraised. The NPPF expects local planning authorities to set out a strategy in their Local Plans for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment. To not include a policy setting out a strategic approach would be inconsistent with the NPPF.

Alternative Option 2: Revised Preferred Option Core Policy 12.

SA Objectives	HE1	Alternatives		Justification
		1	2	
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	++		++/?	Draft Policy HE1 seeks to ensure that development proposals enhance the character, setting and local distinctiveness of heritage assets and make a positive contribution to local character; therefore a significant positive effect is likely for this SA objective. Alternative Option 2 should help to provide a significant positive contribution to the landscape of the Borough as Core Policy 12 seeks to conserve and enhance the historic environment. However it is proposed that Alternative Option 2 would be less comprehensive than the Draft Policy, hence there is an element of uncertainty to the significant positive effect that Alternative Option 2 may have on this SA objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	++		++/?	Draft Policy HE1 is directly linked to this objective in that it seeks to protect all heritage assets in the Borough and stipulates what new development proposals should consider to avoid harm to the historic environment, including making a positive contribution to local character and distinctiveness. A significant effect is therefore likely for this SA objective. Alternative Option 2 should help to provide a significant positive contribution to the landscape of the Borough as Core Policy 12 seeks to conserve and enhance the historic environment whilst contributing to the enhancement of townscape. However it is proposed that Option 2 would be less comprehensive than the Draft Policy, hence there is an element of uncertainty to the significant positive effect that Alternative Option 2 may have on this SA objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0		0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic	0		0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	HE1	Alternatives		Justification
		1	2	
regeneration				
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0		0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0		0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0		0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0		0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0		0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the	0		0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	HE1	Alternatives		Justification
		1	2	
Borough				
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0		0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0		0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0		0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0		0	<p>Draft Policy HE1 requires that measures should be taken to ensure that alterations, including those for energy efficiency and renewable energy, are balanced alongside the need to retain the integrity of the historic environment and to respect the character and significance of historic assets. Despite this policy potentially enabling the incorporation of energy efficiency measures into historic buildings, this would not have a significant direct effect on reducing the local contribution to climate change, and therefore a negligible effect is likely.</p> <p>Energy efficiency or climate change is not mentioned in Core Policy 12, and given that Alternative Option 2 would be less comprehensive than Draft Policy HE1, a negligible effect is likely.</p>
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0		0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	HE1	Alternatives		Justification
		1	2	
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0		0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0		0	<p>Draft Policy HE1 requires that measures should be taken to ensure that alterations, including those for energy efficiency and renewable energy, are balanced alongside the need to retain the integrity of the historic environment and to respect the character and significance of historic assets. Despite this policy potentially enabling the incorporation of energy efficiency measures into historic buildings, this would not have a significant direct effect on mitigating climate change, and therefore a negligible effect is likely.</p> <p>Energy efficiency or climate change is not mentioned in Core Policy 12, and given that Alternative Option 2 would be less comprehensive than Draft Policy HE1, a negligible effect is likely.</p>
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0		0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0		0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Policy HE2 – Conservation Areas

Alternative Option 1: Implementation of a strategic policy setting out a framework for preserving and enhancing the Borough's assets, although this does not set out criteria relating to conservation areas.

SA Objectives	HE2	Alternative	Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	++/?	0	<p>Draft Policy HE2 states that developments should preserve or enhance the character and appearance of Conservation Areas which will have benefits on local character and townscape. However, the Draft Policy states that substantial harm to Conservation Areas would be allowed in exceptional circumstances where public benefit outweighs any harm. A significant positive but uncertain effect is therefore likely for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not be a specific policy relating to Conservation Areas but rather a strategic policy relying on a framework for preserving and enhancing the Borough's heritage assets. This would mean that there would be less explicit policy support in the Local Plan on Conservation Areas. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	++/?	0	<p>Draft Policy HE2 states that developments should preserve or enhance the character and appearance of Conservation Areas, and should have regard to special features and key characteristics of such areas. However, the Draft Policy states that substantial harm to Conservation Areas would be allowed in exceptional circumstances where public benefit outweighs any harm. A significant positive but uncertain effect is therefore likely for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not be a specific policy relating to Conservation Areas but rather a strategic policy relying on a framework for preserving and enhancing the Borough's heritage assets. This would mean that there would be less explicit policy support in the Local Plan on Conservation Areas. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+	0	<p>Draft Policy HE2 states that open spaces, trees and other hard and soft landscape features should be retained as part of Conservation Areas, therefore there is likely to be an indirect minor positive effect on protecting, conserving and enhancing existing biodiversity in the Borough.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not be a specific policy relating to Conservation Areas but rather a strategic policy relying on a framework for preserving and enhancing the Borough's heritage assets. This would mean that there would be less explicit policy support in the Local Plan on Conservation Areas. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p>

SA Objectives	HE2	Alternative 1	Justification
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	HE2	Alternative 1	Justification
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0	Draft Policy HE2 makes provision for the incorporation of energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies in Conservation Areas provided that design is sensitive to the local area. Despite this policy potentially enabling the incorporation of energy efficiency measures into buildings in Conservation Areas, this would not have a direct effect on reducing the local contribution to climate change, and therefore a negligible effect is likely. Alternative Option 1 would not be a specific policy relating to Conservation Areas but rather a strategic policy relying on a framework for preserving and enhancing the Borough's heritage assets. This would mean that there would be less explicit policy support in the Local Plan on Conservation Areas. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	HE2	Alternative 1	Justification
through direct action or mitigation measures			
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	<p>Draft Policy HE2 makes provision for the incorporation of energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies in Conservation Areas provided that design is sensitive to the local area. Despite this policy potentially enabling the incorporation of energy efficiency measures into buildings in Conservation Areas, this would not have a direct effect on mitigating climate change, and therefore a negligible effect is likely.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not be a specific policy relating to Conservation Areas but rather a strategic policy relying on a framework for preserving and enhancing the Borough's heritage assets. This would mean that there would be less explicit policy support in the Local Plan on Conservation Areas. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p>
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Policy HE3 – Listed buildings

Alternative Option 1: Implementation of a strategic policy setting out a framework for preserving and enhancing the Borough's assets, although this does not set out criteria relating to conservation areas.

SA Objectives	HE3	Alternative 1	Justification
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	++/?	0	<p>Draft Policy HE3 states that developments, including change of use of Listed Buildings, will be required to demonstrate that that new development relates sensitively and does not affect character, appearance or setting of Listed Buildings. This will have benefits on local character and townscape. However, the Draft Policy states that substantial harm to Listed Buildings would be allowed in exceptional circumstances where public benefit outweighs any harm. A significant positive but uncertain effect is therefore likely for this SA objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not be a specific policy relating to Listed Buildings but rather a strategic policy relying on a framework for preserving and enhancing the Borough's heritage assets. This would mean that there would be less explicit policy support in the Local Plan for Listed Buildings. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	++/?	0	<p>Draft Policy HE3 states that developments, including change of use of Listed Buildings, will be required to demonstrate that there is no substantial harm caused to Listed Buildings, including their setting, and that new development relates sensitively and does not affect character or appearance of Listed Buildings. However, the Draft Policy states that substantial harm to Listed Buildings would be allowed in exceptional circumstances where public benefit outweighs any harm. A significant positive but uncertain effect is therefore likely for this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not be a specific policy relating to Listed Buildings but rather a strategic policy relying on a framework for preserving and enhancing the Borough's heritage assets. This would mean that there would be less explicit policy support in the Local Plan for Listed Buildings. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	HE3	Alternative 1	Justification
of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration			
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	HE3	Alternative 1	Justification
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+/?	0	<p>Draft Policy HE3 allows for the change of use of Listed Buildings where this is compatible with the character and built form of the current building, and this may help to regenerate areas which have fallen into disrepair in the Borough, especially in areas with vacant Listed Buildings. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely although this is uncertain as the extent of re-use of Listed buildings in the Borough would be dependent on the change of use proposed and whether this is acceptable according to the criteria in Policy HE3.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not be a specific policy relating to Listed Buildings but rather a strategic policy relying on a framework for preserving and enhancing the Borough's heritage assets. This would mean that there would be less explicit policy support in the Local Plan for Listed Buildings. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p>
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	+/?	0	<p>Draft Policy HE3 allows for the change of use of Listed Buildings where this is compatible with the character and built form of the current building. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely although this is uncertain as the extent of re-use of Listed buildings in the Borough would be dependent on the change of use proposed and whether this is acceptable according to the criteria in Policy HE3.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not be a specific policy relating to Listed Buildings but rather a strategic policy relying on a framework for preserving and enhancing the Borough's heritage assets. This would mean that there would be less explicit policy support in the Local Plan for Listed Buildings. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p>
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	HE3	Alternative 1	Justification
emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels			
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Policy HE4 – Scheduled Monuments and Archaeology

Alternative Option 1: Implementation of a strategic policy setting out a framework for preserving and enhancing the Borough's assets, although this does not set out criteria relating to archaeological remains

SA Objectives	HE4	Alternative 1	Justification
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	++/?	0	<p>Draft Policy HE4 seeks to ensure that archaeological remains in the Borough are protected and this would have benefits on local character and townscape. However, the policy does provide scope for not preserving archaeological remains whereby public benefits outweigh the harm or loss caused by not preserving. A significant positive but uncertain effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not be a specific policy relating to Scheduled Monuments and archaeology but rather a strategic policy relying on a framework for preserving and enhancing the Borough's heritage assets. This would mean that there would be less explicit policy support in the Local Plan for archaeology. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	++/?	0	<p>Draft Policy HE4 seeks to ensure that Scheduled Monuments and other archaeological sites and their settings are preserved in situ and that appropriate mitigation is employed to ensure the preservation of all remains of archaeological significance. However, the policy does provide scope for not preserving archaeological remains whereby public benefits outweigh the harm or loss caused by not preserving. A significant positive but uncertain effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not be a specific policy relating to Scheduled Monuments and archaeology but rather a strategic policy relying on a framework for preserving and enhancing the Borough's heritage assets. This would mean that there would be less explicit policy support in the Local Plan for archaeology. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	HE4	Alternative 1	Justification
economic regeneration			
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Option 2 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	HE4	Alternative 1	Justification
people live or work in the Borough			
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	HE4	Alternative 1	Justification
through direct action or mitigation measures			
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Policy HE5 – Locally identified heritage assets

Alternative Option 1: Implementation of a strategic policy setting out a framework for preserving and enhancing the Borough's assets, although this does not set out criteria relating to local identified heritage assets

SA Objectives	HE5	Alternative	Justification
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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	++/?	0	<p>Draft Policy HE5 states that proposals for development to a locally identified heritage asset would be supported whereby they are designed sensitively and not adversely affect the appearance or character of such assets. This would have benefits on local character and townscape. However, Draft Policy HE5 provides scope for harm or loss of significance to locally identified assets to be acceptable whereby it is demonstrable that there are overriding benefits associated with the development. Overall, a significant positive but uncertain effect is likely.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not be a specific policy relating to locally identified heritage assets but rather a strategic policy relying on a framework for preserving and enhancing the Borough's heritage assets. This would mean that there would be less explicit policy support in the Local Plan for locally listed assets. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	++/?	0	<p>Draft Policy HE5 states that where locally identified heritage assets are affected by development proposals their significance should be retained which contributes to local distinctiveness. However, However, Draft Policy HE5 provides scope for harm or loss of significance to locally identified assets to be acceptable whereby it is demonstrable that there are overriding benefits associated with the development. Overall, a significant positive but uncertain effect is likely.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not be a specific policy relating to locally identified heritage assets but rather a strategic policy relying on a framework for preserving and enhancing the Borough's heritage assets. This would mean that there would be less explicit policy support in the Local Plan for locally listed assets. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for Alternative Option 1.</p>
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	HE5	Alternative 1	Justification
of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration			
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	HE5	Alternative 1	Justification
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	HE5	Alternative 1	Justification
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor Alternative Option 1 would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Chapter 18 – Implementation, Monitoring and Review Policies

SA Objectives	Chapter 18 Implementation, Monitoring and Review			
	IMP1	IMP2	IMP3	IMP4
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough.	+	+	+	0
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough.	+	0	+	0
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it.	+	+	+	0
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration.	+	+	0	+/?
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development.	+	+	0	+/?
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough.	+	+	+	+
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally.	+	+	+	+/?
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment.	+	+	+	+
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced.	+	+	0	0
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough.	+	+	0	+/?
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities.	+	++	+	+
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the	0	0	0	+

SA Objectives	Chapter 18 Implementation, Monitoring and Review			
re-use of materials from previous buildings.				
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring.	+	+	+	0
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels.	+	+	+	0
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures.	+	+	+	0
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management.	+	+	+	0
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the effects of climate change.	+	+	+	0
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used.	+	+	+	0
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations.	+	+	+	0

Policy IMP1- Implementation Strategy

Alternative Option 1: Have no policy

SA Objectives	IMP1	Alternative Option	Justification
		1	
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	+	0	Draft Policy IMP1 seeks to ensure that the delivery of infrastructure and growth takes into account the requirements of the Local Plan and any measures needed to secure the mitigation of environmental harm, which is assumed to include harm to the urban and natural landscape. A minor positive effect is therefore likely for this objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+	0	Draft Policy IMP1 seeks to ensure that the delivery of infrastructure and growth takes into account the requirements of the Local Plan and any measures needed to secure the mitigation of environmental harm, which is assumed to include harm to the historic environment. A minor positive effect is therefore likely for this objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+	0	Draft Policy IMP1 seeks to ensure that the delivery of infrastructure and growth takes into account the requirements of the Local Plan and any measures needed to secure the mitigation of environmental harm, which is assumed to include harm to biodiversity. A minor positive effect is therefore likely for this objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+	0	Draft Policy IMP1 seeks to ensure new homes, jobs and improvements to infrastructure and services are implemented through the Local Plan to support growth across the Borough as a whole. A minor positive effect is therefore likely for this objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial	+	0	Draft Policy IMP1 seeks to ensure new homes, jobs and improvements to infrastructure and services are implemented to support growth across the Borough as a whole. An Infrastructure Delivery Plan will identify the infrastructure required to support growth in particular settlements, including town centres. Therefore, a minor positive effect is anticipated for this objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.

SA Objectives	IMP1	Alternative Option	Justification
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development			
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+	0	Draft Policy IMP1 seeks to ensure that necessary infrastructure, facilities and services are delivered to support growth across the Borough. This is assumed to include educational facilities with minor positive effects on this objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+	0	Draft Policy IMP1 states that the successful implementation of the Local Plan is dependent upon the delivery of new homes accompanied by the required provision and/or improvement of infrastructure and services. In addition, the policy states that identified development sites will be required to demonstrate the required mix of development (including housing mix) has been deployed to meet the requirements of the Local Plan, helping to ensure the delivery of affordable housing. A minor positive effect is therefore likely for this objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+	0	Draft Policy IMP1 seeks to ensure that necessary infrastructure, facilities and services are delivered to support growth across the Borough. This is assumed to include healthcare facilities and green infrastructure which would help to improve health with minor positive effects on this objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+	0	The identification and implementation of infrastructure requirements that support economic growth across the Borough is likely to have a positive effect of creating and sustaining vibrant communities across Basildon. Draft Policy IMP1 is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+	0	Draft Policy IMP1 makes provision for an Infrastructure Delivery Plan which will identify infrastructure requirements across the Borough as a whole as well as the requirements to support growth in particular settlements, including disadvantaged areas. A minor positive effect is therefore likely for this objective as this would lead to the regeneration. Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.

SA Objectives	IMP1	Alternative Option 1	Justification
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+	0	Draft Policy IMP1 seeks to ensure infrastructure is implemented to support growth across the Borough as a whole. This is assumed to include improved accessibility and enhancement to local services and facilities as required by the Local Plan. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0	0	Both Draft Policy IMP1 and Alternative Option 1 are likely to have negligible effects on this objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	+	0	Draft Policy IMP1 seeks to ensure that the delivery of infrastructure and growth takes into account the requirements of the Local Plan and any measures needed to secure the mitigation of environmental harm, which is assumed to include flood risk mitigation. A minor positive effect is therefore likely for this objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+	0	Draft Policy IMP1 seeks to ensure that the delivery of infrastructure and growth takes into account the requirements of the Local Plan and any measures needed to secure the mitigation of environmental harm, which is assumed to include measures to reduce local contributions to climate change through the emission of greenhouse gases. A minor positive effect is therefore likely for this objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or	+	0	Draft Policy IMP1 seeks to ensure that the delivery of infrastructure and growth takes into account the requirements of the Local Plan and any measures needed to secure the mitigation of environmental harm, which is assumed to include measures to reduce air, land and noise pollution. A

SA Objectives	IMP1	Alternative Option	Justification
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mitigation measures			minor positive effect is therefore likely for this objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	+	0	Draft Policy IMP1 seeks to ensure infrastructure is implemented to support growth across the Borough as a whole, and this is assumed to include infrastructure which improves water efficiency. A minor positive effect is therefore likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	+	0	Draft Policy IMP1 seeks to ensure that the delivery of infrastructure and growth takes into account the requirements of the Local Plan and any measures needed to secure the mitigation of environmental harm, which is assumed to include measures to adapt building and public realm designs to adapt to the effects of climate change. A minor positive effect is therefore likely for this objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	+	0	Draft Policy IMP1 seeks to ensure infrastructure is implemented to support growth across the Borough as a whole, and this is assumed to include waste management infrastructure which would help to increase recycling and reuse of waste across the Borough. A minor positive effect is therefore likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+	0	Draft Policy IMP1 seeks to ensure infrastructure is implemented to support growth across the Borough as a whole. This is assumed to include sustainable transport infrastructure which would reduce traffic congestion. A minor positive effect is therefore likely for this objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have direct effects on this objective.

Policy IMP2- Use of Planning Obligations

Recommendation:

Have a clear timetable for the completion of the CIL Charging Schedule (in keeping with the timetable for the delivery of development allocations in the Local Plan) to ensure that this does not bring unnecessary uncertainty to developers, or adversely affect the delivery of key services, facilities and infrastructure.

Alternative 1: Have no policy and leave the use of planning obligations to the requirements set out in the Supplementary Planning Documents. Not considered to be a reasonable alternative so has not been appraised. This is not in accordance with Planning Practice Guidance which states that policies for seeking obligations should be set out in a development plan document to enable fair and open testing of the policy at examination. Supplementary Planning Documents should not be used to add unnecessarily to the financial burdens on development and should not be used to add unnecessarily to the financial burdens on development and should not be used to set rates or charges which have not been established through development plan policy.

Alternative 2: Do not produce a CIL and rely on contributions through S106 and other means to deliver necessary infrastructure provision.

Alternative 3: Leave the use of Planning Obligations to the Council's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Not considered to be a reasonable alternative so has not been appraised. The Council does not have an adopted Local Plan, and is therefore unable to adopt a CIL until the Local Plan is adopted.

SA Objectives	IMP2	Alternative Options			Justification
		1	2	3	
1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	+		0/?		<p>Draft Policy IMP2 seeks to ensure that new developments contribute to the impact on infrastructure, local services and the environment through a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The policy specifically mentions that contributions may be required to be made to green infrastructure, including open spaces and parks. Such a framework allows the pooling of multiple contributions to tackle provision at a strategic level rather than on a site-by-site basis, resulting in minor positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would rely on the more common Section 106 contributions to deliver necessary infrastructure provision. The use of S106 has been scaled back since the 6th April 2015, limiting Council's abilities to pool contributions to tackle infrastructure provision at a strategic and more cost effective scale. While these contributions still have the potential to conserve and enhance the natural and urban landscape, they would be piecemeal, generating more uncertain and less effective effects. Therefore a negligible, uncertain effect is likely for this objective.</p>
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0		0		Both Draft Policy IMP2 and Alternative Option 2 are not likely to have direct effects on this objective.

SA Objectives	IMP2	Alternative Options			Justification
		1	2	3	
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+		0/?		<p>Draft Policy IMP2 seeks to ensure that new developments contribute to the impact on infrastructure, local services and the environment through a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The policy specifically mentions that contributions may be required to conserve and enhance biodiversity. Such a framework allows the pooling of multiple contributions to tackle provision at a strategic level rather than on a site-by-site basis, resulting in minor positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would rely on the more common Section 106 contributions to deliver necessary infrastructure provision. The use of S106 has been scaled back since the 6th April 2015, limiting Council's abilities to pool contributions to tackle infrastructure provision at a strategic and more cost effective scale. While these contributions still have the potential to conserve and enhance biodiversity, they would be piecemeal, generating more uncertain and less effective effects. Therefore a negligible, uncertain effect is likely for this objective.</p>
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+		0/?		<p>Draft Policy IMP2 seeks to ensure that new developments contribute to the impact on infrastructure, local services and the environment through a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Many of these contributions will facilitate and maintain economic growth in the Borough. Such a framework allows the pooling of multiple contributions to tackle provision at a strategic level rather than on a site-by-site basis, resulting in minor positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would rely on the more common Section 106 contributions to deliver necessary infrastructure provision. The use of S106 has been scaled back since the 6th April 2015, limiting Council's abilities to pool contributions to tackle infrastructure provision at a strategic and more cost effective scale. While these contributions still have the potential to contribute to economic growth, they would be piecemeal, generating more uncertain and less effective effects. Therefore a negligible, uncertain effect is likely for this objective.</p>
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+		0/?		<p>Draft Policy IMP2 seeks to ensure that new developments contribute to the impact on infrastructure, local services and the environment through a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The policy names several infrastructure types in which direct investment will contribute to improving the Borough's Town Centres as sustainable locations. Such a framework allows the pooling of multiple contributions to tackle provision at a strategic level rather than on a site-by-site basis, resulting in minor positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would rely on the more common Section 106 contributions to deliver necessary infrastructure provision. The use of S106 has been scaled back since the 6th April 2015, limiting Council's abilities to pool contributions to tackle infrastructure provision at a strategic and more cost effective scale. While these contributions still have the potential to invest in Town Centres, these would be piecemeal, generating more uncertain and less effective effects. Therefore a negligible,</p>

SA Objectives	IMP2	Alternative Options			Justification
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					uncertain effect is likely for this objective.
6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+		0/?		<p>Draft Policy IMP2 seeks to ensure that new developments contribute to the impact on infrastructure, local services and the environment through a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The policy specifically mentions that contributions may be required to provide community education services. Such a framework allows the pooling of multiple contributions to tackle provision at a strategic level rather than on a site-by-site basis, resulting in minor positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would rely on the more common Section 106 contributions to deliver necessary infrastructure provision. The use of S106 has been scaled back since the 6th April 2015, limiting Council's abilities to pool contributions to tackle infrastructure provision at a strategic and more cost effective scale. While these contributions still have the potential to provide education facilities, they would be piecemeal, generating more uncertain and less effective effects. Therefore a negligible, uncertain effect is likely for this objective.</p>
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+		0/?		<p>Draft Policy IMP2 seeks to ensure that new developments contribute to the impact on infrastructure, local services and the environment through a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The policy specifically mentions that contributions may be required to increase the provision of affordable housing. Such a framework allows the pooling of multiple contributions to tackle provision at a strategic level rather than on a site-by-site basis, resulting in minor positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would rely on the more common Section 106 contributions to deliver necessary infrastructure provision. The use of S106 has been scaled back since the 6th April 2015, limiting Council's abilities to pool contributions to tackle infrastructure provision at a strategic and more cost effective scale. While these contributions still have the potential to improve the provision of affordable housing, they would be piecemeal, generating more uncertain and less effective effects. Therefore a negligible, uncertain effect is likely for this objective.</p>
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+		0/?		<p>Draft Policy IMP2 seeks to ensure that new developments contribute to the impact on infrastructure, local services and the environment through a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The policy specifically mentions that contributions may be required to provide community health services. Such a framework allows the pooling of multiple contributions to tackle provision at a strategic level rather than on a site-by-site basis, resulting in minor positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would rely on the more common Section 106 contributions to deliver necessary infrastructure provision. The use of S106 has been scaled back since the 6th April 2015, limiting Council's abilities to pool contributions to tackle infrastructure provision at a strategic and more cost effective scale. While these contributions still have the potential to provide health facilities, they would be piecemeal, generating more uncertain and less effective effects. Therefore a negligible,</p>

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					uncertain effect is likely for this objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	+		0/?		<p>Draft Policy IMP2 seeks to ensure that new developments contribute to the impact on infrastructure, local services and the environment through a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The policy names several infrastructure types in which direct investment will contribute to promoting vibrant, safe communities. Such a framework allows the pooling of multiple contributions to tackle provision at a strategic level rather than on a site-by-site basis, resulting in minor positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would rely on the more common Section 106 contributions to deliver necessary infrastructure provision. The use of S106 has been scaled back since the 6th April 2015, limiting Council's abilities to pool contributions to tackle infrastructure provision at a strategic and more cost effective scale. While these contributions still have the potential to contribute to the delivery of vibrant, safe communities, these would be piecemeal, generating more uncertain and less effective effects. Therefore a negligible, uncertain effect is likely for this objective.</p>
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+		0/?		<p>Draft Policy IMP2 seeks to ensure that new developments contribute to the impact on infrastructure, local services and the environment through a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The policy names several infrastructure types in which direct investment will contribute to regenerating and renewing disadvantaged areas. Such a framework allows the pooling of multiple contributions to tackle provision at a strategic level rather than on a site-by-site basis, resulting in minor positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would rely on the more common Section 106 contributions to deliver necessary infrastructure provision. The use of S106 has been scaled back since the 6th April 2015, limiting Council's abilities to pool contributions to tackle infrastructure provision at a strategic and more cost effective scale. While these contributions still have the potential to contribute to regenerating and renewing disadvantaged areas, these would be piecemeal, generating more uncertain and less effective effects. Therefore a negligible, uncertain effect is likely for this objective.</p>
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	++		0/?		<p>Draft Policy IMP2 seeks to ensure that new developments contribute to the impact on infrastructure, local services and the environment through a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The policy specifically mentions that contributions may be required to provide community services and facilities as well as transport, which will improve accessibility to them. Such a framework allows the pooling of multiple contributions to tackle provision at a strategic level rather than on a site-by-site basis, resulting in significant positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would rely on the more common Section 106 contributions to deliver necessary infrastructure provision. The use of S106 has been scaled back since the 6th April 2015, limiting Council's abilities to pool contributions to tackle infrastructure provision at a strategic and more cost</p>

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					effective scale. While these contributions still have the potential to provide community services and facilities, they would be piecemeal, generating more uncertain and less effective effects. Therefore a negligible, uncertain effect is likely for this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0		0		Both Draft Policy IMP2 and Alternative Option 2 would not have direct effects on this objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	+		0/?		<p>Draft Policy IMP2 seeks to ensure that new developments contribute to the impact on infrastructure, local services and the environment through a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The policy specifically mentions that contributions may be required to improve flood prevention and sustainable drainage measures. Such a framework allows the pooling of multiple contributions to tackle provision at a strategic level rather than on a site-by-site basis, resulting in minor positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would rely on the more common Section 106 contributions to deliver necessary infrastructure provision. The use of S106 has been scaled back since the 6th April 2015, limiting Council's abilities to pool contributions to tackle infrastructure provision at a strategic and more cost effective scale. While these contributions still have the potential to help prevent flooding, they would be piecemeal, generating more uncertain and less effective effects. Therefore a negligible, uncertain effect is likely for this objective.</p>
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+		0/?		<p>Draft Policy IMP2 seeks to ensure that new developments contribute to the impact on infrastructure, local services and the environment through a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The policy specifically mentions that contributions may be required to tackle climate change and generate energy initiatives through allowable solutions. Such a framework allows the pooling of multiple contributions to tackle provision at a strategic level rather than on a site-by-site basis, resulting in minor positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would rely on the more common Section 106 contributions to deliver necessary infrastructure provision. The use of S106 has been scaled back since the 6th April 2015, limiting Council's abilities to pool contributions to tackle infrastructure provision at a strategic and more cost effective scale. While these contributions still have the potential to help tackle climate change and invest in energy initiatives, they would be piecemeal, generating more uncertain and less effective effects. Therefore a negligible, uncertain effect is likely for this objective.</p>

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15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+		0/?		<p>Draft Policy IMP2 seeks to ensure that new developments contribute to the impact on infrastructure, local services and the environment through a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The policy names infrastructure types in which direct investment will contribute to reducing air, land and noise pollution. Such a framework allows the pooling of multiple contributions to tackle provision at a strategic level rather than on a site-by-site basis, resulting in minor positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would rely on the more common Section 106 contributions to deliver necessary infrastructure provision. The use of S106 has been scaled back since the 6th April 2015, limiting Council's abilities to pool contributions to tackle infrastructure provision at a strategic and more cost effective scale. While these contributions still have the potential to contribute to reducing air, land and noise pollution, these would be piecemeal, generating more uncertain and less effective effects. Therefore a negligible, uncertain effect is likely for this objective.</p>
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	+		0/?		<p>Draft Policy IMP2 seeks to ensure that new developments contribute to the impact on infrastructure, local services and the environment through a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The policy specifically mentions that contributions may be required to improve utilities. Such a framework allows the pooling of multiple contributions to tackle provision at a strategic level rather than on a site-by-site basis, resulting in minor positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would rely on the more common Section 106 contributions to deliver necessary infrastructure provision. The use of S106 has been scaled back since the 6th April 2015, limiting Council's abilities to pool contributions to tackle infrastructure provision at a strategic and more cost effective scale. While these contributions still have the potential to improve utilities, they would be piecemeal, generating more uncertain and less effective effects. Therefore a negligible, uncertain effect is likely for this objective.</p>
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	+		0/?		<p>Draft Policy IMP2 seeks to ensure that new developments contribute to the impact on infrastructure, local services and the environment through a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The policy specifically mentions that contributions may be required to tackle climate. Such a framework allows the pooling of multiple contributions to tackle provision at a strategic level rather than on a site-by-site basis, resulting in minor positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would rely on the more common Section 106 contributions to deliver necessary infrastructure provision. The use of S106 has been scaled back since the 6th April 2015, limiting Council's abilities to pool contributions to tackle infrastructure provision at a strategic and more cost effective scale. While these contributions still have the potential to help tackle climate, they would be piecemeal, generating more uncertain and less effective effects. Therefore a negligible, uncertain effect is likely for this objective.</p>

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18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	+		0/?		<p>Draft Policy IMP2 seeks to ensure that new developments contribute to the impact on infrastructure, local services and the environment through a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The policy specifically mentions that contributions may be required to improve utilities and waste. Such a framework allows the pooling of multiple contributions to tackle provision at a strategic level rather than on a site-by-site basis, resulting in minor positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would rely on the more common Section 106 contributions to deliver necessary infrastructure provision. The use of S106 has been scaled back since the 6th April 2015, limiting Council's abilities to pool contributions to tackle infrastructure provision at a strategic and more cost effective scale. While these contributions still have the potential to improve utilities and waste, they would be piecemeal, generating more uncertain and less effective effects. Therefore a negligible, uncertain effect is likely for this objective.</p>
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+		0/?		<p>Draft Policy IMP2 seeks to ensure that new developments contribute to the impact on infrastructure, local services and the environment through a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The policy specifically mentions that contributions may be required to tackle transport issues (highway, rail, bus and cycle/footpath network, and any associated facilities). Such a framework allows the pooling of multiple contributions to tackle provision at a strategic level rather than on a site-by-site basis, resulting in minor positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 2 would rely on the more common Section 106 contributions to deliver necessary infrastructure provision. The use of S106 has been scaled back since the 6th April 2015, limiting Council's abilities to pool contributions to tackle infrastructure provision at a strategic and more cost effective scale. While these contributions still have the potential to help tackle transport issues, they would be piecemeal, generating more uncertain and less effective effects. Therefore a negligible, uncertain effect is likely for this objective.</p>

Policy IMP3- Phasing of Development

Alternative Option 1: No Policy

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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	+	0	Draft Policy EMP3 seeks to ensure that environmental mitigation measures are secured in a timely manner through phasing of development. This is likely to result in measures which are necessary to conserve and enhance the natural and urban landscape being implemented effectively. A minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	+	0	Draft Policy EMP3 seeks to ensure that environmental mitigation measures are secured in a timely manner through phasing of development. This is likely to result in measures which are necessary to protect and enhance the historic environment being implemented effectively. A minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	+	0	Draft Policy EMP3 seeks to ensure that environmental mitigation measures are secured in a timely manner through phasing of development. This is likely to result in measures which are necessary to protect, conserve and enhance biodiversity being implemented effectively. A minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	0	0	Draft Policy IMP3 and Alternative Option 1 do not have direct effects on this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial	0	0	Draft Policy IMP3 and Alternative Option 1 do not have direct effects on this objective.

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6. Improve educational attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough	+	0	Draft Policy IMP3 seeks to ensure that phasing of new development occurs where necessary to ensure that growth is supported by appropriate infrastructure provision. This is likely to include the provision of education facilities to ensure that there is enough school capacity to support a growing population, and a minor positive effect is likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+	0	Draft Policy IMP3 sets out that affordable housing requirements should be met in each phase of new developments. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely for this objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+	0	Draft Policy IMP3 seeks to ensure that phasing of new development occurs where necessary to ensure that growth is supported by appropriate infrastructure provision. This is likely to include the provision of healthcare and green infrastructure facilities such as parks, open spaces and recreational facilities to ensure that there is enough capacity to support a growing population, and a minor positive effect is likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	Draft Policy IMP3 and Alternative Option 1 do not have direct effects on this objective.
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	0	0	Draft Policy IMP3 and Alternative Option 1 do not have direct effects on this objective.
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services and facilities	+	0	Draft Policy IMP3 seeks to ensure that phasing of new development occurs where necessary to ensure that growth is supported by appropriate infrastructure provision. This is likely to include the provision of local services and facilities to ensure that there is enough capacity to support a growing

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			population, and a minor positive effect is likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	0	0	Draft Policy IMP3 and Alternative Option 1 do not have direct effects on this objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	+	0	Draft Policy EMP3 seeks to ensure that environmental mitigation measures are secured in a timely manner through phasing of development. This is likely to result in measures which are necessary to minimise the risk of flooding being implemented effectively and in a timely manner. A minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	+	0	Draft Policy EMP3 seeks to ensure that environmental mitigation measures are secured in a timely manner through phasing of development. This is likely to result in measures which are necessary to reduce greenhouse gas emissions being implemented effectively and in a timely manner. A minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	+	0	Draft Policy EMP3 seeks to ensure that environmental mitigation measures are secured in a timely manner through phasing of development. This is likely to result in measures which are necessary to reduce air, land and noise pollution being implemented effectively and in a timely manner. A minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water	+	0	Draft Policy IMP3 seeks to ensure that phasing of new development occurs where necessary to ensure that growth is supported by appropriate infrastructure provision. This is likely to include the

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resource management			provision of water resource management facilities, which is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	+	0	Draft Policy EMP3 seeks to ensure that environmental mitigation measures are secured in a timely manner through phasing of development. This is likely to result in measures which are necessary to adapt to the effects of climate change. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	+	0	Draft Policy IMP3 seeks to ensure that phasing of new development occurs where necessary to ensure that growth is supported by appropriate infrastructure provision. This is likely to include the provision of waste management infrastructure to ensure that there is enough capacity to support a growing population, and a minor positive effect is likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	+	0	Draft Policy IMP3 seeks to ensure that phasing of new development occurs where necessary to ensure that growth is supported by appropriate infrastructure provision. This is likely to include the provision of sustainable transport modes to ensure that there is enough capacity to support a growing population, and a minor positive effect is likely. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.

Policy IMP4- Piecemeal Development

Alternative Option 1: No policy

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1. Conserving and enhancing the diverse natural and urban landscape, countryside and green spaces, of Basildon Borough	0	0	Draft Policy IMP4 and Alternative Option 1 do not have direct effects on this objective.
2. Protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and local distinctiveness of Basildon Borough	0	0	Draft Policy IMP4 and Alternative Option 1 do not have direct effects on this objective.
3. Protect, conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and the habitats which support it	0	0	Draft Policy IMP4 and Alternative Option 1 do not have direct effects on this objective.
4. Achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth to stimulate economic regeneration	+/?	0	Draft Policy IMP4 adopts a pragmatic approach to the delivery of the Borough's large Strategic Site Allocations by providing a framework for the appropriate piecemeal delivery of such allocation in the long term. This will ensure that progress is made, and that such progress does not undermine the delivery of the wider allocation. Therefore, the policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on the objective with some uncertainty due to many sites being in multiple ownership. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
5. Ensure the Borough's Town Centres are promoted as sustainable locations for living, retail, leisure and related commercial development	+/?	0	Draft Policy IMP4 adopts a pragmatic approach to the delivery of the Borough's large Strategic Site Allocations by providing a framework for the appropriate piecemeal delivery of such allocation in the long term. This will ensure that progress is made, and that such progress does not undermine the delivery of the wider allocation. Therefore, the policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on the objective with some uncertainty due to many sites being in multiple ownership. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
6. Improve educational	+	0	Draft Policy IMP4 adopts a pragmatic approach to the delivery of the Borough's large Strategic Site

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attainment and social inclusion, especially in the most deprived areas of the Borough			<p>Allocations by providing a framework for the appropriate piecemeal delivery of such allocations in the long term. Where such piecemeal development is permitted, proportional contributions towards local infrastructure, services and facilities will be required, including education facilities. This is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.</p>
7. Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent home and increase affordable provision to help those in most need locally	+/?	0	<p>Draft Policy IMP4 adopts a pragmatic approach to the delivery of the Borough's large Strategic Site Allocations by providing a framework for the appropriate piecemeal delivery of such allocations in the long term. This will ensure that progress is made, and that such progress does not undermine the delivery of the wider allocation. Therefore, the policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on the objective with some uncertainty due to many sites being in multiple ownership.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.</p>
8. Improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents and reduce inequalities in health related to development and the environment	+	0	<p>Draft Policy IMP4 adopts a pragmatic approach to the delivery of the Borough's large Strategic Site Allocations by providing a framework for the appropriate piecemeal delivery of such allocations in the long term. Where such piecemeal development is permitted, proportional contributions towards local infrastructure, services and facilities will be required, including health facilities. This is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.</p>
9. Create and sustain vibrant communities that are safe and feel safe to those who live in or visit them and where crime is reduced	0	0	<p>Draft Policy IMP4 and Alternative Option 1 do not have direct effects on this objective.</p>
10. Regenerate and renew disadvantaged areas where people live or work in the Borough	+/?	0	<p>Draft Policy IMP4 adopts a pragmatic approach to the delivery of the Borough's large Strategic Site Allocations by providing a framework for the appropriate piecemeal delivery of such allocations in the long term. This will ensure that progress is made in the regeneration and renewal of disadvantaged areas, and that such progress does not undermine the delivery of the wider allocation. Therefore, the policy is likely to have a minor positive effect on the objective with some uncertainty due to many sites being in multiple ownership.</p> <p>Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.</p>
11. Improve accessibility to and enhance local services	+	0	<p>Draft Policy IMP4 adopts a pragmatic approach to the delivery of the Borough's large Strategic Site Allocations by providing a framework for the appropriate piecemeal delivery of such allocations in the</p>

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and facilities			long term. Where such piecemeal development is permitted, proportional contributions towards local infrastructure, services and facilities will be required. This is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
12. Improve efficiency of land use, through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including the re-use of materials from previous buildings	+	0	Draft Policy IMP4 allows for piecemeal development whereby reasonable arrangements have been made through the layout of the development to provide access to adjoining land identified for development purposes. This will help to ensure that the most appropriate sites for development are developed before other areas, resulting in a minor positive effect on this objective. Alternative Option 1 would not have a direct effect on this objective.
13. Minimise the risk of flooding and the detriment to public health, domestic and commercial property and the natural environment flood events can bring	0	0	Draft Policy IMP4 and Alternative Option 1 do not have direct effects on this objective.
14. Reduce the local contribution to climate change, by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, improving energy efficiency of buildings and increase the use of renewable energy sources for local energy needs to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels	0	0	Draft Policy IMP4 and Alternative Option 1 do not have direct effects on this objective.
15. Reduce air, land and noise pollution and improve their respective quality through direct action or mitigation measures	0	0	Draft Policy IMP4 and Alternative Option 1 do not have direct effects on this objective.

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16. Improve water efficiency and achieve sustainable water resource management	0	0	Draft Policy IMP4 and Alternative Option 1 do not have direct effects on this objective.
17. Adopt building and public realm designs which ensure the Borough is prepared for the impacts of climate change	0	0	Draft Policy IMP4 and Alternative Option 1 do not have direct effects on this objective.
18. Reduce waste generation and increase the amount of waste which is recycled or re-used	0	0	Draft Policy IMP4 and Alternative Option 1 do not have direct effects on this objective.
19. Reduce traffic congestion and its related pollution levels by improving travel choice and channelling development to sustainable locations	0	0	Draft Policy IMP4 and Alternative Option 1 do not have direct effects on this objective.