



Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan

Sustainability Appraisal of the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan Proposed Main Modifications

Sustainability Appraisal
Addendum Report

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Non Technical Summary



1 Non Technical Summary

1.1 This section is a Non-Technical Summary of the Sustainability Appraisal of the main modifications to the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan. The report is an Addendum to the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) report of the submission version Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan. This report of the SA of the main modifications has been prepared to provide an overview of the assessment of main modifications undertaken in line with the requirements of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive. This report is required to ensure that the potential social, environmental and economic effects of main modifications to the Local Plan are fully assessed for significant sustainability impacts and reported on as part of the plan making process.

Context and legislation

1.2 The full Sustainability Appraisal Report (June 2018) considers in detail the requirements of the SEA Directive as listed below, although these requirements are also considered as an integral part of the assessment in this Addendum.

1. Contents, main objectives of the Local Plan and relationship with other relevant plans and programmes.
2. The relevant aspects of the current state of the environment, and the likely evolution thereof without implementation of the Plan.
3. The environmental characteristics of the area.
4. Any existing environmental problems.

1.3 The remaining requirements of the SEA Directive are detailed in turn below.

Sustainability objectives

1.4 The objectives used to assess the sustainability implications of the main modifications are listed below. These were developed and refined as part of the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping process, preceding this Addendum report.

	SEA Topic	Sustainability Objective
1.	Population, Human Health and Social Inclusiveness	To improve community cohesion and the quality of where people work and live.
2.	Population, Human Health and Social Inclusiveness	To advance equality of opportunity between all persons and eliminate social exclusion by improving access to jobs, services and facilities.
3.	Population, Human Health and Social Inclusiveness	To improve health and reduce health inequalities.
4.	Population, Human Health and Social Inclusiveness	To minimise opportunities for crime and reduce the fear of crime.
5.	Population, Human Health and Social Inclusiveness	To ensure adequate quality and provision of a range of house types to meet local needs in appropriate locations and including affordable / social /extra care housing.

	SEA Topic	Sustainability Objective
6.	Population, Human Health and Social Inclusiveness	To strengthen links between rural areas and towns by sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of journeys made by car.
7.	Climate Change, Air and Water	To minimise contributions to climate change and consider climate change adaptation.
8.	Climate Change, Air and Water	To improve air quality.
9.	Climate Change, Air and Water	To reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources.
10.	Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna	To identify, conserve and enhance biodiversity resources and to test the plan's policies and proposals on European Sites and SSSIs
11.	Soil and Material Assets	To safeguard the best and most versatile agricultural land; improve soil and land resources; and protect and enhance geological resources.
12.	Soil and Material Assets	To minimise the use of non-renewable resources
13.	Built and Cultural Heritage, Landscape and Local Distinctiveness	To protect and enhance the character of towns / villages and other heritage and archaeological assets along with their settings.
14.	Built and Cultural Heritage, Landscape and Local Distinctiveness	To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets and resources.
15.	Built and Cultural Heritage, Landscape and Local Distinctiveness	To encourage further development of sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness.
16.	Employment, Economic Development and Regeneration	To safeguard the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages, and create and sustain a vibrant rural economy
17.	Employment, Economic Development and Regeneration	To strengthen, modernise and diversify the District economy, and promote sustainable economic growth
18.	Employment, Economic Development and Regeneration	To encourage and support a high and stable level of employment

Table 1.1 Summary of Sustainability Objectives

Assessing effects

1.5 As part of the Sustainability Appraisal process, the Council is required to determine the likely significant effects of the main modifications on the social, environmental and economic sustainability objectives with a view to informing the consultation and subsequent plan finalisation.

1.6 A summary of the result of the assessments is provided below.

Proposed Main Modifications SA findings

1.7 The ten screened-in proposed main modifications will generally support positive effects previously identified and strengthen mitigation measures.

1.8 Modifications to Policy SS3 Future Provision and Distribution of Development are likely to support balanced growth in the District. In addition, taken together the modifications proposed to Policy SS6 Biddulph Area Strategy are considered to support the sustainable growth of Biddulph.

1.9 Positive effects are considered likely on the supply of new homes to meet the needs of the District with modifications to Policy H1 New Housing Development and H3 Affordable Homes expected to support the creation of high quality places and more certainty over the delivery of affordable homes. However negative effects may result from a modest reduction in the supply of new homes arising from proposed deletion of the housing site BDNEW, Biddulph under amended Policy H2 Housing Allocations. Mitigation measures have been identified.

1.10 Positive effects on health and well-being are considered likely to result from modifications to Policies C2 Sport, Recreation and Open Space and DSL2 Land at the Mount, Leek.

1.11 However taken together, modifications to Policy E2 Employment Allocations are likely to lead negative impacts on sustainable economic growth arising from the proposed removal of 1.5 hectares of employment land. Mitigation measures have been identified.

SA findings of the Plan as modified

1.12 Generally the effect of the modifications taken together on the Plan as modified will not alter the overall conclusions of the SA report.

1.13 The proposed main modifications taken together are likely to result in minor positive effects on eight of the eighteen SA objectives, and result in no significant effect on a further seven objectives.

1.14 In particular positive effects arise from proposed modifications to:

- require a modest increase in employment land requirement from 27 ha to 32 ha to 2033 (MM8);
- confirm that the annual housing development rate will be monitored in order to ensure the delivery of new homes is on track to meet need (MM8);
- provide for the monitoring of windfalls and affordable housing to ensure that needs are being met (MM20);

- confirm high density development is appropriate in locations which are more accessible by public transport (MM20);
- clarify details around the supply of affordable homes (MM22);
- ensure that affordable housing is designed to be "tenure blind" (MM22);
- provide more certainty around the delivery of open space as part of residential developments (MM31);
- support community access to school facilities (MM31);
- clarify protection for school playing fields (MM31);
- address the recreational value of land at the Mount, Leek (MM36);
- delete proposed development site allocations ADD09 and BDNEW (MM17 and MM21).

1.15 The effect of the proposed main modifications taken together on the remaining three SA objectives is uncertain and depends on the implementation of the Local Plan. Positive effects on growth, employment and access to services and facilities resulting from modifications to increase the employment land requirement as a result of amending the plan period from 2016-2031 to 2014-2033 are balanced by negative effects on these objectives from modifications leading to the loss of employment land at two allocated sites (ADD09, Leekbrook and part of land off Tunstall Road, Biddulph).

Overall conclusion

In terms of the effects of the submitted Local Plan plus modifications, it is possible to conclude that the appraisal findings presented within the June 2018 SA Report remain valid, with principally minor positive effects identified as likely to result from the modifications.

Mitigation measures

1.16 Given the limited impact of the Main Modifications on the sustainability objectives, no other mitigation measures have been proposed, aside from those already identified in section 7 of the full Sustainability Appraisal Report (June 2018) - examination library reference ED6.5.

Selection of alternatives

1.17 The sustainability appraisal process requires the Council to consider alternative options, and to assess their sustainability implications.

1.18 Alternatives considered in relation to the Main Modifications have been taken to be the existing text or policy in the submitted Local Plan. As the Local Plan preparation process is now nearing completion, these alternatives have already been appraised and selected through the earlier Sustainability Appraisal process. The Main Modifications as set out in Section 4 have all been selected as the most appropriate option to proceed with.

Monitoring

1.19 Detailed information regarding monitoring the sustainability effects of implementing the Local Plan is set out in section 9 of the full Sustainability Appraisal Report (June 2018). Overall however, the Council will continuously monitor the sustainability effects of Local Plan policies and report on the outcome of this through the Annual Monitoring Report.

Next steps

1.20 The SA Addendum report will be published for consultation alongside the Staffordshire Moorlands proposed Main Modifications and other supporting documents in September / October 2019.

1.21 The next step is for the Inspector to consider the representations made as part of the consultation, alongside this SA Report Addendum, before deciding whether he is in a position to write his report on the Plan's soundness.

1.22 Assuming that the Inspector is able to find the Plan "sound", with any necessary main modifications, it can be formally adopted by the Council. At the time of adoption, an SA Statement will be published that explains the process of plan making / SA and presents measures decided concerning monitoring.

Introduction



2 Introduction

Background

2.1 This Sustainability Appraisal Addendum Report has been prepared by Staffordshire Moorlands District Council as part of the integrated Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan. An integrated approach to the SA/SEA has been taken throughout the evolution of the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan and the abbreviation "SA" should be taken to refer to "SA incorporating the requirements of SEA".

2.2 The Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan has been subject to SA throughout its preparation. The table below sets out the principal stages at which SA has been undertaken.

Date	Plan Iteration	Accompanying SA Report
August 2014	Preparation and review of evidence	SA Scoping Report
April 2016	Local Plan: Preferred Options Sites and Boundaries	Interim Sustainability Appraisal report
July 2017	Preferred Options Local Plan	Draft Sustainability Appraisal report
February 2018	Local Plan Submission Version	Sustainability Appraisal Report
June 2018	Submission of Local Plan and schedule of additional modifications	Final Sustainability Appraisal Report
June 2019	Consideration of a response to the Inspector regarding concerns over site BDNEW and the Green Belt in Biddulph.	SA Addendum Report: Alternative development approaches for Biddulph
September 2019	Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan proposed Main Modifications	SA Addendum Report of the Proposed Main Modifications (this report)

Table 2.1 SA work undertaken

Local Plan Examination

2.3 The Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on 28th June 2018. The Secretary of State has appointed Mr Mark Dakeyne BA (Hons) MRTPI as Inspector for the Local Plan examination. The examination hearing sessions started on Tuesday 9th October 2018 and these sessions were closed on 23rd October 2018.

2.4 In light of representations received and discussions at the examination hearing sessions, the Inspector has written to the Council (examination library reference EL6.010) to indicate that he is satisfied that the examination can proceed to consultation on the main modifications to the submitted Plan. A schedule of Main Modifications is published for consultation alongside this Addendum to the main SA Report of the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan (examination library reference EL6.5).

2.5 The aim of this Report is to present an appraisal of the likely significant effects associated with the schedule of modifications set out by the Inspector, with a view to informing the consultation and subsequent plan finalisation.

2.6 As an SA Report Addendum, this report should be read alongside the full SA Report submitted with the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan.

Outline of Proposed Main Modifications

2.7 The schedule of proposed Main Modifications proposed by the Inspector which he considers necessary to make the Staffordshire Moorlands Plan sound are published in a separate document and should be read in conjunction with this SA Addendum Report. A summary outline of the key modifications proposed is provided below:

- Amend the plan period from 2016-2031 to 2014-2033 and associated housing and employment land requirements in order to better reflect the available evidence, and to provide a longer period of time post-adoption. The gross housing requirement remains as 6080. The employment land requirement increases from 27ha to 32ha (MM8).
- Confirm that the annual development rate will be monitored in order to ensure that housing delivery is on track to meet need (MM8).
- Remove that part of the Wharf Road, Biddulph mixed-use allocation within the Green Belt (site known as BDNEW) due to Green Belt and landscape harm (MM21).
- Include areas of "safeguarded land" at Gillow Heath, Biddulph in between the urban area and the Green Belt, in order to meet Biddulph's longer term development needs (MM12).
- Remove the proposed employment land allocation on land west of Basford Lane, Leekbrook, due to the potential impact on residents' living conditions, landscape and biodiversity (MM17).
- Add commentary on the need to monitor closely the provision of employment land on allocated sites, and through windfall, to determine if additional sites should be released through a Local Plan review (MM54).
- Amend the affordable housing policy to reflect the new threshold at which contributions can be sought under the revised National Planning Policy Framework (10 homes plus, or 0.5ha) (MM22).
- Ensure monitoring of the provision of windfall housing completions, including affordable housing, in order to determine if the expected levels of provision are being met (MM20).
- Amend Policy DSL2 regarding the development of land at the Mount, Leek, in order to ensure that proposals recognise the recreational value of the Mount to the community, and to reflect this in master planning (MM36).

The Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan

2.8 Section 2 (Introduction) of the SA Report of the Submitted Local Plan provides an outline of the contents and main objectives of the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan. Section 4 (SA Scoping Stage) of the SA Report describes the relationship between the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan and other relevant plans and programmes and identifies the key sustainability issues relevant to the preparation of the Local Plan and the SA.

2.9 Section 4 of the SA Report is supported by Section 23 (Review of relevant plans, programmes and policy objectives) and Section 24 (Summary of baseline data) that summarises the social, economic and environmental characteristics of the District.

Purpose of this SA Addendum Report

2.10 This SA Addendum Report considers the likely significant effects of the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan proposed Main Modifications. This Addendum Report also presents an appraisal of the Plan as modified, in order to consider any necessary updates required to the appraisal findings presented within the June 2018 SA Report. It should be noted that this report is an Addendum to the June 2018 SA Report and the two documents should be read together.

Structure of this report

2.11 The remainder of this Addendum Report is structured as follows:

- Section 3 describes the methodology used to carry out the appraisals and consultation requirements.
- Section 4 sets out the Main Modifications put forward for consultation and assesses whether additional appraisal is required (screening).
- Section 5 sets out a summary of the findings of the appraisal of screened-in main modifications.
- Section 6 considers cumulative impacts, taking the proposed main modifications as a whole.
- Section 7 (Conclusions) summarises the key findings from the SA of the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan proposed Main Modifications and describes the next steps to be undertaken.
- Section 8 provides appraisal matrices detailing the sustainability assessments undertaken of proposed Main Modifications.

Appraisal Methodology and consideration of alternatives



3 Appraisal Methodology and consideration of alternatives

Background

3.1 Section 3 of the June 2018 SA Report accompanying submission of the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan describes in detail the methodology and approach used throughout the SA process. Section 4 of the June 2018 SA Report sets out the SA Framework and to ensure consistency, this Framework continues to form the basis for the SA work on the proposed Main Modifications.

3.2 National Planning Practice Guidance⁽¹⁾ Paragraph: 023 Reference ID: 11-023-20140306 offers guidance on whether a sustainability appraisal report has to be amended if modifications to the Local Plan are proposed at examination.

3.3 The guidance states that it is up to the local planning authority to decide whether the sustainability appraisal report should be amended following proposed changes to an emerging plan. A local planning authority can ask the Inspector to recommend changes to the submission Local Plan to make it sound or they can propose their own changes. (Staffordshire Moorlands District Council has asked the Inspector to recommend changes.)

Screening

3.4 If a local planning authority assesses that necessary changes to a Local Plan are significant, and have not been previously subject to sustainability appraisal, then further sustainability appraisal may be required and the sustainability appraisal report should be updated and amended accordingly.

3.5 The proposed Main Modifications have been screened for their significance in sustainability terms (Section 4 of this Report). For each Main Modification proposed, the Council has determined whether additional appraisal is required by considering the following:

1. Is the proposed change significant?
 - Does it substantially alter the Plan; and/or
 - Is it likely to give rise to significant effects.
2. Has the proposed change previously been subject to sustainability appraisal?

3.6 Those modifications considered to be significant, and which have not previously been subject to sustainability appraisal, are considered to require further sustainability appraisal.

3.7 Following this process, an appraisal of the "screened-in" proposed Main Modifications was undertaken (matrices are included at Section 8). Findings are summarised in Section 5.

3.8 Finally consideration was given to the cumulative, secondary and synergistic effects of the "Plan as modified", thereby updating the appraisal findings presented within the June 2018 SA Report (Section 6).

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

Methodology

3.9 The appraisal methodology for this Addendum to the SA Report follows the methodology used for the appraisal of the submission version Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan. The appraisal framework consists of a list of 18 SA objectives which were identified through a scoping process (which included consultation). A review of context / baseline issues can also be found within the main SA Report.

Considering alternative options

3.10 Appraisal of reasonable alternatives before developing a preferred approach for consultation is a fundamental part of the SA process. The SA Report published alongside the submission version of the Local Plan (examination library reference EL6.5) explains in detail how plan making has been informed by appraisal of reasonable alternatives.

3.11 The Main Modifications put forward for consultation in September / October 2019 have not, however, been developed following an SA of reasonable alternatives. Instead, it was deemed appropriate and reasonable to consider that the alternatives to the modifications are represented by the existing text or policy in the submitted Local Plan. The existing approach in the submitted Local Plan has been subject to on-going sustainability appraisal as part of the plan making process.

3.12 It should be noted that where a proposed Main Modification relates to amendment or insertion to the text of a policy or its supporting text, the appraisal has focused on the outcomes in terms of the proposed modification itself, and not the original policy or text, which has already been subject to sustainability appraisal through earlier stages of the plan making process.

Considering cumulative effects

3.13 In addition to considering the impacts of individual modifications, consideration has also been given to appraising the impacts of the proposed Main Modifications as a whole, in other words the modifications acting in combination. Section 6 records this appraisal.

Consultation

3.14 The Inspector is inviting comments on the proposed Main Modifications to the Staffordshire Moorlands Submission Local Plan (February 2018). Main Modifications are those which the Inspector considers are necessary to make the plan sound/and or legally compliant. Main Modifications are proposed without prejudice to the Inspector's final conclusions on the Local Plan which will take account of all representations submitted in response to this consultation.

3.15 The consultation will run from 18th September to 31st October 2019. It seeks comments on the following documents:

- Schedule of proposed Main Modifications
- Sustainability Appraisal of Main Modifications to the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan (this document)
- Schedule of Additional Modifications

3.16 The documents are supported by:

- Equalities Impact Assessment
- Housing Implementation Strategy
- Assessment of the options for Biddulph

- SA of alternative development approaches for Biddulph

- Masterplans for Wharf Road and Tunstall Road, Biddulph

3.17 The consultation documents are available for inspection throughout this period on the Council's website and at libraries and Council "One Stop Shops" in the District.

3.18 On completion of the consultation, all responses will be submitted to the Local Plan Inspector who will consider them before issuing his report of the Examination and his conclusions on the soundness of the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan.

Screening proposed Main Modifications



4 Screening proposed Main Modifications

Introduction

4.1 There are 74 proposed Main Modifications which are considered in this Section with a view to identifying those that need to be given detailed consideration through SA on the basis that the modification has the potential to give rise to a significant effect.

4.2 The modifications that are not likely to have substantive implications, and in turn not likely to lead to significant effects, either alone or in combination, are identified and screened out of further appraisal.

Screening proposed Main Modifications

4.3 In table 4.1 below, proposed Main Modifications are set out and an account is provided of the sustainability implications, having regard to whether a proposed change substantially alters the Plan; and / or is likely to give rise to significant effects, and whether the proposed modification has previously been subject to sustainability appraisal.

4.4 In the table below text recommended for deletion is shown as being ~~struck through~~ and new text recommended for insertion is shown as underlined.

SA of the Main Modifications to the SMDC Local Plan

Main Mod Ref	Local Plan reference	Main Modification proposed - to be read in conjunction with the full text set out in the Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications	Sustainability implications	Further SA required?
MM1	Page 6; Para 1.1	The Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan is a District wide development plan which replaces the Staffordshire Moorlands Core Strategy, Biddulph Area Action Plan (AAP) and previous Local Plan to provide a framework for delivering development for the period <u>20142016</u> to <u>20332034</u> .	Although the Core Strategy required an early and comprehensive review of the Core Strategy for the period 2016 – 2031, the plan period is changed to 2014 to 2033 as it more closely reflects the evidence base and provides an adequate time-frame for plan proposals. MM8 details amendments relating to changing the plan period and associated implications for housing and employment land requirements.	Screened out. Whilst MM1 may not have substantive implications for the sustainability objectives, implications relating to the principle of changing the plan period will be considered through SA of amended Policy SS3 (MM8).
MM2	Page 6; Para 1.3	The Vision – detailing what the Staffordshire Moorlands will be like in <u>20332034</u> Strategic Development Site Policies - specific policy to guide the development of strategic sites <u>and others requiring bespoke policy</u>	Modified text does not have any implications for the SA. The principle of changing the plan period will be considered through SA of MM8.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA

SA of the Main Modifications to the SMDC Local Plan

Main Mod Ref	Local Plan reference	Main Modification proposed - to be read in conjunction with the full text set out in the Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications	Sustainability implications	Further SA required?
MM3	Page 14; Para 1.41	Whilst a strategy has yet to be published, the Local Plan will seek to provide support to this initiative insofar as it relates to the timescales for the Local Plan up to the year 20332034.	Amended text reflects the proposal to amend the end of the plan period. No implications for the SA.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA
MM4	Page 40; Para 6.1	Whilst the vision sets out how we would like to see the District develop by 2032034, the main challenge will be how we can achieve this in a sustainable manner ...	Amended text reflects the proposal to amend the end of the plan period. No implications for the SA.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA
MM5	Page 44; Policy SS1	Amend bullet 1 as follows: A mix of types and tenures of quality, affordable homes, including starter homes, to meet the needs and aspirations of the existing and future communities.	Technical amendment to reflect the latest affordable housing definition. No implications for the SA.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA
MM6	Page 45 - 46; Policy SS1a and supporting text	Delete Policy SS1a - Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development; along with its supporting text.	This is repetition of national policy. No implications for the SA.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA
MM7	Page 47; Policy SS2 Settlement Hierarchy	Under the heading 'Rural Area Smaller Villages' – add the wording: " <u>Where relevant, green belt policy will also apply</u> ". Under the heading: 'Other Rural Areas' – amend: "this comprises of the open countryside <u>where development is normally unacceptable</u> and green belt where further development is generally inappropriate".	Modifications are both points of clarity. No implications for the SA.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA

SA of the Main Modifications to the SMDC Local Plan

Main Mod Ref	Local Plan reference	Main Modification proposed - to be read in conjunction with the full text set out in the Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications	Sustainability implications	Further SA required?
MM8	Page 48; Para 7.22	Amendments relating to changing the plan period from 2016 - 2031 to 2014 - 2033.	Change to the plan period more closely reflects the evidence base and provides an adequate time-frame for plan proposals.	Screened in. SA of amended Policy SS3 required.
	Para 7.23	This requirement is seen to be "aspirational but realistic " as required by the NPPF when considered in the context of an historic average delivery rate of 195 161 homes per year.	Amended text reflects the proposal to amend the plan period.	Screened in. SA of amended Policy SS3 required.
	Para 7.24	Add to end of para: <u>The land supply calculation applies a 20% buffer to reflect persistent under delivery and applies the 'Liverpool method' to spread the housing shortfall up to the year 2033. The shortfall in completions is high (788 at March 2019) and it is considered to be unrealistic to apply the 'Sedgefield method' and meet the shortfall over five years which would give a very high annual requirement.</u>	Additional text provides points of clarity.	Screened in. SA of amended Policy SS3 required.
	Para 7.26	... The 2017 report identified a need for 43 to 2714 to 32 hectares of employment land across the District to 2034. 2033. In order to provide a balanced level of employment and housing, an employment land requirement of 2732 hectares is proposed. ...	Amended text reflects the proposal to amend the plan period.	Screened in. SA of amended Policy SS3 required.
	Para 7.28	New text: <u>It is not possible to meet identified development requirements without Green Belt release. The adopted Core Strategy anticipated that Green Belt release would be necessary with a commitment for a comprehensive review of the Green Belt in Biddulph.</u>	Modifications set out the overarching exceptional circumstances for Green	Screened in. SA of amended Policy SS3 required.

Main Mod Ref	Local Plan reference	Main Modification proposed - to be read in conjunction with the full text set out in the Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications	Sustainability implications	Further SA required?
		<p>In the preparation of the Local Plan, the Council considered alternatives including inviting relevant neighbouring authorities to accommodate some of the District's requirements, allocating a high density site in Biddulph and alternative options for the distribution of development within the District.</p> <p><u>Whilst these measures reduced the amount of Green Belt release, some release of land is still required in the District to support the development requirements and associated economic and social benefits for the District. Accordingly, it is considered that exceptional circumstances exist for the principle of Green Belt release. The site specific exceptional circumstances for individual Green Belt release are set out in Chapter 9.</u></p>	<p>Belt release. An SA has been undertaken of alternative options for development in Biddulph.</p>	<p>The amended text should be read in conjunction with the SA Addendum report on alternative development approaches for Biddulph.</p>
	SS3 - Future Provision and Distribution of Development	<p>Provision will be made for at least 6080 additional dwellings (net of demolitions) to be completed in Staffordshire Moorlands during the period <u>2014-2012 to 2033-2034</u> - an annual average of 320 homes per year.</p> <p>The Council will <u>review/monitor</u> the annual development rate and <u>manage</u> supply to ensure that future provision will continue to adequately meet identified needs and reflect development potential.</p> <p>Provision will be made for at least <u>27-32</u> hectares of additional employment land in Staffordshire Moorlands (excluding the Peak District National Park) up to the year <u>2033-2034</u>.</p>	<p>Modifications are to reflect proposals to amend the plan period and to confirm that the annual development rate will be monitored in order to ensure housing delivery is on track to meet need. The implications of changing the plan period should be considered.</p>	<p>Screened in. The amended policy requires SA.</p>
MM9	Page 51; Para 7.29	<p>The housing requirements will be met from completions since <u>2014-2012</u>, current commitments, windfall allowances and the site allocations. The employment requirements are capable of being met from existing commitments, windfall allowances, and the proposed employment allocations detailed in Policy E2.</p>	<p>Modifications are to clarify that the development requirements will also be met in part by windfall allowances. No implications for the SA.</p>	<p>Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.</p>

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	Page 52; Tables 7.2 and 7.3	Updates to housing land requirements to reflect amended plan period, deletion of a housing site (BDNEW), and increased housing capacity at Wharf Road and Tunstall Road in Biddulph.	An SA has been undertaken of alternative options for development in Biddulph. Modifications represent the Council's proposal to identify option 5 as the preferred way forward.	Screened out. The amended text should be read in conjunction with the SA Addendum report on alternative development approaches to Biddulph.
	Page 52; Para 7.31	This Policy sets out how the net housing requirement of <u>38023859</u> will be met across the District up to the year <u>20332034</u> .	Amended text reflects the proposal to amend the plan period. No implications for the SA beyond those considered for MM8.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.
	Page 53; Para 7.34	The 2017 Employment Land and Requirement Study Update identified the need for up to <u>27ha32ha</u> of employment land by the year <u>20342033</u> .	Amended text reflects the proposal to amend the plan period. No implications for the SA beyond those considered for MM8.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.
	Page 53; Tables 7.4 and 7.5	Updates to employment land requirement to reflect amended plan period.	Amended text reflects the proposal to amend the plan period. No implications for the SA beyond those considered for MM8.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.
	Page 54; Para 7.39	Nevertheless, where appropriate, and with the agreement of the Peak District National Park Authority, housing provision towards these neighbourhood area requirements may be met elsewhere in the neighbourhood area and potentially within the Peak District National Park.	Amended text clarifies the approach to neighbourhood area requirements.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.

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		<p>This approach is consistent with the allowance for completions within the National Park boundary counting towards the Local Plan when located within the District as set out at Paragraph 7.30.</p>	No implications for the SA.	
	Page 54; Policy SS4 Strategic Housing and Employment Land Supply	<p>Updates to housing and employment land requirements to reflect amended plan period, deletion of a housing site (BDNEW), and increased housing capacity at Wharf Road and Tunstall Road in Biddulph.</p>	<p>Implications are considered through SA of MM8 and the SA Addendum Report detailing the SA undertaken of alternative options for development in Biddulph.</p>	<p>Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate further updating the SA, beyond appraisal of MM8 and the published findings of the SA Addendum report June 2019.</p>
		<p>Add additional text: <u>The Council has published a Housing Implementation Strategy (HIS) document which sets out how the five year housing land supply will be maintained in accordance with the trajectory.</u></p>	<p>Additional wording to reference publication of a Housing Implementation Strategy.</p>	<p>Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.</p>
		<p>Add additional text: <u>The Council will closely monitor the delivery of residential windfall sites and affordable housing to ensure that it is meeting expected levels.</u></p>	<p>Point of clarification in relation to monitoring.</p>	<p>Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.</p>
MM10	Page 57; Para 7.43	<p>In order to deliver the housing requirements for Leek set out in Policy SS4 it is estimated that there will need to be a minimum of 9454045 additional dwellings to be provided in the town.</p>	<p>Amended text to provide up to date housing supply figures (31/03/19) and to</p>	<p>Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate further updating the SA,</p>

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MM11	Page 58; Para 7.45	<p>Policy SS4 details an employment land requirement of 8.1ha<u>9.6ha</u> for the Leek area up to 2033<u>2034</u>.</p> <p>...and it is considered that the <u>LEEK EM2</u> allocations aeressin the village can contribute towards the future employment land requirements for Leek</p> <p>...</p>	<p>reflect the change in base date to 2014 and the end of the plan period to 2033.</p> <p>Amended text to reflect the change to the end of the plan period to 2033 and to delete Leekbrook allocation ADD09.</p>	<p>beyond appraisal of amended Policy SS3 (MM8).</p> <p>Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate further updating the SA, beyond appraisal of amended Policy E2 (MM17).</p>
MM12	Page 62; Para 7.50	<p>Much of TThis area was previously identified as a Broad Area in the Core Strategy for mixed-use development, however, this has now been extended to include additional land alongside the bypass and to the west of the Biddulph Valley Way on land included within the Green Belt. A further mixed-use site for employment and housing opposite Victoria Business Park has also been identified for housing and employment.</p>	<p>Amended text reflects advice to delete BDNEW.</p>	<p>Screened in. The amended Policy SS6 requires SA.</p>
	Page 62; New para between 7.50 and 7.51	<p><u>NPPF policy also requires the Council to have regard to the intended permanence of Green Belt boundaries in the long term, so that they are capable of enduring beyond the plan period. With this in mind, the Council has identified a cluster of three sites at Gillow Heath for safeguarding to meet development needs beyond the plan period. These sites (shown on the policies map) have been removed from the Green Belt but are located outside of the Biddulph Town Boundary. NPPF policy makes it clear that safeguarding land is not the same as allocating land. The intention is that it is set aside to meet future needs (rather than needs within the plan period like an allocation). Planning permission for the permanent development of safeguarded land should only be granted following a Local Plan review which proposes the development so there is no guarantee that it will become an allocation. The land may not be</u></p>	<p>Amended text reflects Council Assembly decision of 26th June 2019 which selected appropriate areas for safeguarding around Biddulph.</p>	<p>Screened in</p> <p>The amended Policy SS6 requires SA.</p>

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		<p>needed in certain circumstances, for example - if the housing requirement for the District and / or spatial strategy changes in the future - but it provides a buffer to ensure that Green Belt boundaries around Biddulph have a degree of permanence.</p>		
	Page 63; Policy SS6 Biddulph Area Strategy	<p>Amendment of Part 1 bullet 1 as follows:</p> <p>Increasing the range of available and affordable house types, (including starter homes) especially for first time buyers, families and older people, including extra care housing.</p> <p>New Part 6 to policy - 'Include areas of 'safeguarded land' at Gillow Heath (BD062, BD068 & BD087) between the urban area and the Green Belt, in order to meet Biddulph's longer-term development needs. This land is not allocated for development at the present time. Planning permission for the permanent development of this land will only be granted following a Local Plan review which proposes the development.'</p>	<p>Clarification to reflect latest affordable housing definition and Council Assembly decision of 26th June 2019 which selected appropriate areas for safeguarding around Biddulph.</p>	<p>Screened in</p> <p>The amended Policy SS6 requires SA.</p>
MM13	Page 74; Para 7.64	<p>Within these areas there are some smaller settlements and hamlets which are not identified in Policy SS40SS9 as 'Small Villages' because their predominantly open character, loose-knit nature and lack of services and facilities.</p>	<p>Factual correction.</p>	<p>Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.</p>

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	Page 74; Para 7.66	Amend last sentence as follows: Two such areas were identified in the Core Strategy and included in the plan at Bolton Copperworks, Froghall and the Anzio Camp Blackshaw Moor. Policies DSR 5 and DSR 6 provide development criteria for these sites Delete two bullet points.	Amendment made to reflect Inspector's request for Bolton Copperworks and Anzio Camp to have their own new separate site policies.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA. However new Policies DSR5 and DSR6 to be appraised (MM51 and MM52).
	Page 76; Policy SS10 Other Rural Areas Strategy	Amend point 4 as follows: Regenerate underused major developed areas in the countryside including: Bolton Copperworks, Froghall and Anzio Camp, Blackshaw Moor (in accordance with policies DSR5 and DSR 6)	Amended text reflects that new policies have been written for these sites.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA. However new Policies DSR5 and DSR6 to be appraised (MM51 and MM52).
MM14	Page 83; Key Diagram	Amend the Key Diagram to include the small village of Swinscoe.	Factual correction	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.
MM15	Page 95; Para 8.26	Applicants wishing to discharge to public sewer will need to submit clear evidence demonstrating why alternative options are not available.	Amended text to delete repetition.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.

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	Page 95; Policy SD5 Flood Risk	<p>Add to para 3:</p> <p><u>More generally the Council will support the identification and implementation of natural flood management measures that will contribute towards delivering a reduction in local and catchment-wide flood risk and impacts of climate change and other multiple benefits.</u></p> <p>Amend para 5:</p> <p>Where appropriate suitable measures to deal with surface water arising from development proposals will be required to minimise the impact to and from new development. In such cases the Council will expect applicants to demonstrate how their proposals manage surface water run-off sustainably and, where with discharge to public sewer is proposed, only being considered as a last resort, where, clear evidence needs to must be demonstrated why alternative options are not available.</p>	<p>Amended text to improve clarity by locating this policy requirement regarding flood management in a more appropriate location (Policy SD5 rather than DC3).</p>	<p>Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.</p>
MM16	Page 98; Policy E1 New Employment Development	<p>New employment development will be assessed according to the extent to which it supports and improves the local economy in terms of providing for the needs and skills of the existing and future local resident workforce and meeting identified business needs, having regard to the Spatial Strategy Policies in SS2, SS3, and SS10 <u>area strategy policies</u>, and general employment land requirements set out in Policy SS4.</p> <p>Bullet points 4 and 5 amended:</p> <p>Other types of <u>employment uses (including B use class developments (B1b, B1c, B2 and B8), commercial sui generis uses etc)</u> should be located in existing or proposed employment areas. Such development outside of existing or proposed employment areas but within the settlement boundary may also be acceptable when it would not create undue harm to the</p>	<p>Minor technical / clarification points relating to deletion of unnecessary references and acknowledgement of wider policies.</p>	<p>Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.</p>

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MM17	Page 100; Para 8.34	<p>character, appearance or amenity of the area. In exceptional circumstances, New-build developments not on existing or proposed employment sites and outside of the settlement boundary may be supported where a rural location can be justified.</p> <p>Business development falling within other use classes (such as sui generis) will generally be viewed favourably</p> <p>The 2017 update concluded that 43 to 27ha <u>14 to 32ha</u> of additional employment land was required for Staffordshire Moorlands for the period 2014/2016 to 2033/2034. An employment land requirement of 27ha <u>32ha</u> is recommended being at the top end of this range ...</p>	<p>Updated employment land requirements to reflect change to the end of the plan period to 2033 and amended start of the plan period to 2014 to be consistent with the 2014 base date.</p>	<p>Screened in. The amended Policy E2 requires SA.</p>
	<p>Page 101; Policy E2 Employment Allocations</p>	<p>Delete:</p> <p>Proposals for town centres uses, including B1a (office) will be required to comply with the sequential site and impact tests specified in Policy E1;</p> <p>Table 8.1</p> <p>Delete allocation ADD009:</p> <p>ADD009 (Land west of Basford Lane, Leekbrook) (Policy DSR-3)</p>	<p>Deletion of an employment allocation (ADD09 at Leekbrook)</p>	<p>Screened in.</p> <p>The amended Policy E2 requires SA.</p>

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MM18	Page 101; Policy E2 Employment Allocations Page 103; Policy E3 Existing Employment Areas, Premises and Allocations	<p>Table 8.2 Land off Tunstall Road, site area 4.99ha4.29 ha</p> <p>ReDevelopment of such areas that will lead to a loss of employment will not be permitted unless:</p> <p>A) the site is identified in the Local Plan for redevelopment of <u>non-employment uses</u>; or,</p> <p>B) it can be demonstrated that the site would not be suitable or viable for any continued employment use having regard to the above criteria and evidence can be provided that no suitable and viable alternative employment use can be found, or is likely to be found in the foreseeable future; or</p> <p>C) substantial planning benefits would be achieved through redevelopment to non-employment uses which would outweigh the loss of the site for employment use (including for example funding to support off-site employment provision); or and</p> <p>D) Where non-employment redevelopment is proposed in the event that B) or C) applies preference will be given to a mixed use redevelopment scheme which retains as much employment floorspace on the site as possible (to be demonstrated by evidence). The Council will consider "enabling" redevelopment proposals (required to support improvements to existing employment premises or supporting infrastructure) on their individual merits. In such cases, a viability appraisal should be submitted to demonstrate that a change of use or redevelopment of the site is required to fund the improvements; and in all cases the Council will seek to retain</p>	<p>Adjustment of the site boundary of employment allocation at Tunstall Road, Biddulph</p> <p>Technical amendments to wording for clarity.</p>	<p>Screened in SA of amended Policy E2 required.</p> <p>Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.</p>

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MM19	Page 105; Para 8.44	<p>as much employment floorspace on the site as possible. Where this would not be viable the Council will negotiate for funding to support off-site employment provision.</p> <p>Outside settlement boundaries (beyond areas with good connectivity with other tourist destinations and amenities), and in areas not identified for tourism development in the Churnet Valley Masterplan or other relevant documents, <u>proposals for new tourist, visitor and cultural accommodation and facilities will be limited to the conversion of existing buildings and in exceptional circumstances new buildings will need to justify their location as well as the need for the facility. Sites/Proposals for touring caravans and camping sites will be granted providing they meet the criteria set out in also need to satisfy the terms of the policy. Stronger controls will however apply across the Green Belt, including those parts of the Churnet Valley which are within it, in order to preserve their openness.</u></p>	<p>Technical amendments to wording for clarity.</p>	<p>Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.</p>
	Page 105; Policy E4 Tourism and Cultural Development	<p>New tourism and cultural development which <u>promotes</u> complements the distinctive character and quality of the District will be supported ...</p> <p><u>2. In exceptional circumstances, Developments in other locations may be supported where a rural location can be justified.</u></p> <p><u>2. New accommodation, attractions and facilities should: ...</u></p>	<p>Technical amendments to wording for clarity.</p>	<p>Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.</p>
MM20	Page 107; Para 8.46	<p><u>Policy H11</u> This policy seeks to ensure that an appropriate range and type of housing is provided which meets identified needs arising from changes in population structure, including special needs for the elderly of an ageing population, and promotes ...</p>	<p>Amended text improves clarity.</p>	<p>Screened in. The amended Policy H1 requires SA.</p>

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	Page 107; Para 8.47	This policy is primarily to also ensure that an appropriate range and mix of housing, including affordable housing – is provided	Amended text improves clarity.	Screened in. The amended Policy H1 requires SA.
	Page 107; Para 8.48	The range, type and mix of affordable accommodation required on development sites will be determined by a combination of the results of housing needs studies, strategic housing market assessment, information from the waiting lists, neighbourhood plan evidence relating to housing, consideration of existing housing stock, local housing market information as well as any other available information including the constraints of sites.	Amended text improves clarity.	Screened in. The amended Policy H1 requires SA.
	Page 107; Para 8.49	Housing for special groups will also be needed to meet the future increase in elderly persons across the District and the needs of those with a learning or physical disability – this may be in the form of sheltered housing, extra care homes or flexicare or supported housing.	Amended text reflects updated strategy.	Screened in. The amended Policy H1 requires SA.
	Page 107; Para 8.50	In order to address the changes in population structure, new homes should where possible be designed to provide flexible, accessible accommodation that is capable of future adaptation to meet the differing and changing needs of households as they experience life events. Accordingly, new developments should aim to meet the needs of an ageing population by adhering to the optional technical housing standard for access and the new nationally described space standard and applying the optional space and accessibility standards referred to in footnote 46 of the 2019 Framework. The Council is to allow for consideration of the scope and merit of introducing the optional standards and the extent to which they are applied as a percentage of the number of compliant units on a site-by-site basis. For example, the Council may look to achieve the optional space and accessibility standards on all dwellings for a development specifically designed for older people. Conversely, the conversion of a	Amended text improves clarity.	Screened in. The amended Policy H1 requires SA.

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	<p>Page 108; Policy H1 New Housing Development</p>	<p>historic building to residential use may not be practical for the optional standards to be applied at all. For some applications financial viability may also be an issue.</p> <p>Amend Part 2: Where a demand exists, residential developments of <u>10 dwellings (or 0.5ha) 45 dwellings (0.5 hectares)</u> or more will make an appropriate contribution towards this need ...</p> <p>Amend Part 3: In addition: <u>The Council will closely monitor the delivery of residential windfall sites and affordable housing to ensure that it is meeting expected levels.</u> ...</p> <p>b) Housing proposals of 10 dwellings (or 0.5 ha) or more will be required to provide a mix of housing in terms of size, type and tenure on the site unless viability or other circumstances exist. The final mix will be negotiated with the developer based on housing needs as informed by the SHMA or successor document <u>Strategic Housing Market Assessment</u> and other relevant factors such as available supply and market demand.</p> <p>c) All housing development should be at the most appropriate density compatible with the site and its location, and with the character of the surrounding area. <u>Higher densities will generally be appropriate in locations which are more accessible by public transport. It is assumed that higher densities will be appropriate in locations which are accessible by public transport.</u></p>	<p>Lowering of threshold for making a contribution towards self-build / custom-build need to 10 dwellings (rather than 15 dwellings).</p> <p>Addition of text regarding monitoring of windfalls and affordable housing to ensure that it is meeting expected levels.</p> <p>Amendments to part 3b) (housing mix) to include: a size threshold (in addition to a dwellings threshold); to allow for viability or other circumstances; and to allow housing needs to be informed by a successor document to the SHMA.</p> <p>Amendments to part 3c) to strengthen the wording in relation to high density development being</p>	<p>Screened in. Amended Policy H1 requires SA.</p>

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		<p>d) Housing developments of 10 new dwellings (or 0.5ha) or more should aim to provide flexible accommodation which is capable of future adaptation ...</p> <p>Amend Part 4 (c):</p> <p>In all cases the development will not lead to a prominent intrusion into the countryside or have a <u>significant adverse impact on the character and appearance of the countryside</u>. an adverse impact of significance to the character of the countryside.</p> <p>Amend Part 5 (d):</p> <p>The conversion of rural buildings for residential use where the building is suitable and worthy in physical, architectural and character terms for conversion; <u>and</u> where such development would represent the optimal viable use of a heritage asset or would be appropriate enabling development to secure the future of heritage assets.</p>	<p>appropriate in locations which are more accessible by public transport.</p> <p>Amendment to part 3d) to introduce a threshold of 10 dwellings (or 0.5ha) at which housing developments should aim to provide flexible accommodation capable of future adaptation to meet accessibility standards. Previously this covered all new dwellings.</p> <p>Amendment to part 4c) to reword the impact of development on the countryside to provide more clarity.</p> <p>Amendment to part 5d) - replacement of 'and' with 'or' in relation to rural building conversions to residential where the building is suitable and worthy for conversion or where such development would represent the</p>	

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MM21	Page 111; Policy H2 Housing Allocations	Amendment of Biddulph housing figures to reflect deleted site BDNEW and increased masterplan capacity at Wharf Road / Tunstall Road. Amendment of other site figures as a consequence of an update to the housing figures to 31/03/2019 at the request of the Inspector.	optimal viable use of a heritage asset / enabling development. Amended text reflects deletion of BDNEW and the Council Assembly decision to increase capacity on Wharf Road and Tunstall Road and updated housing figures to 31/3/2019	Screened in. Amended Policy H2 requires SA.
MM22	Page 114; Para 8.56	Additional text: <u>The Local Plan and Site Allocations Viability Study tested different levels of on-site affordable housing provision at 10%, 20% and the target 33% to provide an indication of the likely viability of affordable housing provision in differing value areas across the District. The lowest value areas are located in Zone 1 and the highest value areas located in Zone 4 as identified below. However, the actual level of provision may vary due to individual site circumstances such as ground conditions and other required developer contributions.</u> <u>Zone 1 - Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook;</u> <u>Zone 2 - Biddulph, Biddulph Moor, Brown Edge and Upper Tean;</u> <u>Zone 3 - Cheadle, Leek, Cheddleton, Werrington and Cellarhead, Ipstones and Kingsley; and</u>	Amended text reflects agreement to provide more detail about the Local Plan Viability Study and various Zones.	Screened in. The amended Policy H3 requires SA.

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		<u>Zone 4 - Endon, Alton, Waterhouses and Wetley Rocks.</u>		
	Page 114; Para 8.59	In the rural areas it is anticipated that the bulk of the provision of affordable houses will be in the larger villages, either on allocated sites or on windfall sites. Because of the smaller scale of development in the rural areas a lower threshold is considered justifiable unless there are exceptional circumstances why this would not be possible, such as enabling development. The approach established at Paragraph 7.30 of housing completions within the Peak District National Park and within the District counting towards Local Plan housing figures also relates to affordable housing. <u>Applications for affordable housing may arise within the relevant parts of the National Park in the type of locations that would not normally be supported by Local Plan policy. However, for the avoidance of doubt, applications for affordable housing within the Peak District National Park will be determined in accordance with the Development Plan for the National Park including any relevant Neighbourhood Plans. These plans may identify opportunities for affordable housing provision that would contribute towards the needs of the District.</u>	Amended text to clarify that affordable housing may also come forward within the National Park which would contribute towards the needs of the District.	Screened in. The amended Policy H3 requires SA.
	Page 114; para 8.60	The policy sets out the expected affordable housing split between <u>starter homes</u> , intermediate housing and social / affordable rented housing.	Amended text improves clarity.	Screened in. The amended Policy H3 requires SA.

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	<p>Page 114; Policy H3 Affordable Housing</p>	<p>1) Residential developments of 10 dwellings (or 0.5ha) or more shall provide 33% affordable housing. Where justified, the Council will consider a lower level of provision taking into account the Local Plan and Site Allocations Viability Study, other up-to-date viability evidence and other contributions. Affordable housing should normally be provided on-site. Provision through a commuted sum payment in lieu will only be considered where it will be of broadly equivalent value to on-site provision and it can be robustly justified in delivering affordable homes through mixed and balanced communities.</p> <p>4) The provision of affordable housing will be delivered through the following measures:</p> <p>a) In the towns, residential developments of 15 dwellings (0.5 hectares) or more shall provide a target of 33% affordable housing on-site from all sources. The actual level of provision will be determined through negotiation taking into account development viability and other contributions</p> <p>b) Elsewhere, residential developments of 5 dwellings (0.16 hectares) or more shall provide a target of 33% affordable housing on-site from all sources, unless there are exceptional circumstances which dictate otherwise. Exceptionally this may be provided through a commuted sum payment in lieu. The actual level of provision will be determined through negotiation taking into account development viability and other contributions.</p> <p>2) Unless circumstances dictate otherwise and in agreement with the Council, 60% of all affordable dwellings provided on each site will be social / affordable rented housing with the remaining 40% being intermediate. 7 starter homes.</p>	<p>Thresholds to be consistent with the PPG and the 2018 Framework. Amendment to rural exceptions sites policy to be consistent with the Glossary and 2012 NPPF para 54.</p>	<p>Screened in. Amended Policy H3 requires SA.</p>

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MM23	Page 115; Para 8.62	<p>3)-a) In or on the edge of villages, residential schemes that are of an appropriate scale for the spatial strategy. small schemes for 100% affordable housing will be permitted on suitable rural exceptions sites which are well related to services and facilities and where a demonstrable need exists within the local area which cannot otherwise be met by means of provision in the plan. Small numbers of market homes may be allowed at the Council's discretion where it would facilitate the provision of significant additional affordable housing to meet the needs of the local community.</p> <p>4) Affordable housing should be designed as an integral part of developments and be 'tenure blind' in relation to other properties within the site.</p> <p>5)-b) In areas of low demand or where the stock does not meet and is not capable of meeting local housing market needs consideration will be given, in consultation with local communities, to options for renovation/improvement or redevelopment schemes to create more sustainable and balanced housing.</p>		
	Page 115; Para 8.63	<p>This policy is based on the 2015 'Planning Policy for Traveller Sites' Guidance ...</p> <p>Add new paragraph: In February 2018 the Council granted full permission for the stationing of three caravans off Ultoxeter Road, Checkley, leaving a residual requirement of 3x permanent pitches to 2019. The Council has sought to address this residual requirement in a number of ways. This has included 'call for sites' exercises with the public; and investigating whether public sector bodies</p>	<p>For clarity.</p> <p>To clarify the District's residual traveller pitch requirements; and to explain why the policy does not contain an allocation, including the</p>	<p>Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.</p> <p>Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.</p>

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		<p>(including SMDC and Staffordshire County Council) held suitable and available sites either within or adjacent to the District. As part of its Duty to Cooperate under the Localism Act the Council has investigated with neighbouring authorities (party to the Joint Gypsy and Traveller Needs Assessment) the scope for provision of some/all of SMDC's residual requirement within neighbouring authorities. None of these actions elicited any suitable, available sites.</p>	<p>Council's actions in seeking to identify an allocation for this purpose.</p>	
Page 116; Para 8.63		<p>Add to end of Para: <u>However national policy in paragraph 61 of the NPPF 2018 clarifies that such 'non-travellers' would still need to have their housing needs assessed and reflected in housing policies in the normal way.</u></p>	<p>Amended text to clarify that housing needs of 'non-travellers' are still a requirement of other policies.</p>	<p>Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.</p>
Page 116; Policy H4 Gypsy and Traveller Sites for Travelling Showpeople		<p>Amend: The Council's joint GTAA identified a requirement for 6x residential and zero transit pitches for the District over the period 2014 – 2019. Given subsequent commitments the residual requirement is now 3x residential pitches. A requirement for a further 2x residential pitches was also identified for the period 2019 -2034 taking account of household formation. The Council will seek to meet these residual requirements by applying the following considerations with criteria be taken into account in the determination of applications for gypsy and traveller sites or sites for travelling showpeople: Amend 5th bullet:</p>	<p>Amended Policy to clarify the District's residual traveller pitch requirements in the Policy and to aid clarity.</p>	<p>Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.</p>

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MM24	Page 118; Policy TCR1 Development in the Town Centre	<p>Adequate levels of privacy and residential amenity for occupiers should be provided and sites should be 'soft' landscaped to positively enhance the environment and increase the site's openness rather than 'hard' landscaped;</p> <p>Amend final part:</p> <p>There will be a presumption against the development of gypsy and traveller or travelling show person's accommodation in the Green Belt. Development of gypsy and traveller or travelling show person accommodation in the Green Belt will not be allowed unless there are very special circumstances.</p>		
		<p>Amend point 1: Focusing and promoting retailing as well as other key town centre uses such as offices, leisure and cultural facilities within the town centres. where they contribute to vitality and viability</p> <p>Amend point 7: Promoting housing on upper floors within the primary shopping areas and elsewhere in the town centres where this does not jeopardise their vitality and viability.</p>	Amended text improves clarity.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.

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MM25	Page 121; Policy TCR3 Retailing and other Town Centre uses outside Town Centres	Amend paragraph 1: In determining proposals for retail and other town centre uses of 200m ² or more (net sales for A1) on sites outside town centres and not in accordance with an up-to-date Local Plan not allocated in the Local Plan a Sequential Assessment will be required.	Adjustment of wording to achieve clarity and consistency with national planning policy. New wording added to make it clear when a sequential assessment will be required.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.
	Page 124; Para 8.76	Delete final sentence. The principles of active design set out by Sport England promote opportunities for sport and physical activity in the design and layout of development.	Duplicated text deleted.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.
MM26	Page 124; Para 8.80	The Council has produced a Green Infrastructure Strategy is currently being produced	Amended text to provide factual update.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.
	Page 124; Policy DC1 Design Considerations	Amend point 5: 5. protect the amenity of the area, including creation of healthy active environments and residential amenity, in terms of satisfactory daylight, overbearing development/visual impact, sunlight, outlook, privacy, soft landscaping as well as noise, odour and light pollution;	Adjustment of wording to use a more neutral term.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.

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MM27	Page 126; Para 8.84	Eight Ten of the designated Conservation Areas have adopted character appraisals and one is underway.	Factual update.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.
	Page 127; Para 8.85	Add new sentence to end: <u>The Council has been working pro-actively with the owners of Big Mill in Leek in order to encourage re-development of the mill which would ensure that it does not remain a building at risk.</u>	Factual update.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.
	Page 127; Para 8.85	Add a new para: <u>Work is being undertaken by the Council to monitor and reduce the number of buildings at risk (BAR) in the District:</u> <u>A recent BAR survey revealed that a number of listed funerary monuments are at risk (21 of these structures - 11 Listed Building entries). The Moorlands Partnership Board (funded by SMDC) has allocated £10,000 towards the repair of these and removal from the local BAR register.</u> <u>In 2013, the Council took part in the pilot scheme funded by (what was then) English Heritage looking at innovative ways of recording heritage at risk using non-professional volunteers. The local project, known as 'Counting our Heritage' was undertaken jointly with High Peak Borough Council and proved to be a success. Both Councils are looking at how this approach can be repeated using volunteers coupled with hand-held technology to simplify how the emerging data is processed.</u>	Amended text to improve clarity.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.

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	Page 128; Policy DC2 The Historic Environment	Amend point 6: 6. The Council will continue its proactive approach to buildings at risk and welcomes development proposals which would result in the sympathetic reuse of these buildings at risk in line with NPPF policy will be welcomed by the Council.	New wording to emphasise the Council's pro-active approach to Buildings at Risk.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.
MM28	Page 129; Policy DC3 Landscape and Settlement Setting	Amend as follows: 1. Resisting development which would lead to prominent intrusion into the countryside or have an adverse impact of significance to the character of the countryside significant adverse impact on the character of the countryside or the setting of a settlement or important views into and out of the settlement as identified in the Landscape and Settlement Character evidence; 2. Supporting development which respects and enhances local landscape character and which reinforces and enhances the setting of the settlement as identified in the Landscape and Settlement Character evidence; 3. Supporting developments which maintain conserve or enhance the biodiversity qualities of any natural or man-made features within the landscape, such as trees, woodlands, hedgerows, walls, watercourses or ponds; 4. Supporting identification and implementation of natural flood management measures that will contribute towards delivering a reduction in local and catchment-wide flood risk and impacts of climate change and other multiple benefits; (Re-number parts 5 and 6 of the policy to reflect this deletion.)	Amendment of wording about impact of development on the character of the countryside to make it clearer; Use of more positive wording 'conserve' or 'enhance' biodiversity qualifies rather than 'maintain'; Re-location of wording to flood risk policy; and Adjustment of wording relating to Peak District National Park as the Local Plan does not cover land within it.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.

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MM29	Page 131; Policy DC4 Local Green Space	<p>5. Supporting opportunities to positively manage the landscape and use sustainable building techniques and materials which are sympathetic to the landscape;</p> <p>Recognising and conserving the special quality of the landscape in the Peak District National Park, and ensuring that development does not adversely affect the wider setting of the Peak District National Park.</p> <p>Development that would harm the openness or special character of a Local Green Space or its significance and value to the local community will not be permitted unless there are very special circumstances which outweigh the harm to the Local Green Space.</p> <p><u>Development proposals within a Local Green Space will be assessed against national Green Belt policy.</u></p>	Adjustment of wording for clarity and to ensure the wording in the policy reflects the NPPF .	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.
MM30	Page 133; Policy C1 Creating Sustainable Communities	<p>Amend point 3:</p> <p>Resist proposals involving the loss of community facilities unless:</p> <p>a) an alternative facility of the same type and quality that meets the needs of the community is available in the locality or can be provided in an accessible location in the same locality; or</p> <p>b) a viability appraisal including a marketing exercise by a qualified professional demonstrates that there are no options for continued or shared use as any type of community facility which are financially viable and it can be demonstrated that loss of the facility would not disadvantage local residents.</p>	Amended text removes wording already covered in other plan policies.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.

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MM31	Page 135; Para 8.104	<p>Delete points 6, 7 and 8:</p> <p>6. Require development proposals to incorporate high quality locally distinctive design features and layouts that will reduce crime and the fear of crime and support inclusive communities, particularly in terms of accessibility and functionality in line with the Council's Design SPD.</p> <p>7. Require major new development to be accessible by a choice of means of transport, in accordance with policy T1.</p> <p>8. Support development proposals which encourage electrical battery powered vehicles.</p>	Amended text to improve clarity.	Screened in. The amended Policy C2 requires SA.
	Page 135; Para 8.105	<p>Amend:</p> <p>Areas of open space and outdoor sports facilities identified in the updated studies (2017) are will be identified on the Policies Maps. It should be noted that there may be changes to these areas over time as a result of new planning permissions.</p> <p>Amend:</p> <p>Where this is the case, it is imperative that the schools in question are left with sufficient playing field and playing pitch land to deliver curricular and extra-curricular needs as well as any community use arrangements.</p>	Amended text to improve clarity.	Screened in. The amended Policy C2 requires SA.

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	<p>Page 135; Para 8.105</p>	<p>Add new paragraphs:</p> <p><u>Replacement of school playing fields, including costs and new provision that is lost as a result of school expansion should be borne by the developers, from those developments directly linked to school expansion. Where developers are required to make education based contributions (for school places), those developers may also be required to make additional financial contributions through section 106 agreements to mitigate for the future loss of school playing fields impacted by school those school expansions.</u></p> <p><u>Where part of a playing pitch is lost from school expansion, it may be the case that the requirement for replacement provision will be greater than the equivalent land lost and equal to that of the whole playing pitch that has been impacted by the development. This is to say that the loss of part of a playing pitch may render the whole pitch area as having being "lost" to its playing purpose and a requirement for equal replacement of that pitch may be required under the advice of the 2017 Playing Pitch Strategy. These potential losses will be considered in the round so that they can be dealt with on a strategic basis as part of the Council's District-wide Action Plan.</u></p> <p><u>Where like for like replacement of school playing field or playing pitches as a result of development is not practicable, financial contributions may be sought for alternative sport and recreation provision. This should therefore be covered via developer contributions from the housing allocations, with a mitigation package agreed upon by all stakeholders, including Sport England, on a site-by-site and development-by-development basis.</u></p>	<p>Additional text proposed to provide updated position.</p>	<p>Screened in. Amended Policy C2 requires SA.</p>

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	<p>Page 135; Policy C2 Sport, Recreation and Open Space</p>	<p>Amend second paragraph: <u>Residential developments of 10 dwellings (or 0.5ha) or more where there is a proven deficiency, qualifying new residential development will be expected to make provision, or a contribution towards provision of open space, sports and recreation facilities which are necessary and reasonably related in form and scale in accordance with the recommendations set out in the above studies. The quantity standards from the Open Space Study are set out below and further guidance will be set out in the <u>Developer Contributions SPD, Open Space, Sport and Recreation SPD.</u></u></p> <p>Table of Quantity Standards inserted.</p> <p>Amend point 1: Existing areas of open space, recreational land and buildings including school playing fields and amenity open space will be protected from development, unless: a) <u>an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or</u> b) <u>the loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or</u> c) <u>the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss.</u></p>	<p>Amended text to provide clarity in terms of qualifying sites and quantity standards and ensure the wording of the policy is consistent with national policy.</p>	<p>Screened in. Amended Policy C2 requires SA.</p>

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		<p>a) suitable alternative provision is made which is at least as accessible and at least equivalent in terms of size, usefulness, attractiveness and quality and is capable of being maintained adequately through management and maintenance agreements; or</p> <p>b) an assessment has been undertaken to demonstrate the facility is surplus to requirements; or</p> <p>c) any loss of provision would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location.</p> <p>Amend 3e</p> <p>e) are acceptable in other respects e.g. design, landscape impact, <u>not</u> appropriate in <u>Green Belt</u> etc</p> <p>Amend final paragraph:</p> <p>Any of the above development should be consistent with the updated Open Space Study, Playing Pitch Strategy and Indoor Sports Facilities Assessment and the guidance in the <u>Developer Contributions Open Space, Sport and Recreation SPD</u>.</p>		
MM32	Page 140; Para 8.114	<p>Amend:</p> <p>The Staffordshire Moorlands Biodiversity Opportunity Map has been produced by Staffordshire Wildlife Trust in conjunction with other nature conservation bodies which <u>to</u> highlights areas of biodiversity importance. <u>This and other evidence has contributed to the preparation of a Strategic Green Infrastructure network for the Plan Area which identifies a series of strategic corridors designed to link existing (and proposed) green spaces</u></p>	Amended text to improve clarity.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.

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		<p>with green corridors running through towns, villages and rural areas. The Map and associated objectives are published as part of the Council's Green Infrastructure Strategy.</p>		
	Page 140; Policy NE1 Biodiversity and Geological Resources	<p>Add new bullet 1:</p> <p><u>By ensuring all development schemes have regard to the surveys and actions recommended by the Council's Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Assessment, and include measures for protection and enhancement of site biodiversity and protection of any geodiversity as appropriate.</u></p> <p>Amend existing bullet 1:</p> <p>Resisting any proposed development that could have an adverse effect on the integrity of an <u>European International site</u> (or successor designation) alone ...</p>	<p>Additional wording to clarify the requirement to have regard to the Council's ecological surveys following removal of this requirement from each site policy.</p>	<p>Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.</p>
MM33	Page 147; Para 8.134	<p>The high level of out-commuting in the District would also suggest there is potential in affecting modal shift away from the car in a number of ways - by targeting public transport improvements along the main 'work corridors' connecting the Moorlands with the conurbation; by promoting public transport schemes within rural areas / between rural areas and towns; and by facilitating walking and cycling within settlements. This will also help to support healthy, inclusive and sustainable communities as well as reducing the impacts of travel:</p>	<p>Duplicated text removed.</p>	<p>Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.</p>

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	Page 148; Policy T2 Other Sustainable Transport Measures	Add additional point 6: 6. <u>Support development proposals which encourage electrical battery powered vehicles.</u>	Addition of text which was previously included in Policy C1.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.
MM34	Page 151; New para 9.2	Insert a new paragraph as part of the introduction to the chapter (numbered 9.2) to read: <u>Each allocated site will be assessed against the following:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Affordable housing policy in accordance with Policy H3;</u> ● <u>Flood risk policy in accordance with Policy SD5;</u> ● <u>Infrastructure contributions in accordance with Policies SS12 and C1;</u> ● <u>Sport, Recreation and Open Space policy in accordance with Policy C2;</u> ● <u>Sustainable Transport policy in accordance with Policy T1;</u> ● <u>Prevention of pollution in accordance with Policy SD4;</u> ● <u>Conserving biodiversity and geodiversity in accordance with Policies NE1 and NE2;</u> ● <u>Retail and other town centre uses outside town centres in accordance with Policy ICR3; and</u> ● <u>Green Infrastructure in accordance with Policy C3.</u> 	To enable more bespoke development site policies to be included in the plan.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.
MM35	Page 151; Para 9.4	Amend: A track in SGG-ownership of Churnet View Middle School running to Wardle Barn Farm separates the Churnet View School from the Horsecroft Farm site. SCC Highways have indicated that access via this track is acceptable	Amended text to improve clarity.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.

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		through the Nightingale Estate (Tittesworth Avenue), subject to access design. It is feasible that a mixed use scheme could be accessed either via the current SGG school track; or using land at Horsecroft Farm instead.		
	Page 151; Para 9.8	... potential SBI (<u>Site of Biological Importance</u>)/BAS (<u>Biodiversity Alert Site</u>) status) ...	Amended text to improve clarity.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.
	Page 152; Policy DSL1 Land at Horsecroft Farm, Leek (ADD01)	Amend: Land amounting to 0.89ha is allocated for a mix of uses including housing (approximately 15 dwellings) and D1 education. <u>Development will be subject to compliance with other relevant Local Plan policies to include:</u> •access arrangement via Tittesworth Avenue and consider re-alignment of the track so that an extension to the school could be consolidated into the existing school site; and •a landscaping plan including submission of landscape and visual impact assessments and mitigation of heritage impact to address recommendations set out in the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study ; in particular schemes should incorporate heritage masterplanning to include mitigation measures including the use of vegetation screening to reduce effects on the setting of heritage assets. <u>Proposals should also consider landscaping to form a new settlement edge.</u> •Provide a site-specific flood risk assessment;	Amended text to improve clarity.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Make appropriate contributions towards infrastructure; •be supported by surveys and actions recommended by the Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey and Local Wildlife Assessment and include measures for protection and enhancement of site biodiversity and protection of any geodiversity as appropriate; •address priorities and actions identified in the Council's Green Infrastructure Strategy; and •provide affordable housing in accordance with Policy H3. 		
MM36	Page 153; Para 9.11	<p>Add an additional sentence to end of para:</p> <p>Proposals should recognise the informal recreational value of the Mount by pedestrians, cyclists etc and consider scope for measures which allow for its continued use such as sympathetic highways engineering solutions where appropriate. Developers are also encouraged to have regard to Active Design principles as set out in Sport England October 2015 guidance</p>	Amended text to reflect proposed changes to Policy DSL2 Land at the Mount, Leek	Screened in. Amended Policy DSL2 requires SA.
	Page 153; Para 9.14	<p>Insert new para after paragraph 9.14:</p> <p><u>In 2013 a wind turbine was allowed at Kniveden Farm a short distance south of the Mount, with a noise condition attached based on Energy Technology Support Unit (ETSU) criteria to control noise emissions that may impact nearby residents. Consequently the Environmental Health officer advises a site specific noise assessment should be submitted for any scheme at the Mount to ensure that noise emissions upon future occupiers would be within acceptable ETSU limits, and to guide site layout generally.</u></p>	Amended text to reflect proposed changes to Policy DSL2 Land at the Mount, Leek	Screened in. Amended Policy DSL2 requires SA.

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	<p>Page 153; Policy DSL2 Land at the Mount, Leek</p>	<p>Amend: Land amounting to approximately 10.62ha as shown on the proposals map is allocated for housing (approximately 345 dwellings); and 0.76 ha for D1 education.</p> <p>Development will be subject to compliance with other relevant Local Plan policies and will require a comprehensive masterplan with indicative phasing programme to include:</p> <p>provide a landscaping plan including submission of landscape and visual impact assessments and mitigation of heritage impact to address recommendations set out in the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study. Proposals should consider landscape mitigation measures including advanced planting and landscaping along eastern boundaries; limited building heights where appropriate; and consider scope for retaining/ integrating existing landscape features, including those on site of Kniveden Hall; and</p> <p>recognition of the recreational value of the Mount to the community and reflect this in masterplanning proposals through the sensitive treatment of Mount Road and Kniveden Lane, appropriately located green infrastructure, recognition of key views and connectivity to public rights of way; and</p> <p>a site-specific noise assessment to guide layouts and ensure that the amenity levels of future occupants are acceptable in relation to wind turbine noise.</p> <p>make appropriate contributions towards infrastructure;</p>	<p>Amended text to reflect proposed changes to Policy DSL2 Land at the Mount, Leek</p>	<p>Screened in. Amended Policy DSL2 requires SA.</p>

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MM37	Page 154; Para 9.16	<p>be supported by surveys and actions recommended by the Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey and Local Wildlife Assessment and include measures for protection and enhancement of site biodiversity and protection of any geodiversity as appropriate;</p> <p>address priorities and actions identified in the Council's Green Infrastructure Strategy; and</p> <p>provide affordable housing in accordance with Policy H3.</p> <p>Land for a new first school shall be safeguarded as identified on the proposals map, or similar location, if forming part of a mixed education and residential development.</p> <p>Development proposals on the allocations listed above, shall be expected to contribute to highway or junction improvements in this area, as deemed necessary to enable that development according to the County Highways Authority, in order to coordinate contributions by the County Highways Authority to address the cumulative impact of the wider developments along Mount Road.</p>	Amended text to reflect Leek's 2014-33 employment requirement following changes the base date and the end of the plan period	<p>Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA beyond SA of changes to Policies SS3 and E2 (MM8 and MM17).</p>

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	<p>Page 155; Policy DSL3 Land at Newton House, Leek (LE150)</p>	<p>This site amounting to around 9.27ha is allocated for mixed residential and employment use. Approximately 5.25ha of the site should be dedicated to residential use. <u>Development proposals should support (approximately 180 dwellings) and 1.5ha of the site area should provide for B-Class employment purposes; mixed use proposals must demonstrate how the amenity of housing will be maintained around employment uses.</u></p> <p>Development will be subject to compliance with other relevant <u>Local Plan policies and will require a comprehensive masterplan with indicative phasing programme to include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>make appropriate contributions towards infrastructure, public open space, education, services and other community needs including sports facilities as required;</u> ● <u>provide affordable housing in accordance with Policy H3;</u> ● <u>schemes should incorporate heritage masterplanning to address recommendations set out in the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study; mitigation measures against adverse effects upon heritage assets which should include stepping development back and using vegetation screening along the south-western edge of the site;</u> ● <u>demonstration of how the southeast corner of the site should remain undeveloped to minimise landscape impacts;</u> ● <u>address priorities and actions identified in the Council's Green Infrastructure Strategy; and</u> ● <u>be supported by surveys and actions recommended by the Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey and Local Wildlife Assessment and include measures for protection and enhancement of site biodiversity and protection of any geodiversity as appropriate; in any cases schemes must demonstrate the incorporation of a wildlife 'buffer' along the</u> 	<p>Amended text to enable more bespoke development site policies to be included in the plan.</p>	<p>Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.</p>

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MM38	Page 156; Para 9.23	<p>eastern edge of the site <u>for ecological protection</u>, to the satisfaction of the Council;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>appropriate contributions to improved pedestrian and cycle links from the site; and</u> • <u>retention of the existing tennis courts on the site unless alternative facilities are provided on- or off-site in accordance with Policy C2.</u> 		
	Page 157; Policy DSL4 Cornhill East, Leek (LE235)	<p>... to provide choice in locations around the town, to at least meet its residual employment land requirement in conjunction with future employment windfalls across the town. The SS3 Policy stance is retained under Local Plan Policies SS3 and SS5 (but up to <u>20332034</u>).</p> <p>This 3.13ha site is allocated for comprehensive redevelopment for mixed employment and residential purposes. Schemes should have regard to the adopted Churnet Valley Masterplan, development proposals should support approximately 50 dwellings as part of a mixed use scheme also incorporating at least 0.83ha B-Class employment; and mixed use proposals must demonstrate how the amenity of housing will be maintained around employment uses.</p> <p>Development will be subject to compliance with other relevant Local Plan policies and will require a comprehensive masterplan with indicative phasing programme to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • demonstration of acceptable access arrangement to the site which must not be directly served off Sandon Street; • provision for any transport infrastructure improvements having regard to the Churnet Valley Masterplan; schemes should enable provision for a link between the A520 and A53 to the south of the town and links to the canal and Churnet Valley railway; and • make appropriate contributions towards infrastructure; • provide affordable housing in accordance with Policy H13; 	<p>Amended text to provide clarity.</p> <p>Amended text to enable more bespoke development site policies to be included in the plan.</p>	<p>Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.</p> <p>Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.</p>

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MM39	Page 158; Para 9.31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> address priorities and actions identified in the Council's Green Infrastructure Strategy; and be supported by surveys and actions recommended by the Extended Phase 4 Habitat Survey and Local Wildlife Assessment and include measures for protection and enhancement of site biodiversity and protection of any geodiversity as appropriate; in the event of proposals affecting Birchall Meadow BAS, appropriate mitigation / compensation measures will be required. <p>This is a key mixed use development site in the Local Plan. It is in a sustainable location close to the town centre and most of the land (with the exception of that to the west of the Biddulph Valley Way) lies outside the Green Belt.</p>	Amended text to reflect deletion of BDNEW.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.
	Page 158; Para 9.32	<p>The 2017 update concluded that 13 to 27ha 14 to 32ha of additional employment land was required for Staffordshire Moorlands for the period 2016/2014 to 2033/2034. An employment land requirement of 27ha 32ha is recommended being at the top end of this range, to dovetail with a housing requirement of 320 homes per year (relating to the level required to support projected increase in jobs). The majority of the residual requirement in Biddulph (over and above the land still available at Victoria Business Park) has been split over 2 sites - Wharf Road and Tunstall Road (opposite Victoria Business Park) in conjunction with a small number of windfalls across the town.</p>	Amended text to reflect the change to the end of the plan period to 2033 and the start of the plan period to 2014 to be consistent with the 2014 base date.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA beyond SA of changes to Policies SS3 and E2.
Page 158; Para 9.35		<p>Housing density calculations are set out as gross figures and vary across the site with 40 dwellings per hectare assumed for the area between the bypass and Tunstall Road to reflect adjacent development and its position close to the town centre, 35 dwellings per hectare assumed for land west of the Biddulph Valley Way and a lower density of less than 30 dwellings per hectare assumed for the central part of the site to reflect known constraints including mine shafts, land levels and the watercourse. Actual</p>	Amended text to enable more bespoke development site policies to be included in the plan and for clarity and to reflect the Council Assembly decision to increase	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.

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		<p>density levels will be determined through the masterplan process once all the constraints can be assessed in full detail. Housing density calculations reflect the results of the Wharf Road Strategic Development Area Concept Masterplan. Market demand was tested, including suitable densities which could be accommodated on the site. Consequently, it was found that more housing (+109 dwellings) could be accommodated on the site than originally anticipated. This is reflected in the policy.</p>	<p>housing capacity on Wharf Road by increasing the density levels in line with the Wharf Road Masterplan.</p>	
	Page 159; Para 9.36	<p>... Assessment of the land to the west of the Biddulph Valley Way and land between Beehive Farm and the roundabout can be found ...</p> <p>Amend final sentences:</p> <p>All of the land on the west side of the Biddulph Valley Way has high landscape sensitivity so particular attention to landscaping in this location will be required. The Green Belt Review recommends creation of a new settlement edge along the south-western boundary of the part of the site located to the west of the BVW. This should be included in any landscaping scheme. Submission of landscape and visual impact assessments alongside any planning application will be necessary.</p>	<p>Amended text to reflect deletion of BDNEW.</p>	<p>Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA. Amended Policy H2 to be subject to SA.</p>
	Page 159; Para 9.39	<p>Add additional sentence to end:</p> <p>As the site is likely to be developed in phases, any parts of the site not affected by mining legacy could be commenced earlier than those which require detailed investigations (subject to policy objectives being met and delivery of the wider development area not being undermined).</p>	<p>Amended text to enable more bespoke development site policies to be included in the plan.</p>	<p>Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.</p>

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	Page 160; Para 9.43	<p>... Recommendations for land to the west of the Biddulph Valley Way can be found in The Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey (September 2017) along with covers land between Beehive Farm and the roundabout. All of this survey work must be undertaken. This includes a bat survey for all buildings and trees with potential to support roosting bats, a reptile survey, a hedgerow survey following modified HEGS (Hedgerow Evaluation and Grading System) methodology. ...</p>	Amended text to improve clarity.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.
	Page 161; Para 9.46	<p>The existing rights of way at the time of writing are the Biddulph Valley Way, and along the old Wharf Road, (the northern boundary of the area) and across land on the west side of the Biddulph Valley Way.</p>	Amended text to improve clarity.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.
	Page 161; Para 9.47	<p>As the site is in multiple ownerships, owners will be encouraged to enter into a Land Equalisation Agreement to ensure an equitable distribution of benefits to landowners. As the site is likely to be developed in phases, following the masterplanning process, early applications for development on part of the site that would make a positive contribution to the policy objectives and facilitate the delivery of the wider development area would be acceptable.</p>	Amended text to enable more bespoke development site policies to be included in the plan.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.
	Page 161; Policy DSB1 Wharf Road Strategic Development Area	<p>Land amounting to 22.4ha <u>around 18.5ha</u> is allocated for a mix of uses comprising <u>approximately:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Housing 20.4ha <u>15.5ha</u> (approximately 588442 dwellings); ● Employment 1ha; ● Retail 0.5ha (food store of around 1000m² net sales floor space); ● Retention of School Playing Field 1.5ha. <p>Development will be subject to <u>compliance with other relevant Local Plan policies and a comprehensive masterplan master planning with indicative phasing programme</u> to include:</p>	Amended text to enable more bespoke development site policies to be included in the plan.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.

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		<p>· Provision of a A landscaping plan, including submission of landscape and visual impact assessments to address recommendations set out in the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study including provision of appropriate screening along the south and south-east edge of the site; Creation of a new settlement edge along the south-western boundary of the part of the site on the west side of the Biddulph Valley Way to prevent urban sprawl over the longer term. On the part of the site between the bypass and the BVW additional advanced planting on the ridge and along the boundary with the BVW and screening in the south-eastern part of the site is required. The large mature tree adjacent to the telephone exchange needs to be retained. Landscaping should be used as a buffer between the residential and employment / retail development. Development of land between Tunstall Road and the bypass provides an opportunity for urban greening along the Tunstall Road frontage and buffer planting for visual and noise purposes along the bypass boundary.</p> <p>Mitigation of heritage impact by setting development back from the Listed Buildings within and in close proximity to the south eastern boundary (at Fairhaven) and reinstatement of historic screening along the field boundary between the former Jacksons Nursery and Levens. to address recommendations set out in the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study. Any developer will be required to assess how the setting of the Listed Buildings contributes to their significance prior to development taking place;</p> <p>Positioning of housing away from the immediate edge of the bypass to prevent noise and air quality issues;</p> <p>Detailed investigation work in relation to the mining legacy of the site and possible historic landfill in the north-western part of the site as well as any contamination from previous employment uses before development can commence (where applicable);</p>		

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		<p>A site-specific flood risk assessment and early discussions with the Lead Local Flood Authority;</p> <p>De-culverting of the watercourse flowing beneath the site which should be re-naturalised through redevelopment and undertaking a Preliminary Risk Assessment in relation to the contamination of controlled waters;</p> <p>A Transport Assessment along with suitable access design. The Providing an access point to the area on the east side of the bypass must be from Tunstall Road. An access to land on the west side of the BVW should be created at an appropriate point. The developer is required to ensure that creation of the access point does not adversely affect any existing utilities infrastructure. The design of the access road should ensure the safety of the users of the Biddulph Valley Way. The access should also facilitate the development of the wider site;</p> <p>Priorities and actions identified in the Council's Green Infrastructure Strategy Provision of pedestrian and cycle linkages from the site to the BVW and investigation of opportunities to reduce habitat fragmentation and increase connectivity by helping to create and improve wildlife corridors extending into the surrounding countryside including linkages with the nearby biodiversity alert site;</p> <p>Surveys and actions recommended by the Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and Local Wildlife Assessment and include measures for protection and enhancement of site biodiversity and protection of any geodiversity as well as avoiding negative impacts on the nearby Biodiversity Alert site;</p>		

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MM40	Page 163; Para 9.51	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Contributions towards infrastructure, public open space, education, services, improved pedestrian and cycle linkages with the town centre and other community needs including sports facilities as required; •Affordable housing in accordance with Policy H3; • The employment use will be determined as part of the masterplan taking into account amenity impact in relation to neighbouring land uses. The retail element of the site is intended for a food store. Any main town centre uses proposed must be subject to sequential testing 		
	Page 163; Para 9.52	<p>There may be ecological interest on the site, and survey work will need to be carried out at an early stage to determine this. Recommendations for survey work are set out in the Council's 2015 Phase 1 Habitat Survey. No Local Wildlife Survey is necessary as the site is predominantly hard standing. All of the this survey work must be undertaken. This includes a bat survey regime to ascertain whether bats roost in the buildings and vegetation removal at the appropriate time of year.</p> <p>For garages to be counted towards parking provision they must have minimum internal dimensions of 3m x 6m.</p>	<p>Amended text to enable more bespoke development site policies to be included in the plan.</p> <p>Deletion of unnecessary detail.</p>	<p>Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.</p> <p>Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.</p>

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MM41	Page 164; Policy DSB2 Biddulph Mills	<p>Development will be subject to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A site-specific flood risk assessment and early discussions with the Lead Local Flood Authority; • Undertaking of surveys and actions recommended by the Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey; a bat survey being undertaken and vegetation removal at the appropriate time of year; and • Provision of adequate parking and a Transport Assessment in line with requirements of the Highway Authority; • Contributions towards infrastructure, public open space, education, services; improved pedestrian and cycle linkages with the Biddulph Valley Way and other community needs including sports facilities as required; • Affordable housing in accordance with Policy H13. 	<p>Amended text to enable more bespoke development site policies to be included in the plan.</p>	<p>Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.</p>
	Page 164; Para 9.53	<p>This land is on the edge of Biddulph and is proposed for removal from the Green Belt in line with the conclusion of the Council's District wide Green Belt Review and subject to demonstration of very special exceptional circumstances. The Green Belt Review has assessed the site as having a limited overall contribution to Green Belt purposes. In particular, this land is considered to make a limited contribution to the purposes of checking sprawl and preventing encroachment. The Council's Core Strategy acknowledges that some Green Belt release is necessary to enable sufficient growth in Biddulph. The Submission Version Local Plan seeks to deliver Biddulph's housing and employment requirement whilst ensuring that Green Belt release is kept to a minimum. Land at Tunstall Road is proposed to be developed as part of a mixed use employment / residential scheme in order to address demand for employment and</p>	<p>To provide clarity.</p>	<p>Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.</p>

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		<p>housing in Biddulph. It is considered that this site is ideally located with good road links opposite Victoria Business Park and bringing it forward will have a positive impact on the local economy. Considering these factors collectively, it is considered that there are exceptional circumstances to release land at Tunstall Road from the Green Belt.</p> <p>These are that in order to address demand for employment and housing in Biddulph, it is considered that this site is ideally located with good road links opposite Victoria Business Park and bringing it forward will have a positive impact on the local economy.</p>		
	Page 165; Para 9.55	<p>The number of houses has been calculated based on a density of 40 dwellings per hectare (gross) to reflect residential development nearby. Actual density levels will be determined through the masterplan process once the constraints can be assessed in full detail. Housing density calculations reflect the results of the Tunstall Road Strategic Development Area Concept Masterplan. Market demand was tested, including suitable densities which could be accommodated on the site. Consequently, it was found that more housing (+20 dwellings) could be accommodated on the site than originally anticipated. This is reflected in the policy.</p>	Amended text provides clarity	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.
	Page 165; Para 9.58	<p>There are no designated heritage assets within the 400m buffer, according to the study and development would be highly unlikely to adversely affect the HLC (Historic Landscape Characterisation) zone BBHECZ 5 (Biddulph and Biddulph Moor Historic Environment Character Zone 5) (Historic Environment Character Assessment 2010).</p>	Amended text provides clarity.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.
	Page 165; Para 9.59	<p>For garages to be counted towards parking provision they must have minimum internal dimensions of 3m x 6m</p>	Deletion of unnecessary detail.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.

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	Page 165; Para 9.60	<p>Natural England have pointed out that a number of sites are located close to and/or adjoining existing areas of open space and green infrastructure and will need to include suitable multi-functional green infrastructure within the development scheme to provide links to the existing open space.</p>	Amended text provides clarity.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.
	Page 166; Policy DSB3 Tunstall Road Strategic Development Area (opposite Victoria Business Park)	<p>Land amounting to around 6.48ha<u>7.18ha</u> is allocated for mixed-use development as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 4.29ha<u>4.99ha</u> is allocated for general employment development; and • Land is allocated for residential development of approximately 85<u>105</u> dwellings. <p>Development will be subject to <u>compliance with other relevant Local Plan policies and a comprehensive masterplan</u> masterplanning<u>with indicative phasing programme</u> to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Surveys and actions recommended by the Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey and Local Wildlife Assessment and include measures for protection and enhancement of site biodiversity and protection of any geodiversity;</u> • <u>A landscape plan. Provision of a landscaping plan including submission of landscape and visual impact assessments</u><u>Particular attention should be paid to landscaping to address the high landscape sensitivity of most of the site, namely retaining the existing vegetation in the south – west of the site, planting within and on the edges of the development to soften the appearance of the development in long distance views and limiting the sizes and scale of buildings.</u> 	Amended text enables more bespoke development site policies to be included in the plan and for greater clarity.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.

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		<p>Landscaping should be used as a buffer between the residential and employment elements;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A Transport Assessment; ● Inclusion of suitable multi-functional green infrastructure in line with Green Infrastructure Strategy; ● Investigating opportunities for providing footpath links into the countryside and for habitat creation within the site and / or improving wildlife corridors extending into the countryside; ● Detailed investigation work in relation to the mining legacy of the site before development can commence; ● Safeguarding and where possible enhancing the existing right of way located along the northern boundary of the site; ● Contributions towards infrastructure, public open space, education, services, improved pedestrian and cycle linkages with the town centre and other community needs including sports facilities as required; ● Affordable housing in accordance with Policy H3; ● Details in relation to the access point and employment and residential uses will be determined as part of the masterplan taking into account amenity impact in relation to neighbouring land uses. Any main town centre uses proposed must be subject to sequential testing. 		

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MM42	Page 168; Para 9.73	Land to the east, outside the site in Flood Zones 2 and 3 could be used as additional open space to that provided within the allocated site/surface water mitigation.	Amended text provides clarity.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.
	Page 168; Policy DSC1 Cheadle North Strategic Development Area	<p>Land amounting to 11.2 ha is allocated for residential development of approximately 320 dwellings, including a new County Primary School and school/community playing pitches (approximately 2ha) and associated public open space.</p> <p>Development will be subject to comprehensive masterplanning master planning to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>A Transport Assessment along with suitable access design;</u> • <u>Provision of two separate access points;</u> • <u>Land and access for the school should be made available during the 1st phase of development to meet the requirements of the Education Authority;</u> • <u>Detailed investigation work in relation to the mining legacy of the site;</u> <p><u>Provision of a landscaping plan including submission of landscape and visual impact assessments to address recommendations set out in the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study;</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>A detailed assessment of the significance of the heritage asset and how it may be affected, in addition to mitigation measures including screening of the north-eastern boundary; as set out in the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study;</u> 	Amended text enables more bespoke development site policies to be included in the plan and for greater clarity.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An assessment of the consideration of the growth that may impact on the Cecilly Brook Local Nature Reserve (LNR) in order to manage the impact on the Green Infrastructure Network and the LNR to ensure that Local Plan policy requirements can be met for minimising impacts on biodiversity (and providing net gains in biodiversity where possible); and establishing coherent ecological networks that are more resilient to current and future pressures; as well as enabling water quality improvements in line with the Water Framework Directive objectives; • Surveys and actions recommended by the Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey and Local Wildlife Assessment and include measures for protection and enhancement of site biodiversity and protection of any geodiversity; • Priorities and actions identified in the Council's Green Infrastructure Strategy; • Retention of trees protected by Tree Preservation Orders; • A site-specific flood risk assessment and early discussions with the Lead Local Flood Authority; • Contributions towards infrastructure, public open space, education, services and other community needs including sports facilities as required; • Affordable housing in accordance with Policy H3; and • Public footpaths crossing the site will need to be retained and pedestrian connections should be made to the residential areas surrounding the site. 		

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MM43	Page 170; Para 9.79	<p>A Flood Risk Assessment will be required and early discussions with the Lead Local Flood Authority in order to mitigate any surface water flooding within the site. Land lying outside the sites in Flood Zones 2 and 3 could be used as additional open space to that provided within the allocated sites/ surface water mitigation:</p>	<p>Amended text provides clarity.</p>	<p>Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.</p>
	Page 170; Policy DSC2 Cecilly Brook Strategic Development Area	<p>Development will be subject to: comprehensive master planning to include: compliance with other relevant Local Plan policies; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An assessment of the A master plan that considers the growth that may impact on the Cecilly Brook Local Nature Reserve (LNR) in order to manage the impact on the Green Infrastructure Network and the LNR to ensure that Local Plan policy requirements can be met for minimising impacts on biodiversity (and providing net gains in biodiversity where possible); and establishing coherent ecological networks that are more resilient to current and future pressures; as well as enabling water quality improvements in line with the Water Framework Directive objectives; • Surveys and actions recommended by the Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey and Local Wildlife Assessment and include measures for protection and enhancement of site biodiversity and protection of any good diversity; • Priorities and actions identified in the Council's Green Infrastructure Strategy; • A site specific flood risk assessment (FRA) and early discussions with the Lead Local Flood Authority. The An FRA which should determine the risk of flooding from both watercourses. It should be ensured that the development does not encroach into the floodplain area and that at least 8m undeveloped easement/buffer strip is maintained adjacent to Cecilly Brook; 	<p>Amended text enables more bespoke development site policies to be included in the plan and for greater clarity.</p>	<p>Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.</p>

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MM44	Page 171; Para 9.82	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of a landscaping plan including submission of landscape and visual impact assessments to address recommendations set out in the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study; • A detailed assessment of the significance of the heritage asset and how it may be affected, in addition to mitigation measures; set out in the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study; and • Contributions towards infrastructure, public open space, education, services and other community needs including sports facilities as required; • Affordable housing in accordance with Policy H3; and • Public rights of way need to be protected 		
		<p>The Green Belt Review (2015) recommends that the area to the south could be considered for release from the Green Belt if there are under exceptional circumstances. The Green Belt Review has assessed the site as having a limited overall contribution to Green Belt purposes. In particular, this land is considered to make a limited contribution to the purposes of checking sprawl, maintaining separation and preventing encroachment. The main part of the allocation is well related to the settlement and lies within the town development boundary however, currently there is no direct access point to enable the delivery of the undeveloped whole area within the town development boundary via the existing road network. Access to the area can be achieved via land to the south (north of the veterinary practice) which is currently in the Green Belt. The proposed section of Green Belt to be released has been limited to that which is required to provide an access to the wider site only and</p>	Amended text provides clarity.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.

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		<p>minimise the impact on the Green Belt. There are therefore considered to be exceptional circumstances to release this small section of Green Belt to be able to gain access to this area.</p>		
	Page 171; Para 9.84	<p>L and lying outside the sites in Flood Zones 2 and 3 could be used as additional open space to that provided within the allocated site/surface water mitigation'. There will be a need to ensure that the link road does not roads within the site do not impact on the River Tean and its floodplain to increase flood risk elsewhere.</p>	Amended text provides clarity.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.
	Page 172; Para 9.85	<p>It is considered that mitigation through screening of the southern edge of the site would reduce those effects however the comprehensive masterplan for the site should avoid harm in heritage terms before mitigation is considered. The development access road has also been assessed as part of a wider link road in the Heritage Impact Study.</p>	Amended text provides clarity.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.
	Page 172; Policy DSC3 Moberley Strategic Development Area	<p>Development will be subject to comprehensive masterplanning master planning to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Transport Assessment along with suitable access design; • Construction of development access roads along the safeguarded route for a potential future link road of a sufficient design standard to facilitate a link road; • Surveys and actions recommended by the Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey and Local Wildlife Assessment and include measures for protection and enhancement of site biodiversity and protection of any geodiversity; • Priorities and actions identified in the Council's Green Infrastructure Strategy; 	Amended text enables more bespoke development site policies to be included in the plan and for greater clarity.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of a landscaping plan and indicative phasing programme, including submission of landscape and visual impact assessments to address recommendations set out in the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study. The landscaping scheme should include limiting building heights in certain areas and planting along the western edge of the site; • A detailed assessment of the significance of the heritage asset and how it may be affected, in addition to mitigation measures including screening of the southern edge of the site; as set out in the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study; • Public footpaths crossing the site will need to be retained; • Ground conditions survey; and • A site-specific flood risk assessment (FRA) and early discussions with the Lead Local Flood Authority. The flood risk assessment (FRA) should determine the level of flood risk. It should be ensured that the development does not encroach into the floodplain and that at least 8m undeveloped easement/buffer strip is maintained adjacent to the river. • Contributions towards infrastructure, public open space, education, services and other community needs including sports facilities as required; and • Affordable housing in accordance with Policy H3. 		

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MM45	Page 174; Policy DSC4 Land North of New Haden Road, Cheadle	<p>Land amounting to 4.27ha is allocated for general employment purposes.</p> <p>Development must to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • include landscape mitigation measures identified in the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study which should include additional advanced planting on the site boundaries and limiting building heights; • provide a site specific flood risk assessment to establish the level of fluvial and surface water flood risk of both the site itself and potential impacts elsewhere, and demonstrate how the impacts of flooding on site have been mitigated. The Council expects developers to undertake early discussions with the Environment Agency and Lead Local Flood Authority; • include surveys and actions recommended by the Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey and Local Wildlife Assessment and include measures for protection and enhancement of site biodiversity and protection of any geodiversity; • include detailed investigation work in relation to the mining legacy of the site; and • submission of a Transport Assessment and demonstration of a satisfactory vehicular access arrangement, incorporating any necessary highways improvements or financial contributions. 	<p>Amended text enables more bespoke development site policies to be included in the plan and for greater clarity.</p>	<p>Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.</p>

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MM46	Page 177; Policy DSR1 Blythe Vale	<p>Land of approximately 48.5ha is allocated for mixed-use including employment, residential development of approximately 300 houses and supporting infrastructure. This residential development should be located to the north of the site. <u>The employment development is intended to serve a regional need and will be considered separately from the employment land requirement for the District.</u></p> <p>Development will be subject to compliance with other relevant Local Plan policies and <u>a comprehensive masterplan with indicative phasing programme to include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A comprehensive masterplan; • Affordable housing in accordance with policy H3; • A Transport Assessment to include an analysis of the site and its traffic impacts on the surrounding road network including the A50 and potential mitigation measures, and early engagement with the Highways England; • A Travel Plan; • A landscaping scheme to provide appropriate landscape and visual mitigation measures including submission of landscape and visual impact assessments having regard to the recommendations set out in the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study. <u>The landscaping scheme shall include measures to limit potential landscape impact and include: additional planting on the edges of and within the development to create a vegetated edge and soften the appearance of the development from long distance views, limiting the sizes and scale of buildings. Development should be set back from Draycott with additional planting to limit potential coalescence issues.</u> 	<p>Amended text enables more bespoke development site policies to be included in the plan and for greater clarity.</p>	<p>Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of surface water discharge; • Developers should liaise with Network Rail at an early stage to identify any potential impact on the operation of the adjacent railway and agree mitigation measures as appropriate; • A site specific Flood Risk Assessment and early engagement with the Local Lead Flood Authority, the Environment Agency and Network Rail; • Be supported by surveys and actions recommended by the Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey and Local Wildlife Assessment and include measures for protection and enhancement of site biodiversity and protection of any geodiversity as appropriate; • Measures to improve sustainable transport routes and connectivity with Blythe Bridge and surrounding area, and to protect and extend green infrastructure within the Blythe Bridge Opportunity corridor which is identified in the having regard to the Green Infrastructure Strategy, to include the provision of suitable crossing facilities to enable access on foot and bicycle to the existing schools in Blythe Bridge, safe walking and cycle routes to and from the development to Blythe Bridge and investigation of opportunities for habitat creation/restoration including establishing wildlife corridors.; and • Cycle path crossing the site needs to be protected and • Contributions toward infrastructure, public open space, education services and other community needs including sports facilities as required. 		

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MM47	Page 179; Policy DSR2 Land east of Brooklands Way, Leekbrook (EM2)	<p>Land amounting to approximately <u>8ha gross (4.01ha net)</u> is allocated for employment uses.</p> <p><u>Development will be subject to compliance with other relevant Local Plan policies to include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Provide a site-specific flood risk assessment to determine the level of flood risk across the site as well as the potential risk of flooding elsewhere; and demonstrate how impacts of flooding on site have been mitigated. The Council expects developers to undertake early discussions with the Environment Agency and Lead Local Flood Authority;</u> <u>be supported by surveys and actions recommended by the Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey and Local Wildlife Assessment and include measures for protection and enhancement of site biodiversity and protection of any geodiversity as appropriate; in particular development must demonstrate of how the SBI status of the Twinney Wood and Grassland site has been taken into account and demonstration of appropriate ecological impact mitigatory/compensatory measures; and</u> <u>provide a landscaping and heritage plan including submission of landscape and visual impact assessments and mitigation of heritage impact to address recommendations set out in the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study; in particular it must be demonstrated how heritage impacts have been mitigated, for example through submission of a masterplan of the site; development should be focused to the western end of the site to protect the setting of the listed Finneylane Farmhouse, and an appropriate mitigation strategy should be put in place.</u> <u>address priorities and actions identified in the Council's Green Infrastructure Strategy; and</u> 	<p>Amended text enables more bespoke development site policies to be included in the plan and for greater clarity.</p>	<p>Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.</p>

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MM48	Page 180 - 181; Policy DSR3 Land west of Basford Lane, Leekbrook and supporting text: Paras 9.113 - 9.117	Deleted	Policy and supporting text to be deleted in entirety following inspector's post hearing advice that the allocation is not justified.	SA of Policy E2 to be undertaken (MM17).
MM49	Page 182; Para 9.118	Add additional paragraph: <u>The Green Belt Study considered the housing sites in Werrington are suitable for release from the Green Belt if there are exceptional circumstances. The Green Belt Review has assessed site WE003 as having a moderate overall contribution to Green Belt purposes. In particular, this land is considered to make a limited contribution to the purposes of maintaining separation and preventing encroachment. The Green Belt Review has assessed site WE052 as having a limited overall contribution to Green Belt purposes. In particular, this land is considered to make a limited contribution to maintaining separation and preventing encroachment. It is considered in this case there are exceptional circumstances to justify the release of the sites from the Green Belt. The Green Belt is tightly drawn around Werrington and there is limited capacity in the settlement for further growth. The settlement has a range of facilities and services and is considered to be in a sustainable location to support some growth and contribute towards meeting the housing needs of the rural areas. The sites are in public ownership, they were previously owned</u>	Amended text enables more bespoke development site policies to be included in the plan and for greater clarity.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.

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		<p>by the Ministry of Justice and are currently are owned by Homes England who are proposing to carry out work to ensure the delivery of the housing through an appropriate developer.</p>		
	<p>Page 183; Policy DSR4 Land off Ash Bank Road Werrington</p>	<p>Land comprising two sites is allocated for residential development. WE003 amounts to <u>around 3ha2.9ha</u> and is allocated for approximately 50 dwellings and WE052 amounts to <u>around 1ha0.9ha</u> and is allocated for approximately 25 dwellings.</p> <p>Development will be subject to compliance with other relevant Local Plan policies and <u>include the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •A landscaping scheme to provide appropriate landscape and visual mitigation measures including submission of landscape and visual impact assessments having regard to the recommendations set out in the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study. <u>The landscaping scheme shall include planting on the southern and south eastern site boundaries;</u> •The development shall maintain the gap on the top part of the site WE003 fronting Ash Bank Road by retaining open space on this part of the site; •A Noise impact assessment to consider the impact of the HM Young Offenders Institute. Where appropriate the assessment shall provide details of measures to mitigate the impact of noise on residential development; •<u>Access to WE003 should be from the eastern part of the site. It should not form a crossroads with Oak Mount road. Access to WE052 would need to take account of the existing bus stop.</u> 	<p>Amended text enables more bespoke development site policies to be included in the plan and for greater clarity.</p>	<p>Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.</p>

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MM50	Page 184	<p>•Adequate visibility plays and access shall be provided in line with the requirements of the Highway Authority; and</p> <p>•A traffic assessment to consider the effect of traffic from the development on Ash Bank Road;</p> <p>•Be supported by surveys and actions recommended by the Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey and Local Wildlife Assessment and include measures for protection and enhancement of site biodiversity and protection of geodiversity as appropriate;</p> <p>•A site-specific Flood Risk Assessment;</p> <p>•Affordable housing in accordance with policy H3; and</p> <p>•Contributions toward infrastructure, public open space, education services and other community needs including sports facilities as required;</p> <p>New policy DSR5 Bolton Copperworks and supporting text: <u>Bolton Copperworks Froghall</u> The historic copper factory of Thomas Bolton and Sons is mostly of which is now closed and derelict apart from a small section that services copper wires. It lies within an area of high landscape and tourism value adjoining the village of Froghall. The whole site occupies an area of approximately 17 hectares comprising of a range of industrial buildings.</p>	Additional Policy with supporting text to provide context.	Screened in. New Policy DSR5 requires SA.

Main Mod Ref	Local Plan reference	Main Modification proposed - to be read in conjunction with the full text set out in the Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications	Sustainability implications	Further SA required?
		<p>The site is included as an opportunity site in the Churnet Valley Masterplan SPD. The opportunity sites are sites which have or could play a key role in delivering the strategy in the SPD. It is identified as having potential for mixed use development. Its strategic location at the centre of the Churnet Valley is considered crucial to the area's success.</p> <p>There are significant potential contamination issues which may be at some depth within the site which must be addressed; also flooding issues are a constraint and would need to be addressed given the majority of the site is affected by either floodzone 3 or floodzone 2.</p> <p>Policy DSR5 Bolton Copperworks</p> <p>Land amounting to approximately 17 hectares is identified as an opportunity site for mixed use development.</p> <p>Development will need to demonstrate the on-site flood risk issues can be satisfactorily addressed. A site specific flood risk assessment (FRA) level 2 and early discussions with the Environment Agency and Lead Local Flood Authority is required. The FRA should determine the level of flood risk and appropriate mitigation measures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Uses which may be suitable are employment, residential, tourist-related retail and accommodation, and leisure; •Development shall make provision for appropriate off site off-site highway improvements; •Development should be complementary to and not undermine the role of the towns and larger villages nor shall it undermine wider strategic objectives; 		

Main Mod Ref	Local Plan reference	Main Modification proposed - to be read in conjunction with the full text set out in the Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications	Sustainability implications	Further SA required?
MM51	Page 184	<p>•Development should avoid or minimise environmental impacts and congestion and safeguard and enhance natural and cultural assets;</p> <p>•Details of the development shall include an investigation of the extent and nature of any contamination on the site and appropriate remediation measures.</p> <p>•Development shall be in accordance with the <u>Churnet Valley Masterplan</u>.</p> <p>New policy DSR6 Anzio Camp and supporting text: Anzio Camp Blackshaw Moor</p> <p>The Anzio Camp is a former army training base located 3 miles to the north of Leek on the southern edge of the Peak District National Park. It lies to the south of Blackshaw Moor which is defined as a smaller village in the settlement hierarchy.</p> <p>The site extends to some 15.4 hectares and includes 17 existing buildings which are unused. The site has planning consent for a mixed use development comprising extra care housing, live work units, ancillary social centre and facilities building and change of use to holiday park.</p> <p>The Anzio Camp is included as an opportunity site in the Churnet Valley Masterplan SPD. The opportunity sites are sites which have or could play a key role in delivering the strategy in the SPD. It is identified as having potential for mixed use development.</p> <p>Policy DSR 6 Anzio Camp</p>	Additional Policy with supporting text	Screened in. New Policy DSR6 requires SA.

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Main Mod Ref	Local Plan reference	Main Modification proposed - to be read in conjunction with the full text set out in the Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications	Sustainability implications	Further SA required?
		<p><u>Land amounting to approximately 15.4 hectares is identified as an opportunity site for mixed use development.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Uses which may suitable are employment, extra care housing, and tourist accommodation;</u> <u>Development should be complementary to and not undermine the role of the towns and larger villages nor shall it undermine wider strategic objectives;</u> <u>Development should avoid or minimise environmental impacts and congestion and safeguard and enhance natural and cultural assets;</u> <u>Development shall be in accordance with the Churnet Valley Masterplan.</u> 		
MM52	Page 186; Paras 10.2 and 10.3	Deleted.	Tables on Implementation and Monitoring have been combined.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.
MM53	Pages 186 - 199; Implementation Table	Deleted.	Tables on Implementation and Monitoring have been combined.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.

Main Mod Ref	Local Plan reference	Main Modification proposed - to be read in conjunction with the full text set out in the Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications	Sustainability implications	Further SA required?
MM54	Page 199; Para 10.4	<p>Add additional text:</p> <p>Policy SS2 removes the village boundaries for the smaller villages and policy SS9 details the smaller villages' strategy which seeks to allow an appropriate level of sensitive development which enhances community vitality or meets a social or economic need of the settlement and its hinterland. The Plan will be monitored to assess if housing is being delivered in the smaller villages in accord with policy.</p> <p>Policy SS4 details the housing land supply and includes an allowance for windfalls, the housing trajectory also includes windfalls which form an element of the rolling 5 year housing land supply. The Plan will be monitored to consider whether windfall sites are coming forward as anticipated and also if the windfall sites, particularly in the rural areas, are delivering affordable housing.</p> <p>Policy SS4 also details the employment land supply and includes an assumption part of the supply will be from windfall sites. Employment monitoring will assess whether sufficient employment land is being delivered, if there are any issues with supply and the contribution made by windfalls.</p> <p>The Local Plan will be reviewed every 5 years in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework 2019. The need for a full or partial review of the Local Plan will also be considered when the Monitoring Report identifies housing delivery has not meet met the housing requirements in the Local Plan or the Housing Delivery Test. The table below identifies which indicators relate to housing delivery and will be taken into account when determining if a Local Plan review is necessary. A full or partial review may be considered where there is a significant change in national policy, the evidence base or needs of the adjoining authorities, should it be necessary.</p>	<p>Amended supporting text to clarify when it is considered a review of the Local Plan will be required and to reflect need for monitoring of residential development in the smaller villages, windfall sites and affordable housing development on windfall sites.</p>	<p>Screened out. The amended supporting text does not necessitate updating the SA.</p>

Main Mod Ref	Local Plan reference	Main Modification proposed - to be read in conjunction with the full text set out in the Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications	Sustainability implications	Further SA required?
MM55	Pages 201 - 212; Monitoring Table	<p>Policy SS1a deleted.</p> <p>Additional indicators have been added regarding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications approved/refused in the Smaller Villages • Housing completions on windfall sites (including affordable housing) • Employment completions on windfall sites 	Amended text provides additional detail on monitoring.	Screened out. The amended text does not necessitate updating the SA.
MM56	Page 221; Biddulph Map	<p>Re-draw Tunstall Road (BD117) site to exclude land owned by unwilling land owner.</p> <p>Delete BDNEW allocation.</p> <p>Delete Local Green Space designations 13 and 14 (Dorset Drive east and west).</p> <p>Include safeguarded land on the map (BD062, BD068 and BD087)</p>	Map redrawn to reflect updated proposals.	Screened out. The amendment does not necessitate updating the SA.
MM57	Page 225; Cheadle map	<p>Review Open Space designation at Friars Court / Cheadle Park Wood to exclude private land.</p> <p>Delete Local Green Space designation 23 (Glebe Road).</p>	Map redrawn to reflect updated proposals.	Screened out. The amendment does not necessitate updating the SA.
MM58	Page 226; Cheadle town centre map	Amend Cheadle Town Centre boundary to include Tape Street (& triangle) as per GVA recommendation.	Map redrawn to reflect updated proposals.	Screened out. The amendment does not necessitate updating the SA.

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MM59	Page 230; Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook Map	Delete Local Green Space designations 47 (Caverswall Old Road), 50 (Stallington Road), 51 (Blithe View) and 52 (Elmwood Drive). Re-designate land at Blithe View as open space.	Map redrawn to reflect updated proposals.	Screened out. The amendment does not necessitate updating the SA.
MM60	Page 231; Brown Edge Map	Delete Local Green Space designation 25 (The Rocks).	Map redrawn to reflect updated proposals.	Screened out. The amendment does not necessitate updating the SA.
MM61	Page 232; Cheddleton Map	Delete Local Green Space designations 29 and 30 (Ox Pasture east & west) and 31 (Land south of Caldon Canal).	Map redrawn to reflect updated proposals.	Screened out. The amendment does not necessitate updating the SA.
MM62	Page 234; Ipstones Map	Delete Local Green Space designation 38 (Mayfair Avenue) and re-designate as open space.	Map redrawn to reflect updated proposals.	Screened out. The amendment does not necessitate updating the SA.
MM63	Page 237; Waterhouses Map	Delete Local Green Space designation 39 (Central Square). Amend key box reference from 'Proposed Village Boundary' to 'Proposed Development Boundary'. Update Policies Maps to identify local planning authorities on other side of Local Plan boundary.	Map redrawn to reflect updated proposals.	Screened out. The amendment does not necessitate updating the SA.

Main Mod Ref	Local Plan reference	Main Modification proposed - to be read in conjunction with the full text set out in the Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications	Sustainability implications	Further SA required?
MM64	Page 238; Werrington Map	<p>Review extent of allocation at Werrington (WE003 & WE052) to include existing land in prison grounds as options for access.</p> <p>Delete Local Green Space designation 35 (North of Cotehill Road) and re-designate southern part as open space.</p> <p>Amend key box reference from 'Proposed Village Boundary' to 'Proposed Development Boundary'.</p>	Map redrawn to reflect updated proposals.	Screened out. The amendment does not necessitate updating the SA.
MM65	Page 241; Bagnall map	<p>Add additional text to key to make it clear that the Green Belt boundary surrounding the village will be retained even though the village boundary will be removed.</p> <p>Amend Local Green Space Designation 41 (Village Green Pub Garden) to exclude car park.</p> <p>Add new Local Green Space designation '41A The Green'.</p>	Map redrawn to reflect updated proposals.	Screened out. The amendment does not necessitate updating the SA.
MM66	Page 245; Caverswall and Cookshill Map	<p>Add additional text to key to make it clear that the Green Belt boundary surrounding the village will be retained even though the village boundary will be removed.</p>	Map redrawn to reflect updated proposals.	Screened out. The amendment does not necessitate updating the SA.
MM67	Page 256; Kingsley Holt map	<p>Add additional text to key to make it clear that the Green Belt boundary surrounding the village will be retained even though the village boundary will be removed.</p>	Map redrawn to reflect updated proposals.	Screened out. The amendment does not necessitate updating the SA.

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MM68	Page 257; Leekbrook Map	Add additional text to key to make it clear that the Green Belt boundary surrounding the village will be retained even though the village boundary will be removed. Remove proposed allocation ADD09 from map.	Map redrawn to reflect updated proposals.	Screened out. The amendment does not necessitate updating the SA.
MM69	Page 261; Oakamoor Map	Review the extent of the open space designation between Mill Road and the River Churnet, Oakamoor.	Map redrawn to reflect updated proposals.	Screened out. The amendment does not necessitate updating the SA.
MM70	Page 263; Rushton Spencer Map	Add additional text to key to make it clear that the Green Belt boundary surrounding the village will be retained even though the village boundary will be removed.	Map redrawn to reflect updated proposals.	Screened out. The amendment does not necessitate updating the SA.
MM71	Page 264; Stanley Map	Add additional text to key to make it clear that the Green Belt boundary surrounding the village will be retained even though the village boundary will be removed.	Map redrawn to reflect updated proposals.	Screened out. The amendment does not necessitate updating the SA.
MM72	Page 272; Appendix 7	Amended housing trajectory to reflect updated housing figures 31/03/2019 and Housing Implementation Strategy consultation January 2019.	Updated housing trajectory to reflect latest housing supply figures.	Screened out. The amendment does not necessitate updating the SA.
MM73	Page 284; Appendix 10	List of Local Green Spaces Proposed for Allocation in the Local Plan modified as follows: LEEK	Factual update to reflect those Local Green Space allocations that are considered to meet the criteria set out in the NPPF	Screened out. The amendment does not necessitate updating the SA.

Main Mod Ref	Local Plan reference	Main Modification proposed - to be read in conjunction with the full text set out in the Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications	Sustainability implications	Further SA required?
		01 Brough Park 02 Ball Haye Green Recreation Ground 04 Birch Gardens 05 Pickwood Recreation Ground 06 Westwood Road Recreation Ground 07 Westwood Park Drive Woodland 08 Edgehill Road Woodland 09 Campbell Avenue 10 Fynney Street Garden BIDDULPH 11 Gillow Heath Recreation Ground 12 Halls Road 13 Dorset Drive (west) 14 Dorset Drive (east) 16 Thames Drive Woodland 17 Leisure Centre 18 Braddocks Hay	and are consistent with advice on LGS designations within the Government's Planning Practice Guidance.	

Main Mod Ref	Local Plan reference	Main Modification proposed - to be read in conjunction with the full text set out in the Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications	Sustainability implications	Further SA required?
		<p>19 Braddocks Hay Recreation Ground</p> <p>20 (Section B) Springfield Road</p> <p>CHEADLE</p> <p>21 Cecilly Brook Corridor (runs along the eastern side of Cheadle from Cheadle Road Recreation Ground to the north to Eaves Lane to the south alongside Cecilly Brook)</p> <p>22 Memorial Recreation Ground</p> <p>23-(Section B) Glebe Road</p> <p>BROWN EDGE</p> <p>25 The Rocks</p> <p>26 (Section C) High Lane</p> <p>ENDON</p> <p>27 Hilliswood Drive Recreation Ground</p> <p>CHEDDLETON</p> <p>29 Ox Pasture (west)</p> <p>30 Ox Pasture (east)</p> <p>31 (Section B) Land South of Galdon Canal</p> <p>32 Land adjacent to Galdon Canal</p>		

Main Mod Ref	Local Plan reference	Main Modification proposed - to be read in conjunction with the full text set out in the Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications	Sustainability implications	Further SA required?
		<p>WERRINGTON</p> <p>34 Meigh Road Playing Fields</p> <p>35 North of Cotehill Road</p> <p>37 Millenium Garden</p> <p>IPSTONES</p> <p>38 Mayfair Avenue</p> <p>WATERHOUSES</p> <p>39 Central Square</p> <p>BAGNALL</p> <p>40 Village Green (Pub Garden <u>excluding car park</u>)</p> <p>41 Village Green</p> <p><u>41A The Green</u></p> <p>OAKAMMOOR</p> <p>42 Adjacent to River Churnet</p> <p>ALTON</p> <p>43 (Section A) New Road</p> <p>44 Town Head</p>		

Main Mod Ref	Local Plan reference	Main Modification proposed - to be read in conjunction with the full text set out in the Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications	Sustainability implications	Further SA required?
MM74	Page 297; Appendix 12, Glossary	UPPER TEAN 45 Wentlows 46 Riverside Recreation Ground BLYTHE BRIDGE 47 Gaverswall Old Road 48 Rear of Butchers Arms 50 Stallington Road 51 Blithe View 52 Elmwood Drive Housing Trajectory – a projection of future housing provision and requirements. The Housing Trajectory tracks the provision of housing supply over the lifespan of the Local Plan (2014- 2046-20332034). The purpose of the Housing Trajectory is to highlight the robustness and soundness of the overall housing strategy in the Local Plan and how it is likely to perform in relation to the housing requirements.	Amended text provides factual correction to Glossary.	Screened out. The amendment does not necessitate updating the SA.

Table 4.1 Sustainability implications of proposed Main Modifications

Summary findings of Main Modifications appraisal



5 Summary findings of Main Modifications appraisal

5.1 This Section presents a summary of the findings of the appraisal of the screened-in proposed Main Modifications. This should be read in conjunction with the full appraisals detailed in section 8 of this report.

MM8 - Policy SS3 Future Provision and Distribution of Development

5.2 Modifications amend the plan period from 2016-2031 to 2014-2033 and associated housing and employment land requirements in order to better reflect the available evidence and to provide a longer period of time post adoption. Taken together the modifications proposed under MM8 are likely to support balanced growth in the District to 2033, leading to positive effects in the long term on Improving access to jobs, services and facilities, ensuring a supply of new homes to meet local needs and sustainable economic growth with the vitality of towns safeguarded and a vibrant rural economy sustained. On this basis it is considered that the modifications proposed to Policy SS3 would result in positive effects overall.

MM12 - Policy SS6 Biddulph Area Strategy

5.3 Modifications reflect the removal of that part of the Wharf Road, Biddulph mixed use allocation known as BDNEW and the Council Assembly decision (26th June 2019) to identify appropriate land parcels around Biddulph, currently in the Green Belt, for safeguarding. Taken together the modifications proposed under MM12 are likely to support the sustainable growth of Biddulph. Deletion of a proposed housing allocation may reduce the opportunity to provide new homes in the medium to long term (this may be mitigated by other proposed modifications) whilst safeguarding land is expected to help ensure a supply of new homes beyond the plan period. Modifications will help to avoid potential for landscape harm and will protect the defined settlement edge, offering future protection for sensitive countryside. On this basis it is considered that the modifications proposed to Policy SS6 would result in positive effects overall.

MM17 - Policy E2 Employment Allocations

Modifications reflect the amended employment land requirement as a result of amending the plan period (MM8); deletion of the proposed allocation on land west of Basford Lane, Leekbrook and exclusion of part of the mixed use allocation at land off Tunstall Road, Biddulph. Whilst deletion of ADD09 is likely to lead to minor positive effects on residents' living conditions, landscape character and biodiversity, the modifications are expected to result in the reduced availability of employment land in the short to medium terms with associated negative impacts on sustainable economic growth. On this basis it is considered that the modifications to Policy E2 would result in minor negative effects overall. However it should be noted that these effects may be mitigated by other proposed modifications to the Plan, including Modification MM54 which adds commentary on the need to monitor the provision of employment land on allocated sites and through windfalls to determine if additional sites should be released through a Local Plan review.

MM20 - Policy H1 New Housing Development

5.4 In addition to amended supporting text to improve clarity, MM20 lowers the threshold for making a contribution towards self-build /custom-build from 15 to 10 dwellings, adds text regarding the monitoring of windfalls and affordable housing to ensure that needs are being met and amends Part 3b (housing mix) to include a size threshold (in addition to a dwellings threshold) whilst also allowing for viability or other circumstances. In addition, MM20 amends

Part 3c (density) to strengthen the wording in relation to high density development being appropriate in locations which are more accessible by public transport. And Part 3d (flexible accommodation) is amended to introduce a threshold of 10 dwellings (or 0.5ha). These modifications taken together are expected to lead to positive effects on the creation of sustainable communities and ensuring that the supply of new homes meets local need. In addition MM20 amends Part 5d (conversion of rural buildings) to bring the Policy more closely in line with the 2012 Framework and amends Part 4c (managing impacts on countryside) to provide more clarity. These modifications are expected to result in positive effects on protecting heritage assets and landscape character. On this basis it is considered that the modifications proposed to Policy H1 would result in positive effects overall.

MM21 - Policy H2 Housing Allocations

5.5 Modification MM21 amends proposed housing site allocations to delete BDNEW and to increase development densities at two allocated sites (Wharf Road and Tunstall Road). Capacity at Wharf Road is reduced from 588 to 442 and capacity at Tunstall Road is increased from 85 to 105, overall a net loss of 126 homes over the plan period. This is expected to lead to a slight reduction in the supply of new homes in the medium term. However the deletion of BDNEW avoids the risk that development west of the Biddulph Valley Way would have an adverse impact on landscape character. Overall it is considered that the modifications to Policy H2 would result in minor negative effects. However it should be noted that these effects may be balanced by the effects of other proposed modifications to the Plan, including Modification MM8 confirming that the annual housing development rate will be monitored in order to ensure the delivery of new homes is on track to meet need.

MM22 - Policy H3 Affordable Housing

5.6 Modification MM22 amends the supporting text to the affordable housing policy to provide more detail about the Local Plan Viability Study and the proposed zones it sets out. Amended text also clarifies that affordable housing contributing to the needs of the District may also come forward within the Peak District National Park and provides clarification on the definition of affordable homes. Policy H3 is amended to reflect the new threshold at which contributions can be sought under the revised NPPF (10 homes plus or 0.5ha). New Part 3 (rural exception sites) is amended to be more consistent with national policy. New Part 4 (design) is added to ensure schemes are "tenure blind". Overall the modifications are expected to lead to greater certainty over the delivery of affordable homes. On this basis it is considered that the modifications to Policy H3 are likely to result in positive effects.

MM31 - Policy C2 Sport, Recreation and Open Space

5.7 The Main Modifications proposed will help enable protection of school playing fields, improve community access to school facilities and provide more certainty around the delivery of open space as part of residential developments, benefiting the health and well-being of local communities. Taken together these modifications are likely to result in positive effects on health and on sustainable communities. On this basis it is considered that the modifications to Policy C2 would result in minor positive effects.

MM36 - Policy DSL2 Land at the Mount, Leek

5.8 Modification MM36 amends Policy DSL2 regarding development of land at the Mount, Leek, in order to ensure that proposals recognise the recreational value of the Mount to the community, are accompanied by assessment to ensure that the amenity levels of future occupants are acceptable in relation to wind turbine noise, and clarify landscape and highways

mitigation measures required - all to be reflected in master-planning. Supporting text is also amended accordingly. Taken together these modifications are likely to benefit the amenity of existing and new residents, and support active travel, health and well-being. On this basis it is considered that the modifications to Policy DSL2 would result in positive effects.

MM50 - Policy DSR5 Bolton Copperworks

5.9 Modification MM50 introduces new Policy DSR5 Bolton Copperworks, Froghall with supporting text. Details of this site are included in the Submission Version of the Plan at Para 7.66 and development requirements are set out at Part 4 of SS10 Other Rural Areas Strategy. Bolton Copperworks (OC001) was appraised as a site option during plan preparation, findings are included in the full SA report, summarised at para 5.1273 of ED6.5. On this basis it is considered that Policy DSR5 would result in no additional effects.

MM51 - Policy DSR6 Anzio Camp

5.10 Modification MM51 introduces new Policy DSR6 Anzio Camp, Blackshaw Moor with supporting text. Details of this site are included in the Submission Version of the Plan at Para 7.66 and development requirements are set out at Part 4 of Policy SS10 Other Rural Areas Strategy. Anzio Camp (OC050) was appraised as a site option during plan preparation, findings are included in the full SA report, summarised at para 5.1156 of ED6.5. On this basis it is considered that MM51 will result in no additional effects.

Appraisal of cumulative effects - Consideration of the Plan "as modified"



6 Appraisal of cumulative effects - Consideration of the Plan "as modified"

6.1 In order to consider cumulative, secondary and synergistic effects, the proposed modifications taken as a whole have been assessed. This assessment is set out in table 6.2 on the following page.

6.2 In undertaking this assessment, the appraisal has considered both the stand alone modifications as a whole and the likely significant effects of the Local Plan as submitted plus the proposed modifications - assessed against the baseline of the submitted plan. In this way the SA findings for "the Plan as modified" are described below by SA objective, thereby updating the appraisal findings presented within the June 2018 SA Report.

Description of nature of effects	
++	The main modifications will have a very positive impact on the sustainability objective
+	The main modifications will have a slightly positive impact on the sustainability objective
0	The main modifications will have a negligible or neutral impact on the sustainability objective.
-	The main modifications will have a slightly negative impact on the sustainability objective
--	The main modifications will have a very negative impact on the sustainability objective
i	The outcome could be dependent upon implementation, or more detail is required to make an assessment
?	The impact of the issue cannot be predicted at this stage

Table 6.1 Key to description of the nature of effects

Different components may generate varying impacts This is indicated by "/".

Key to table

ST: Short term = 0 - 5 years

MT: Medium term = 5 - 10 years

LT: Long term = Over 10 years

Appraisal of the Plan "as modified"

SA Framework		Appraisal for modifications taken together				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
<p>Social:</p> <p>Need to address:</p> <p>Implications of an increasingly ageing population;</p> <p>Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures;</p> <p>Reducing health inequalities;</p> <p>Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate</p>	1	Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	+	+	+	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely; Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area; Temporary / Permanent: Permanent; Assumptions made: The modifications taken together will have a positive effect on this objective; the submitted plan plus modifications should provide further support for creation of sustainable communities when considered against the submitted version, since modifications include measures to: provide more certainty around the delivery of open space as part of residential developments (MM31); lower the threshold for making a contribution towards self-build / custom build (MM17); amend the affordable housing policy to ensure that schemes are "tenure blind" (MM22); and improve community access to school facilities (MM31).</p>
	2	Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	?	?	?	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely; Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area; Temporary / Permanent: Permanent; Assumptions made: The modifications taken together will have an uncertain effect on this objective overall, depending on implementation. Modifications include measures to require a modest increase in employment land supply to 2033 (MM8), however further modifications would lead to the loss of 0.8ha of employment land at Leekbrook and 0.7ha of land off Tunstall Road (MM17). It is expected that this shortfall would be made up by employment windfalls and additional modifications (MM54) require the Council to monitor the provision of employment land on allocated sites and through windfall to determine if additional sites should be released through a Local Plan review.</p>
		The SA Report identified the likelihood of the Local Plan resulting in positive effects in terms of this objective. The proposed modifications are likely to result in a reinforcement of this positive effect.				
		The SA Report identified the likelihood of the Local Plan resulting in positive effects in terms of this objective. The proposed modifications are likely to result in an uncertain effect, depending on implementation. Whilst modifications proposed under MM8 are likely to support balanced growth in the District to 2033, leading to long term positive effects on improving access to jobs, services and facilities, MM17 would lead to the loss of employment land allocated at two identified sites.				

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SA Framework		Appraisal for modifications taken together				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects		Assumptions and mitigation		
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
<p>housing and access to community facilities and services;</p> <p>Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space;</p> <p>Any shortfall in school places;</p> <p>Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments;</p> <p>Modal shift away from journeys by car;</p> <p>Measures that reduce the need to travel;</p> <p>Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.</p>	3	<p>Improve health and reduce health inequalities</p>	+	+	+	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely; Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area; Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The modifications taken together will have a positive effect on this objective; the submitted plan plus modifications should provide further support for health and well-being when considered against the submitted version, since modifications include measures to: provide more certainty around the delivery of open space as part of residential developments (MM31); clarify protection for school playing fields (MM31) and address the recreational value of land at the Mount, Leek (MM36).</p>
	4	<p>Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime</p>	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely; Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area; Temporary / Permanent: Permanent; Assumptions made: The modifications taken together are likely to result in no significant effects on this objective, although the submitted plan plus modifications is likely to result in an overall neutral or minor positive effect depending on implementation.</p>
	5	<p>Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care</p>	0	?/0	?/0	+

SA Framework		Appraisal for modifications taken together				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
						transport (MM20); and provide more clarity about the supply of affordable homes (revised threshold, further detail of zoning set out in the Viability Study and the role of the Peak Park (MM22).
	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	The SA report identified the likelihood of the Local Plan resulting in neutral or positive effects in terms of this objective. The proposed modifications as a whole do not alter this conclusion.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely; Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area; Temporary / Permanent : Permanent Assumptions made : The modifications taken together are likely to result in no significant effects on this objective, although the submitted plan plus modifications is likely to result in an overall positive effect on sustainable transport.
Environmental	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	The SA report identified the likelihood of overall minor negative effects on the level of carbon emissions due to growth and related increases in energy consumption and traffic. The proposed modifications as a whole do not alter this conclusion.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely; Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area; Temporary / Permanent : Permanent Assumptions made : Policies are in place to manage climate change impacts. The modifications taken together are likely to result in no significant effects on this objective, although the submitted plan plus modifications is likely to result in an overall minor negative effect on contributions to climate change.
Need to address: Climate change as a key sustainability issue;	8 Improve air quality	The SA report identified the likelihood of the Local Plan resulting in neutral or minor negative effects in terms of this objective. The proposed modifications as a whole do not alter this conclusion.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely; Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area; Temporary / Permanent : Permanent Assumptions made : Policies are in place to manage impacts on air quality. The modifications taken together are likely to result in no significant effects on this objective, although the submitted plan plus modifications is likely to result in an overall neutral or minor negative effect on air quality.
Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk; Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials;	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	The SA report identified the likelihood of the Local Plan resulting in neutral effects in terms of this objective. The proposed modifications as a whole do not alter this conclusion.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely; Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area; Temporary / Permanent : Permanent Assumptions made : Policies are in place to manage flood risk. The modifications taken together are likely to result in no significant effects on this objective.
Retention of the distinctive character of the						

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SA Framework		Appraisal for modifications taken together				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets;	10	The SA report identified the likelihood of the Local Plan resulting in neutral or minor positive effects in terms of this objective. Deletion of the proposed employment allocation at Leekbrook (ADD09) is likely to result in a minor positive effect.	+	+	+	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely; Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area; Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The modifications taken together will have a positive effect on this objective overall; the submitted plan plus modifications should provide further support for conserving and enhancing biodiversity when considered against the submitted version, since modifications include deletion of ADD09 which is adjacent to woodland designated as Cheddleton Heath SBI and carries Tree Preservation Orders (MM17).
	11	The SA report identified the likelihood of the Local Plan resulting in neutral effects in terms of this objective. Deletion of the proposed employment allocation at Leekbrook (ADD09) is likely to result in a minor positive effect.	+	+	+	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely; Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area; Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The modifications taken together will have a positive effect on this objective overall; the submitted plan plus modifications should provide further support for safeguarding the best and most versatile (BMV) agricultural land when considered against the submitted version, since modifications include deletion of ADD09 which is indicated on the predictive map of BMV agricultural land as within an area where 20 - 60% of the land is likely to be BMV (MM17).
	12	The SA report identified the likelihood of the Local Plan resulting in neutral effects in terms of this objective. The proposed modifications as a whole do not alter this conclusion.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely; Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area; Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The modifications taken together are likely to result in no significant effects on this objective.
	13	The SA report identified the likelihood of the Local Plan resulting in neutral or minor negative effects in terms of this objective. The proposed modifications as a whole do not alter this conclusion although modification to Policy H1 bringing it more	0	0	+	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely; Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area; Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: Policies are in place to manage impacts on heritage assets and their settings. The modifications taken together are likely to have a long term positive effect on this

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SA Framework		Appraisal for modifications taken together				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
	Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment	
Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	closely in line with the NPPF with regard to the conversion of rural buildings is likely to result in a minor positive effect.				objective overall; the submitted plan plus modifications should provide further support for the character of towns and villages and protection of heritage assets and their settings when considered against the submitted version, since modifications include amending Part 5d of H1 to bring the provision more closely in line with the 2012 Framework (MM20).
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	The SA report identified the likelihood of the Local Plan resulting in neutral or minor negative effects in terms of this objective. Deletion of the proposed allocations BDNEW and ADD09, considered by the Council's evidence to be of high and medium landscape sensitivity respectively, along with other modifications, are likely to result in a minor positive effect overall.	+	+	+	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely; Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area; Temporary / Permanent : Permanent Assumptions made : Policies are in place to manage impacts on landscape character and other natural assets. The modifications taken together are likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective overall; the submitted plan plus modifications should provide further support for landscape character when considered against the submitted version, since modifications include deletion of BDNEW and ADD09, avoiding potential for landscape harm and protecting the settlement edge of Biddulph to the west as defined by the Biddulph Valley Way, offering future protection for sensitive countryside in this location (MM21 and MM17); MM20 amends Part 4c of H1 (countryside impacts) to provide more clarity; and MM36 amends Policy DSL2 to clarify landscape mitigation measures.
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	The SA report identified the likelihood of the Local Plan resulting in neutral or positive effects in terms of this objective. The proposed modifications as a whole do not alter this conclusion.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely; Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area; Temporary / Permanent : Permanent Assumptions made : The modifications taken together are likely to result in no significant effects on this objective.

SA Framework		Appraisal for modifications taken together				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
<p>Economic</p> <p>Need to address</p> <p>Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities;</p> <p>Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses;</p> <p>Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities;</p> <p>Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses;</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy</p>	<p>The SA Report identified the likelihood of the Local Plan resulting in positive effects in terms of this objective. The proposed modifications are likely to result in a reinforcement of this positive effect in the long term.</p>	0	0	+	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: Modifications require a modest increase in employment land requirement from 27 ha to 32 ha to 2033 (MM8) and also confirm that the annual housing development rate will be monitored in order to ensure the delivery of new homes is on track to meet need (MM8). The modifications taken together are likely to have an overall positive effect on safeguarding the vitality of town and village centres in the long term.</p>
<p>Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses;</p> <p>Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities;</p> <p>Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses;</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy</p>	<p>The SA Report identified the likelihood of the Local Plan resulting in positive effects in terms of this objective. The proposed modifications are likely to result in an uncertain effect, depending on implementation. Whilst modifications proposed under MM8 are likely to support balanced growth in the District to 2033, leading to long term positive effects on improving access to jobs, services and facilities, MM17 would lead to the loss of employment land allocated at two identified sites.</p>	?	?	?	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The modifications taken together will have an uncertain effect on this objective overall, depending on implementation. Modifications include measures to require a modest increase in employment land supply to 2033 (MM8), however further modifications would lead to the loss of 0.8ha of employment land at Leekbrook and 0.7ha of land off Tunstall Road (MM17). It is expected that this shortfall would be made up by employment windfalls and additional modifications (MM54) require the Council to monitor the provision of employment land on allocated sites and through windfall to determine if additional sites should be released through a Local Plan review.</p>
<p>Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses;</p>	<p>18</p> <p>High and stable level of employment</p>	<p>The SA Report identified the likelihood of the Local Plan resulting in positive effects in terms of this objective. The proposed modifications are likely to result in an uncertain effect, depending on implementation. Whilst modifications proposed under MM8 are likely to support balanced growth in the District to 2033,</p>	?	?	?	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The modifications taken together will have an uncertain effect on this objective overall, depending on implementation. Modifications include measures to require a modest increase in employment land supply to 2033 (MM8), however further modifications would lead to the loss of 0.8ha</p>

SA Framework		Appraisal for modifications taken together				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
<p>Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce;</p> <p>Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres;</p> <p>Measures to encourage people to shop in the area;</p> <p>Enhancement of local distinctiveness;</p> <p>Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.</p>		<p>leading to long term positive effects on improving access to jobs, services and facilities, MM17 would lead to the loss of employment land allocated at two identified sites.</p>				<p>of employment land at Leekbrook and 0.7ha of land off Tunstall Road (MM17). It is expected that this shortfall would be made up by employment windfalls and additional modifications (MM54) require the Council to monitor the provision of employment land on allocated sites and through windfall to determine if additional sites should be released through a Local Plan review.</p>
<p>Summary of likely significant effects:</p>						

SA Framework		Appraisal for modifications taken together				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects		Assumptions and mitigation		
		Nature of effect		Justification for assessment		
		ST	MT	LT		
<p>The proposed Main Modifications taken together are likely to result in minor positive effects on the SA objectives supporting community cohesion and neighbourhood quality; improving health and well-being; conserving biodiversity, safeguarding best and most versatile agricultural land; and protecting landscape character and other natural assets. These arise principally from modifications to: ensure that affordable housing is designed to be "tenure blind"; provide more certainty around the delivery of open space as part of residential developments; support community access to school facilities; clarify protection for school playing fields; address the recreational value of land at the Mount, Leek; and delete proposed development site allocations ADD09 and BDNEW. The impact on objectives for improving access to jobs, services and facilities, and supporting sustainable economic growth and high and stable levels of employment are considered to be uncertain and to be dependent on implementation since positive effects resulting from modifications to increase the employment land requirement as a result of amending the plan period from 2016-2031 to 2014-2033 are balanced by modifications leading to the loss of employment land at two allocated sites (ADD09, Leekbrook and part of land off Tunstall Road, Biddulph). Mitigation may be provided by the modifications to require the Council to monitor the provision of employment land on allocated sites and through windfall to determine if additional sites should be released through a Local Plan review. Effects of the slight reduction in the overall housing land supply (resulting from deletion of BDNEW, Biddulph) are considered to be balanced by modifications increasing the development density at two identified sites in Biddulph and providing more certainty around long-term housing supply through safeguarding.</p>		<p>In terms of the effects of the submitted Local Plan plus modifications, it is possible to conclude that the appraisal findings presented within the June 2018 SA Report remain valid, with principally minor positive effects identified as likely to result from the modifications proposed.</p>				

Table 6.2 Assessment Table for Modifications taken as a whole

Conclusions



7 Conclusions

7.1 This SA Addendum Report considers the likely significant effects of the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan proposed Main Modifications. In addition to presenting an appraisal of the proposed modifications, this report presents an appraisal of "the plan as modified", in order to consider any necessary update that may be required to the appraisal findings set out in the June 2018 SA report (Examination Library document EL6.5).

Findings of the appraisal of proposed main modifications

7.2 The screening of the proposed Main Modifications for their significance with regards to the SA process found the majority of modifications (64 out of 74) were not likely to lead to significant effects, either alone or in combination, and were screened out of further appraisal.

7.3 The ten screened-in proposed main modifications will generally support positive effects previously identified and strengthen mitigation measures.

7.4 Taken together, the modifications to Policy SS3 Future Provision and Distribution of Development proposed under MM8 are likely to support balanced growth in the District to 2033, leading to positive effects in the long term on improving access to jobs, services and facilities, ensuring a supply of new homes to meet local needs and sustainable economic growth, with the vitality of towns safeguarded and a vibrant rural economy sustained.

7.5 Taken together the modifications proposed to Policy SS6 Biddulph Area Strategy under MM12 are likely to support the sustainable growth of Biddulph. Proposed modifications MM20 to Policy H1 New Housing Development are expected to lead to positive effects on the creation of high quality places and to help ensure that the supply of new homes meets local need. Modifications under MM22 to Policy H3 Affordable Housing are expected to lead to greater certainty over the delivery of affordable homes.

7.6 MM31 proposes Main Modifications to Policy C2 Sport, Recreation and Open Space with the intent of benefiting the health and well-being of local communities. Similarly, Modification MM36 amends Policy DSL2 regarding development of land at the Mount, Leek in order to ensure that proposals recognise the recreational value of the Mount to the community and provide other mitigation measures.

7.7 Main Modifications MM50 and MM51, introducing new Strategic Development Site policies for Bolton Copperworks and Anzio Camp, were considered to result in no additional effects.

7.8 However the appraisal identified some minor negative effects.

7.9 The modifications to Policy E2 Employment Allocations under MM17 include proposals to delete the employment allocation on land west of Basford Lane, Leekbrook (ADD09) and to exclude part of land off Tunstall Road, Biddulph from the mixed use allocation. Whilst deletion of ADD09 is likely to lead to minor positive effects on residents' living conditions, landscape character and biodiversity, the modifications overall are expected to result in the reduced availability of employment land in the short to medium term, with associated negative impacts on sustainable economic growth. However It should be noted that these effects may be mitigated by other proposed modifications to the Plan, including MM54 which requires the Council to monitor the provision of employment land on allocated sites and through windfalls to determine if additional sites should be released through a Local Plan review.

7.10 Modifications to Policy H2 Housing Allocations (MM21) include amending proposed housing site allocations to delete BDNEW and to increase development densities at two allocated sites (Wharf Road and Tunstall Road). Whilst deletion of BDNEW will lead to positive effects on landscape character, the modifications overall are expected to lead to minor negative effects resulting from a modest reduction in the supply of new homes in the medium to long term. However it should be noted that MM8 includes confirmation that the annual housing development rate will be monitored in order to ensure the delivery of new homes is on track to meet need.

Findings of the appraisal of "the plan as modified"

7.11 The proposed Main Modifications taken together are likely to result in minor positive effects on the SA objectives: supporting community cohesion and neighbourhood quality (Objective 1); improving health and well-being (Objective 3); conserving biodiversity (Objective 10), safeguarding best and most versatile agricultural land (Objective 11); protecting heritage assets (Objective 13); protecting landscape character and other natural assets (Objective 14); and safeguarding the vitality of town and village centres (Objective 16).

7.12 These positive effects arise principally from modifications to: require a modest increase in employment land requirement from 27 ha to 32 ha to 2033 (MM8); confirm that the annual housing development rate will be monitored in order to ensure the delivery of new homes is on track to meet need (MM8); bring Part 5d of H1 (conversion of rural buildings) more closely in line with the 2012 Framework (MM20); ensure that affordable housing is designed to be "tenure blind" (MM22); provide more certainty around the delivery of open space as part of residential developments (MM31); support community access to school facilities (MM31); clarify protection for school playing fields (MM31); address the recreational value of land at the Mount, Leek (MM36); and delete proposed development site allocations ADD09 and BDNEW (MM17 and MM21).

7.13 The impact of modifications taken together on SA Objective 5 to ensure the supply of new homes to meet local needs is also considered to result in minor positive effects in the long term. Positive effects arise principally from modifications to: confirm that the annual development rate will be monitored in order to ensure housing delivery is on track to meet need (MM8); provide for the monitoring of windfalls and affordable housing to ensure that needs are being met (MM20); confirm high density development is appropriate in locations which are more accessible by public transport (MM20); and clarify the supply of affordable homes (revised threshold, further detail of zoning set out in the Viability Study and the role of the Peak Park) (MM22). However minor negative effects on this Objective were identified from the proposed deletion of the housing allocation BDNEW, Biddulph (MM21).

7.14 The impact on SA objectives for improving access to jobs, services and facilities (Objective 2); supporting sustainable economic growth (Objective 17); and high and stable levels of employment (Objective 18) are considered to be uncertain and to be dependent on implementation, since positive effects resulting from modifications to increase the employment land requirement as a result of amending the plan period from 2016-2031 to 2014-2033 (MM8) are balanced by negative effects from modifications leading to the loss of employment land at two allocated sites (ADD09, Leekbrook and part of land off Tunstall Road, Biddulph) (MM17).

7.15 The modifications taken together were considered likely to result in no significant effects on the remaining SA Objectives: minimising opportunities for crime (Objective 4); reducing the number of journeys made by car (Objective 6); minimising contributions to

climate change (Objective 7); improving air quality (Objective 8); reducing flood risk (Objective 9); minimising the use of non-renewable resources (Objective 12) and encouraging sustainable tourism (Objective 15).

Conclusion overall

Conclusion

In terms of the effects of the submitted Local Plan plus modifications, it is possible to conclude that the appraisal findings presented within the June 2018 SA Report remain valid, with principally minor positive effects identified as likely to result from the modifications proposed.

Next Steps

7.16 This SA Addendum Report with its Non-Technical Summary will be published for consultation alongside the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan proposed Main Modifications and other supporting documents in September / October 2019.

7.17 The Inspector will consider the representations raised as part of the consultation, alongside this SA Report Addendum, before deciding whether he is in a position to write his report on the Plan's soundness.

Appraisal matrices of screened-in Main Modifications



8 Appraisal matrices of screened-in Main Modifications

8.1 The tables below record the full appraisal findings for those proposed Main Modifications screened in as requiring further assessment. The tables in this section record the assessment of the following Modifications:

Strategic policies

- SS3 Future Provision and Distribution of Development - Modification MM8
- SS6 Biddulph Area Strategy - Modification MM12

Development management policies

- E2 Employment Allocations - MM17
- H1 New Housing Development - MM20
- H2 Housing Allocations - MM21
- H3 Affordable Housing - MM22
- C2 Sport, Recreation and Open Space - MM31

Strategic Development Site Policies

- DSL2 Land at the Mount, Leek - MM36
- DSR5 Bolton Copperworks - MM50
- DSR6 Anzio Camp - MM51

The key to the description of the nature of effects is set out in table 6.1.

Assessment for Main Modifications to Policy SS3 (MM8)

SA Framework		Appraisal Main Modifications to Policy SS3 (MM8)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
<p>Social:</p> <p>Need to address:</p> <p>Implications of an increasingly ageing population;</p> <p>Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures;</p> <p>Reducing health inequalities;</p> <p>Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to</p>	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	Modifications amend the plan period from 2016-2031 to 2014-2033 and associated housing and employment land requirements in order to better reflect the available evidence and to provide a longer period of time post adoption. Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	Modifications require a modest increase in employment land requirement from 27 ha to 32 hectares of additional employment land in the District (excluding the Peak District National Park) up to the year 2033. The provision of employment land is based on the 2014 Employment Land Study and Update report published in 2017. In order to provide a balanced level of employment and housing, an employment land requirement of 32 hectares is proposed. Taken together these modifications are likely to result in additional positive effects on this objective in the long term.	0	0	+	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications will enable a modest increase in employment space delivered in the District.</p>
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	Modifications amend the plan period from 2016-2031 to 2014-2033 and associated housing and employment land requirements in order to better reflect the available evidence and to provide a longer period of time post adoption. Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	Modifications amend the plan period from 2016-2031 to 2014-2033 and associated housing and employment land requirements in order to better reflect the available evidence and to provide a longer period of time post adoption. Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>

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SA Framework		Appraisal Main Modifications to Policy SS3 (MM8)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
community facilities and services; Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments; Modal shift away from journeys by car; Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.	5 Ensure supply of new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	Modifications do not change the gross housing requirement which remains as 6,080 dwellings. However Modifications confirm that the annual development rate will be monitored in order to ensure housing delivery is on track to meet need. Taken together these modifications are likely to result in additional positive effects on this objective in the long term.	0	0	+	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications will enable a supply of new homes to meet local needs.
	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	Modifications amend the plan period from 2016-2031 to 2014-2033 and associated housing and employment land requirements in order to better reflect the available evidence and to provide a longer period of time post adoption. Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.

SA Framework		Appraisal Main Modifications to Policy SS3 (MM8)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
<p>Environmental</p> <p>Need to address:</p> <p>Climate change as a key sustainability issue;</p> <p>Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk;</p> <p>Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials;</p> <p>Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively;</p> <p>Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans</p>	7	Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.
	8	Improve air quality	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.
	9	Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.
	10	Conserve and enhance biodiversity	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.
	11	Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.

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SA Framework		Appraisal Main Modifications to Policy SS3 (MM8)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
<p>affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA);</p> <p>Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible;</p> <p>The risk of adverse effects on historic assets;</p> <p>Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.</p>	12	Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
	13	Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
	14	Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
	15	Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>

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SA Framework		Appraisal Main Modifications to Policy SS3 (MMB)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
<p>Economic</p> <p>Need to address</p> <p>Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities;</p> <p>Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses;</p> <p>Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities;</p> <p>Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses;</p>	16	Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	0	0	+	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications will allow for balanced growth in the District to 2033, enabling a modest increase in employment space delivered alongside a supply of new homes to meet local needs.</p>
	17	Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	0	0	+	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications will allow for balanced growth in the District to 2033, enabling a modest increase in employment space delivered to 2033.</p>
	18	High and stable level of employment	0	0	+	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications will allow for balanced growth in the District to 2033, enabling a modest increase in employment space delivered alongside a supply of new homes to meet local needs.</p>

SA Framework		Appraisal Main Modifications to Policy SS3 (MM8)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
<p>Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce;</p> <p>Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres;</p> <p>Measures to encourage people to shop in the area;</p> <p>Enhancement of local distinctiveness;</p> <p>Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.</p>						
<p>Summary of likely significant effects:</p>						

SA Framework		Appraisal Main Modifications to Policy SS3 (MM8)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
<p>Taken together the modifications proposed under MM8 are likely to support balanced growth in the District to 2033, leading to positive effects in the long term on improving access to jobs, services and facilities, ensuring a supply of new homes to meet local needs and sustainable economic growth with the vitality of towns safeguarded and a vibrant rural economy sustained. On this basis it is considered that the modifications proposed to Policy SS3 would overall result in positive effects.</p>						

Table 8.1 Assessment Table for Main Modifications to Policy SS3 (MM8)

Assessment for Main Modifications to Policy SS6 (MM12)

SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy SS6 (MM12)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
<p>Social:</p> <p>Need to address:</p> <p>Implications of an increasingly ageing population;</p> <p>Meeting identified housing need, including the need for</p>	1	<p>Modifications reflect the removal of that part of the Wharf Road, Biddulph mixed use allocation known as BDNEW and the Council Assembly decision (26th June 2019) to identify appropriate land parcels around Biddulph, currently in the Green Belt, for safeguarding. Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.</p>	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Biddulph Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
	2	<p>Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.</p> <p>Improving access to jobs, services and facilities</p>	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Biddulph Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>

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SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy SS6 (MM12)					Assumptions and mitigation	
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects	Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment	
							ST	MT
affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services; Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space;	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Biddulph Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.	
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Biddulph Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.	
	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	Modifications reflect the removal of that part of the Wharf Road, Biddulph mixed use allocation known as BDNEW and the Council Assembly decision (26 th June 2019) to identify appropriate land parcels around Biddulph, currently in the Green Belt, for safeguarding. Taken together these modifications are likely to have a mixed effect on this objective. Deletion of a proposed housing allocation may reduce the opportunity to provide new homes in the medium to long term, whilst safeguarding land is expected to help ensure a supply of new homes beyond the plan period. Taken together these modifications are predicted to result in uncertain, negative additional effects on this objective.	0	-/?	-/?	-/?	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Uncertain Geographical scale of effect: Biddulph Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed will reduce the supply of new homes during the plan period, whilst providing some certainty about how longer term needs, beyond the plan period, may be met. Mitigation: Loss of housing supply by deletion of BDNEW may be replaced by increasing the density of development on other sites in Biddulph.	
Any shortfall in school places;	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Biddulph Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.	

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SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy SS6 (MM12)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
<p>Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments;</p> <p>Modal shift away from journeys by car;</p> <p>Measures that reduce the need to travel;</p> <p>Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.</p>						
<p>Environmental</p> <p>Need to address:</p> <p>Climate change as a key sustainability issue;</p> <p>Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk;</p>	7	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Biddulph</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
	8	Improve air quality	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0

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SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy SS6 (MM12)					Assumptions and mitigation	
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment		
						Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		
Support for the re-use of construction or waste materials;	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Biddulph Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		
Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively;	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	Modifications reflect the removal of that part of the Wharf Road, Biddulph mixed use allocation known as BDNEW. The main SA report notes that the SMDC (Additional Sites) Local Wildlife Site Assessments (November 2017) considered that the site does not currently meet the criteria for SBI / BAS status. Whilst the species-rich hedgerow could potentially be of some ecological value, further surveys are required to establish this. The report notes that the site has potential to support roosting bats, badgers, nesting birds and amphibians. Overall the modification is not expected to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Biddulph Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		
Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA);	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	The main SA report notes that there are potential mining legacy issues at BDNEW as the land has previously been used for open cast mining. The site is indicated on the predictive map of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land as within an area where less than 20% of the land is likely to be BMV. Overall the modification is not expected to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Biddulph Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		
Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible;	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	Modifications reflect the removal of that part of the Wharf Road, Biddulph mixed use allocation known as BDNEW and the Council Assembly decision (26th June 2019) to identify appropriate land parcels around Biddulph, currently in the Green Belt, for safeguarding. Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Biddulph Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		

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SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy SS6 (MM12)						
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation			
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment		
<p>The risk of adverse effects on historic assets;</p> <p>Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.</p>	13	<p>Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings</p>	<p>The main SA report notes that BDNEW was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (Assessment of additional sites; October 2017) which considers that whilst there are six Grade II Listed Buildings within the 400m buffer, due to the intervening buildings and vegetation, development would not adversely impact upon the settings of the assets. Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.</p>	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Biddulph Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>	
	14	<p>Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets</p>	<p>The main SA report notes that BDNEW was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (Assessment of additional sites; October 2017) to be of high landscape sensitivity. The site is located beyond the Biddulph Valley Way, which currently forms a strong, vegetated settlement edge and limit to development. The site is inter-visible with the Green Belt to the west. The study considered that development within BDNEW would encroach on the surrounding countryside, and would adversely affect the existing settlement edge. The report noted that development of the site could potentially compromise the surrounding sensitive countryside, as there would be no clear limit to development beyond the site. Deletion of BDNEW is likely to result in positive effects on this objective.</p>	+	+	++	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Biddulph Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed will avoid potential for landscape harm and will protect the defined settlement edge, offering future protection for sensitive countryside.</p>	
	15	<p>Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness</p>	<p>Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.</p>	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Biddulph Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>	

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SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy SS6 (MM12)					Assumptions and mitigation	
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment		
<p>Economic</p> <p>Need to address</p> <p>Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities;</p> <p>Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses;</p> <p>Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities;</p> <p>Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses;</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy</p>	<p>Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.</p>	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Biddulph</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>		
	<p>17</p> <p>Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy</p>	<p>Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.</p>	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Biddulph</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>		
	<p>18</p> <p>High and stable level of employment</p>	<p>Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.</p>	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Biddulph</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>		

SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy SS6 (MM12)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
<p>Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce;</p> <p>Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres;</p> <p>Measures to encourage people to shop in the area;</p> <p>Enhancement of local distinctiveness;</p> <p>Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.</p>						
<p>Summary of likely significant effects:</p>						

SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy SS6 (MM12)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
<p>Taken together the modifications proposed under MM12 are likely to support the sustainable growth of Biddulph. Deletion of a proposed housing allocation may reduce the opportunity to provide new homes in the medium to long term (this may be mitigated by other proposed modifications) whilst safeguarding land is expected to help ensure a supply of new homes beyond the plan period. Modifications will help to avoid potential for landscape harm and will protect the defined settlement edge, offering future protection for sensitive countryside. On this basis it is considered that the modifications proposed to Policy SS6 would result in positive effects overall.</p>						

Table 8.2 Assessment Table for Main Modifications to Policy SS6 (MM12)
Assessment for Main Modifications to Policy E2 (MM17)

SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy E2 (MM17)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
<p>Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for</p>	<p>1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality</p>	<p>Modifications reflect the amended employment land requirement as a result of amending the plan period (MM8); deletion of the proposed allocation on land west of Basford Lane, Leekbrook and exclusion of that part of the mixed use allocation at land off Tunstall Road, Biddulph controlled by an unwilling landowner. The employment allocation ADD09 at Leekbrook may be expected to have an impact on the living conditions of residents on Basford Lane. Deletion of ADD09 is likely to have a positive effect on this objective.</p>	0	0	+	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed will avoid the potential for delivery of new employment to conflict with existing residential amenity.</p>

SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy E2 (MM17)					Assumptions and mitigation	
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment		
affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services;	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	Modifications would lead to the loss of 0.8ha of employment land at Leekbrook and 0.7ha at land off Tunstall Road. Whilst it is expected that this shortfall would be made up by employment windfalls in the long term, there may be some negative effects on this objective in the short and medium terms.	-	-	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed will result in a reduced availability of employment land.		
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		
	4 Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		
	5 Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		
	Any shortfall in school places;	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.	

SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy E2 (MM17)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
<p>Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments;</p> <p>Modal shift away from journeys by car;</p> <p>Measures that reduce the need to travel;</p> <p>Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.</p>						
<p>Environmental</p> <p>Need to address:</p> <p>Climate change as a key sustainability issue;</p> <p>Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk;</p>	7	<p>Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.</p>	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
	<p>Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation</p>					

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SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy E2 (MM17)					
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation		
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment	
Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials;	9	Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.	
	10	Conserve and enhance biodiversity	+	+	+	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed will avoid the potential for delivery of new employment space resulting in an adverse impact on the wildlife site at Cheddleton Heath.	
Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA);	11	Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	+	+	+	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed will avoid the potential for delivery of new employment space resulting in an adverse impact on best and most versatile agricultural land.	
	12	Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.	
conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible;	13	Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.	

SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy E2 (MM17)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects		Assumptions and mitigation		
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
<p>The risk of adverse effects on historic assets;</p> <p>Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.</p>	14	<p>Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets</p>	+	+	+	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed will avoid the potential for delivery of new employment space resulting in an adverse impact on landscape character.</p>
	15	<p>Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness</p>	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
	16	<p>Safeguard vitality of rural economy</p>	-	-	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed will result in a reduced availability of employment land. Mitigation Other proposed modifications to the Plan are likely to provide some mitigation measures. In particular MM54 provides some additional text to clarify that employment monitoring will assess whether sufficient employment land is being delivered, if there are any issues with supply and the contribution made by windfalls.</p>
<p>Economic</p> <p>Need to address</p> <p>Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities;</p> <p>Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses;</p>	17	<p>Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy</p>	-	-	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed will result in a reduced availability of employment land. Mitigation Other proposed modifications to the Plan are likely to provide some mitigation measures. In</p>

SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy E2 (MM17)			
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects		Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT
<p>Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities;</p> <p>Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses;</p> <p>Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce;</p> <p>Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres;</p> <p>Measures to encourage people to shop in the area;</p>	18				<p>particular MM54 provides some additional text to clarify that employment monitoring will assess whether sufficient employment land is being delivered, if there are any issues with supply and the contribution made by windfalls.</p> <p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed will result in a reduced availability of employment land. Mitigation Other proposed modifications to the Plan are likely to provide some mitigation measures. In particular MM54 provides some additional text to clarify that employment monitoring will assess whether sufficient employment land is being delivered, if there are any issues with supply and the contribution made by windfalls.</p>
	<p>High and stable level of employment</p> <p>Modifications would lead to the loss of 0.8ha of employment land at Leekbrook and 0.7ha at land off Tunstall Road. Whilst it is expected that this shortfall would be made up by employment windfalls in the long term, there may be some negative effects on this objective in the short and medium terms.</p>	-	-	0	

SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy E2 (MM17)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
<p>Summary of likely significant effects:</p> <p>Taken together the modifications reflect the amended employment land requirement as a result of amending the plan period (MM8); deletion of the proposed allocation on land west of Basford Lane, Leekbrook and exclusion of that part of the mixed use allocation at land off Tunstall Road, Biddulph controlled by an unwilling landowner. Whilst deletion of ADD09 is likely to lead to minor positive effects on residents' living conditions, landscape character and biodiversity, the modifications are expected to result in the reduced availability of employment land in the short to medium terms with associated negative impacts on sustainable economic growth. On this basis it is considered that the modifications to Policy E2 would result in negative effects overall. However it should be noted that these effects may be mitigated by other proposed modifications to the Plan, including Modification MM54 which adds commentary on the need to monitor the provision of employment land on allocated sites and through windfall to determine if additional sites should be released through a Local Plan review.</p>						

Table 8.3 Assessment Table for Main Modifications to Policy E2 (MM17)

Assessment for Main Modifications to Policy H1 (MM20)

SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy H1 (MM20)					
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation		
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment	
<p>Social:</p> <p>Need to address:</p> <p>Implications of an increasingly ageing population;</p> <p>Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures;</p> <p>Reducing health inequalities;</p> <p>Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services;</p>	1	Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	In addition to amended supporting text to improve clarity, MM20 lowers the threshold for making a contribution towards self-build /custom-build from 15 to 10 dwellings, adds text regarding the monitoring of windfalls and affordable housing to ensure that needs are being met and amends Part 3b (housing mix) to include a size threshold (in addition to a dwellings threshold) whilst also allowing for viability or other circumstances. In addition, MM20 amends Part 3c (density) to strengthen the wording in relation to high density development being appropriate in locations which are more accessible by public transport. And Part 3d (flexible accommodation) is amended to introduce a threshold of 10 dwellings (or 0.5ha) at which housing developments should aim to provide it. Taken together these modifications are likely to result in positive effects on this objective.	+	+	+	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed will help to create sustainable communities.</p>
	2	Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
	3	Improve health and reduce health inequalities	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>

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SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy H1 (MM20)					Assumptions and mitigation	
Summary of baseline situation		SA Objective		Predicted effects		Justification for assessment		
				Nature of effect		ST	MT	LT
<p>Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space;</p> <p>Any shortfall in school places;</p> <p>Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments;</p> <p>Modal shift away from journeys by car;</p> <p>Measures that reduce the need to travel;</p> <p>Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.</p>	4	Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	<p>Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.</p>	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>	
	5	Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	<p>In addition to amended supporting text to improve clarity, MM20 lowers the threshold for making a contribution towards self-build / custom-build from 15 to 10 dwellings, adds text regarding the monitoring of windfalls and affordable housing to ensure that needs are being met and amends Part 3b (housing mix) to include a size threshold (in addition to a dwellings threshold) whilst also allowing for viability or other circumstances. In addition, MM20 amends Part 3c (density) to strengthen the wording in relation to high density development being appropriate in locations which are more accessible by public transport. And Part 3d (flexible accommodation) is amended to introduce a threshold of 10 dwellings (or 0.5ha) at which housing developments should aim to provide it. Taken together these modifications are likely to result in positive effects on this objective.</p>	+	+	+	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed will help to ensure a supply of new homes to meet local needs.</p>	
	6	Reduce number of journeys made by car	<p>Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.</p>	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>	

SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy H1 (MM20)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
<p>Environmental</p> <p>Need to address:</p> <p>Climate change as a key sustainability issue;</p> <p>Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk;</p> <p>Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials;</p> <p>Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively;</p> <p>Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA);</p>	7	Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
	8	Improve air quality	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
	9	Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
	10	Conserve and enhance biodiversity	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
	11	Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>

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SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy H1 (MM20)					
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Assumptions and mitigation Justification for assessment	
<p>Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible;</p> <p>The risk of adverse effects on historic assets;</p> <p>Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.</p>	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>	
	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	MM20 amends Part 5d (conversion of rural buildings) replacing "and" with "or" to bring the Policy more closely in line with the 2012 Framework. The modification is likely to have a positive effect on this objective.	+	+	+	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed will help to protect heritage assets.</p>	
	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	MM20 amends Part 4c (countryside impacts) to provide more clarity. The modification is likely to have a positive effect on this objective.	+	+	+	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed will help to protect landscape character.</p>	
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>	

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SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy H1 (MM20)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
<p>Economic</p> <p>Need to address</p> <p>Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities;</p> <p>Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses;</p> <p>Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities;</p> <p>Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses;</p> <p>Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy</p>	<p>Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.</p>	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
	<p>17</p> <p>Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy</p>	<p>Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.</p>	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
	<p>18</p> <p>High and stable level of employment</p>	<p>Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.</p>	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>

SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy H1 (MM20)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
<p>retain and develop a local workforce;</p> <p>Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres;</p> <p>Measures to encourage people to shop in the area;</p> <p>Enhancement of local distinctiveness;</p> <p>Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.</p>						
<p>Summary of likely significant effects:</p> <p>In addition to amended supporting text to improve clarity, MM20 lowers the threshold for making a contribution towards self-build /custom-build from 15 to 10 dwellings, adds text regarding the monitoring of windfalls and affordable housing to ensure that needs are being met and amends Part 3b (housing mix) to include a size threshold (in addition to a dwellings threshold) whilst also allowing for viability or other circumstances. In addition, MM20 amends Part 3c (density) to strengthen the wording in relation to high density development being appropriate in locations which are more accessible by public transport. And Part 3d (flexible accommodation) is amended to introduce a threshold of 10 dwellings (or 0.5ha). These modifications are expected to lead to positive effects on the quality of places where people live and ensuring that the supply of new homes meets local need. In addition MM20 amends Part 5d (conversion</p>						

SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy H1 (MM20)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
<p>of rural buildings) to bring the Policy more closely in line with the 2012 Framework and amends Part 4c (managing impacts on countryside) to provide more clarity. These modifications are expected to result in positive effects on protecting heritage assets and landscape character. On this basis it is considered that the modifications proposed to Policy H1 would overall result in positive effects.</p>						

Table 8.4 Assessment Table for Main Modifications to Policy H1 (MM20)

Assessment for Main Modifications to Policy H2 (MM21)

SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy H2 (MM21)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
<p>Social: Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population; Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures;</p>	1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality	Modification MM21 amends proposed housing site allocations to delete BDNEW and to increase development capacity on Wharf Road and Tunstall Road, whilst also updating housing figures to 31.03.2019. Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
	2 Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
	3 Improve health and reduce health inequalities	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>

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SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy H2 (MM21)					Assumptions and mitigation	
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment		
<p>Reducing health inequalities;</p> <p>Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services;</p> <p>Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space;</p> <p>Any shortfall in school places;</p> <p>Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments;</p> <p>Modal shift away from journeys by car;</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime</p>	<p>Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.</p>	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>		
	<p>5</p> <p>Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care</p>	<p>Modification MM21 amends proposed housing site allocations to delete BDNEW and to increase development densities at two allocated sites (Wharf Road and Tunstall Road). Capacity at Wharf Road is reduced from 588 to 442 and capacity at Tunstall Road is increased from 85 to 105, overall a net loss of 126 homes over the plan period. This is expected to lead to negative effects on this objective.</p>	-	-	-	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed will restrict the supply of new homes over the plan period.</p>		
	<p>6</p> <p>Reduce number of journeys made by car</p>	<p>Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.</p>	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>		

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SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy H2 (MM21)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Measures that reduce the need to travel; Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.						
Environmental Need to address: Climate change as a key sustainability issue;	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.
Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk;	8 Improve air quality	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.
Support for the re-use of construction or waste materials;	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.
Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.

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SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy H2 (MM21)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible;	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.
	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.
	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.
The risk of adverse effects on historic assets; Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	The main SA report notes that BDNEW was considered by the Council's Landscape, Local Green Space and Heritage Impact Study (Assessment of additional sites; October 2017) to be of high landscape sensitivity. The site is located beyond the Biddulph Valley Way, which currently forms a strong, vegetated settlement edge and limit to development. The site is inter-visible with the Green Belt to the west. The study considered that development within BDNEW would encroach on the surrounding countryside, and would adversely affect the existing settlement edge. The report noted that development of the site could	+	+	+	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed will avoid the risk that development west of the Biddulph Valley Way would have an adverse impact on landscape character.

SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy H2 (MM21)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
		potentially compromise the surrounding sensitive countryside, as there would be no clear limit to development beyond the site. Deletion of BDNEW is likely to result in positive effects on this objective.				
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.
Economic Need to address Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further employment and retention / expansion of existing businesses;	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.
	18 High and stable level of employment	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.

SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy H2 (MM21)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities;						
Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses;						
Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce;						
Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres;						
Measures to encourage people to shop in the area;						

SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy H2 (MM21)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
<p>Summary of likely significant effects:</p> <p>Modification MM21 amends proposed housing site allocations to delete BDNEW and to increase development densities at two allocated sites (Wharf Road and Tunstall Road). Capacity at Wharf Road is reduced from 588 to 442 and capacity at Tunstall Road is increased from 85 to 105, overall a net loss of 126 homes over the plan period. This is expected to lead to a slight reduction in the supply of new homes in the medium term. However the deletion of BDNEW avoids the risk that development west of the Biddulph Valley Way would have an adverse impact on landscape character. Overall it is considered that the modifications to Policy H2 would result in minor negative effects.</p>						

**Table 8.5 Assessment Table for Modifications to Policy H2 (MM21)
Assessment for Main Modifications to Policy H3 (MM22)**

SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy H3 (MM22)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
<p>Social:</p> <p>Need to address:</p> <p>1 Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality</p>		Modification MM22 amends the supporting text to the affordable housing policy to provide more detail about the Local Plan Viability Study and the proposed zones it sets out. Amended text also clarifies that	+	+	+	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed will help contribute to sustainable communities.</p>

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SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy H3 (MM22)					Assumptions and mitigation	
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment		
<p>Implications of an increasingly ageing population;</p> <p>Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures;</p> <p>Reducing health inequalities;</p> <p>Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services;</p> <p>Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space;</p>		affordable housing contributing to the needs of the District may also come forward within the Peak District National Park and provides clarification on the definition of affordable homes. Policy H3 is amended to reflect the new threshold at which contributions can be sought under the revised NPPF (10 homes plus or 0.5ha). New Part 3 (rural exception sites) is amended to be more consistent with national policy. New Part 4 (design) is added to ensure schemes are "tenure blind". Taken together these modifications are likely to result in positive effects on this objective.						
	2	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		
	3	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		
	4	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		

SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy H3 (MM22)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
<p>Any shortfall in school places;</p> <p>Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments;</p> <p>Modal shift away from journeys by car;</p> <p>Measures that reduce the need to travel;</p> <p>Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care</p>	<p>Modifications are designed to improve certainty around the delivery of affordable homes by clarifying the role of the Viability Study, the contribution to supply from development in the National Park, amending the threshold at which contributions can be sought and updating the rural exceptions policy. This is expected to lead to positive effects on this objective.</p>	+	+	+	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed will support the supply of affordable housing.</p>
	<p>6</p> <p>Reduce number of journeys made by car</p>	<p>Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.</p>	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
<p>Environmental</p> <p>Need to address:</p> <p>Climate change as a key sustainability issue;</p> <p>Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk;</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation</p>	<p>Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.</p>	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
	<p>8</p> <p>Improve air quality</p>	<p>Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.</p>	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>

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SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy H3 (MM22)					Assumptions and mitigation	
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment		
						Assumptions made		
Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials;	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		
Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively;	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		
Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA);	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		
Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible;	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		
The risk of adverse effects on historic assets;	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		

SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy H3 (MM22)					Assumptions and mitigation	
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects				LT	Justification for assessment	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT			
Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		
Economic Need to address Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses;	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		
	18 High and stable level of employment	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		

SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy H3 (MM22)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects Nature of effect			Assumptions and mitigation Justification for assessment	
		ST	MT	LT		
Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce; Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness;						

SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy H3 (MM22)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
<p>Summary of likely significant effects:</p> <p>Modification MM22 amends the supporting text to the affordable housing policy to provide more detail about the Local Plan Viability Study and the proposed zones it sets out. Amended text also clarifies that affordable housing contributing to the needs of the District may also come forward within the Peak District National Park and provides clarification on the definition of affordable homes. Policy H3 is amended to reflect the new threshold at which contributions can be sought under the revised NPPF (10 homes plus or 0.5ha). New Part 3 (rural exception sites) is amended to be more consistent with national policy. New Part 4 (design) is added to ensure schemes are "tenure blind". Overall the modifications are expected to lead to greater certainty over the delivery of affordable homes. On this basis it is considered that the modifications to Policy H3 are likely to result in positive effects.</p>						

Table 8.6 Assessment Table for Modifications to Policy H3 (MM22)

Assessment for Main Modifications to Policy C2 (MM31)

SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy C2 (MM31)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
<p>Social:</p> <p>Need to address:</p> <p>Implications of an increasingly ageing population;</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality</p>	<p>Modification MM31 amends supporting text to the Sport, Recreation and Open Space Policy to improve clarity, to support community access to school sports facilities; and provide guidance on requirements for replacement of school playing fields lost to development. Amendments to Policy C2 include the addition of a threshold for residential developments of 10 dwellings (or 0.5ha) and the inclusion of</p>	+	+	+	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed will support sustainable communities.</p>

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SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy C2 (MM31)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects Nature of effect	Assumptions and mitigation			Justification for assessment
			ST	MT	LT	
<p>Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures;</p> <p>Reducing health inequalities;</p> <p>Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services;</p> <p>Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space;</p> <p>Any shortfall in school places;</p>	2	<p>quantity standards derived from the Open Space Study to aid certainty and transparency. Amendments to Part 1 ensure greater consistency with national policy. Taken together these modifications are likely to result in positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.</p>	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
	3	<p>Modification MM31 amends supporting text to the Sport, Recreation and Open Space Policy to improve clarity; to support community access to school sports facilities; and provide guidance on requirements for replacement of school playing fields lost to development.</p> <p>Amendments to Policy C2 include the addition of a threshold for residential developments of 10 dwellings (or 0.5ha) and the inclusion of quantity standards derived from the Open Space Study to aid certainty and transparency.</p> <p>Amendments to Part 1 ensure greater consistency with national policy. Taken together these modifications are likely to result in positive effects on this objective.</p>	+	+	+	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed will help enable protection of school playing fields, improve community access to school facilities and provide more certainty around the delivery of open space as part of residential developments, benefiting the health and well-being of local communities.</p>
	4	<p>Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.</p>	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
	4	<p>Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime</p>	<p>Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.</p>	0	0	0

SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy C2 (MM31)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
<p>Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments;</p> <p>Modal shift away from journeys by car;</p> <p>Measures that reduce the need to travel;</p> <p>Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care</p>	<p>Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.</p>	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
	<p>6</p> <p>Reduce number of journeys made by car</p>	<p>Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.</p>	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
<p>Environmental</p> <p>Need to address:</p> <p>Climate change as a key sustainability issue;</p> <p>Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk;</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation</p>	<p>Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.</p>	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
	<p>8</p> <p>Improve air quality</p>	<p>Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.</p>	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>

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SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy C2 (MM31)					Assumptions and mitigation	
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment		
						Predicted effects		
Support for the re-use of construction or waste materials;	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		
Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively;	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		
Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA);	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		
Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible;	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		
The risk of adverse effects on historic assets;	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		

SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy C2 (MM31)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects		Assumptions and mitigation		
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.
Economic Need to address Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses;	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.
	18 High and stable level of employment	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.

SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy C2 (MM31)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Assumptions and mitigation Justification for assessment
<p>Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities;</p> <p>Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses;</p> <p>Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce;</p> <p>Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres;</p> <p>Measures to encourage people to shop in the area;</p>						

SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy C2 (MM31)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Enhancement of local distinctiveness; Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
<p>Summary of likely significant effects:</p> <p>The Main Modifications proposed will help enable protection of school playing fields, improve community access to school facilities and provide more certainty around the delivery of open space as part of residential developments, benefiting the health and well-being of local communities. Taken together these modifications are likely to result in positive effects on health and on sustainable communities. On this basis it is considered that the modifications to Policy C2 would result in minor positive effects.</p>						

Table 8.7 Assessment Table for Modifications to Policy C2 (MM31)
Assessment for Main Modifications to Policy DSL2 (MM36)

SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy DSL2 (MM36)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
<p>Social:</p> <p>Need to address: Implications of an increasingly ageing population;</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality</p>	<p>Modification MM36 amends Policy DSL2 regarding development of land at the Mount, Leek, in order to ensure that proposals recognise the recreational value of the Mount to the community, are accompanied by assessment to ensure that the amenity levels of future occupants</p>	+	+	+	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Leek Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed will help contribute to the creation of a sustainable community.</p>

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SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy DSL2 (MM36)					Assumptions and mitigation	
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment		
<p>Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures;</p> <p>Reducing health inequalities;</p> <p>Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services;</p> <p>Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space;</p> <p>Any shortfall in school places;</p>		are acceptable in relation to wind turbine noise, and clarify landscape and highways mitigation measures required - all to be reflected in master-planning. Supporting text is also amended accordingly. Taken together these modifications are likely to result in positive effects on this objective.						
	2	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0		Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.	
	Improving access to jobs, services and facilities							
	3	Modification MM36 amend Policy DSL2 to include recognition of the recreational value of the Mount to the community, including through appropriately located green infrastructure and connectivity to public rights of way. Taken together these modifications are likely to result in positive effects on this objective.	+	+	+		Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed will help to support active travel, health and well-being.	
	4	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0		Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.	
5	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0		Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		
Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care								

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SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy DSL2 (MM36)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
<p>Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments;</p> <p>Modal shift away from journeys by car;</p> <p>Measures that reduce the need to travel;</p> <p>Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.</p>	6	Reduce number of journeys made by car	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.
	7	Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.
<p>Environmental</p> <p>Need to address:</p> <p>Climate change as a key sustainability issue;</p> <p>Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk;</p>	8	Improve air quality	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.

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SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy DSL2 (MM36)					Assumptions and mitigation	
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Nature of effect	Justification for assessment		
		ST	MT	LT				
Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials; Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively; Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA); Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible; The risk of adverse effects on historic assets;	9	0	0	0	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		
	10	0	0	0	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		
	11	0	0	0	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		
	12	0	0	0	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		
	13	0	0	0	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		

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SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy DSL2 (MM36)					
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects				Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment	
Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns.	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	Modification MM36 amends the Policy to clarify landscape mitigation measures. This is likely to lead to positive effects on this objective.	+	+	+		Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed will help to provide certainty around the requirements for landscape mitigation measures.
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.
Economic Need to address Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further employment development and retention / expansion of existing businesses;	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.
	18 High and stable level of employment	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.

SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy DSL2 (MM36)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects Nature of effect			Assumptions and mitigation Justification for assessment	
		ST	MT	LT		
Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities; Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses; Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce; Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres; Measures to encourage people to shop in the area; Enhancement of local distinctiveness;						

SA Framework		Appraisal of Main Modifications to Policy DSL2 (MM36)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
<p>Summary of likely significant effects:</p> <p>Modification MM36 amends Policy DSL2 regarding development of land at the Mount, Leek, in order to ensure that proposals recognise the recreational value of the Mount to the community, are accompanied by assessment to ensure that the amenity levels of future occupants are acceptable in relation to wind turbine noise, and clarify landscape and highways mitigation measures required - all to be reflected in master-planning. Supporting text is also amended accordingly. Taken together these modifications are likely to benefit the amenity of existing and new residents, and support active travel, health and well-being. On this basis it is considered that the modifications to Policy DSL2 would result in positive effects.</p>						

Table 8.8 Assessment Table for Modifications to Policy DSL2 (MM36)

Assessment for new Policy DSR5 (MM50)

SA Framework		Appraisal of Policy DSR5 (MM50)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
<p>Social:</p> <p>Need to address:</p> <p>Implications of an increasingly ageing population;</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality</p>	<p>Modification MM50 introduces new Policy DSR5 Bolton Copperworks, Froghall with supporting text. Details of this site are included in the Submission Version of the Plan at Para 7.66 and development requirements are set out at Part 4 of SS10 Other Rural Areas Strategy. Bolton Copperworks (OC001) was appraised as a site option during plan preparation,</p>	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>

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SA Framework		Appraisal of Policy DSR5 (MM/50)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
<p>Meeting identified housing need, including the need for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures;</p> <p>Reducing health inequalities;</p> <p>Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services;</p> <p>Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space;</p> <p>Any shortfall in school places;</p>		findings are included in the full SA report, summarised at para 5.1273 of ED6.5. Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.				
	2	Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
	3	Improve health and reduce health inequalities	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
	4	Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
	5	Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>

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SA Framework		Appraisal of Policy DSR5 (MM50)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
<p>Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments;</p> <p>Modal shift away from journeys by car;</p> <p>Measures that reduce the need to travel;</p> <p>Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.</p>	6 Reduce number of journeys made by car	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
	7 Minimise contributions to climate change, consider climate change adaptation	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
	8 Improve air quality	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>

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SA Framework		Appraisal of Policy DSR5 (MM/50)					Assumptions and mitigation	
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Nature of effect	Predicted effects			Justification for assessment		
			ST	MT	LT			
Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials;	9 Reduce flood risk, protect and enhance water sources	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		
Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively;	10 Conserve and enhance biodiversity	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		
Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA);	11 Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		
Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible;	12 Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		
The risk of adverse effects on historic assets;	13 Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.		

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SA Framework		Appraisal of Policy DSR5 (MM50)					
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects				Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment	
Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation and improved evening economy in towns. Economic Need to address Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities; Initiatives to encourage further employment and development and retention / expansion of existing businesses;	14 Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic landscape and other natural assets	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.	
	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.	
	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.	
	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.	
	18 High and stable level of employment	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.	

SA Framework		Appraisal of Policy DSR5 (MM50)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects	Assumptions and mitigation			Justification for assessment
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	
<p>Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities;</p> <p>Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses;</p> <p>Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce;</p> <p>Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres;</p> <p>Measures to encourage people to shop in the area;</p> <p>Enhancement of local distinctiveness;</p>						

SA Framework		Appraisal of Policy DSR5 (MM50)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						
<p>Summary of likely significant effects:</p> <p>Modification MM50 introduces new Policy DSR5 Bolton Copperworks, Froghall with supporting text. Details of this site are included in the Submission Version of the Plan at Para 7.66 and development requirements are set out at Part 4 of SS10 Other Rural Areas Strategy. Bolton Copperworks (OC001) was appraised as a site option during plan preparation, findings are included in the full SA report, summarised at para 5.1273 of ED6.5. On this basis it is considered that Policy DSR5 would result in no additional effects.</p>						

Table 8.9 Assessment Table for Modifications to Policy DSR5 (MM50)

Assessment for new Policy DSR6 (MM51)

SA Framework		Appraisal of Policy DSR6 (MM51)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
<p>Social:</p> <p>Need to address:</p> <p>Implications of an increasingly ageing population;</p> <p>Meeting identified housing need, including the need</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Community cohesion and neighbourhood quality</p>	<p>Modification MM51 introduces new Policy DSR6 Anzio Camp, Blackshaw Moor with supporting text. Details of this site are included in the Submission Version of the Plan at Para 7.66 and development requirements are set out at Part 4 of Policy SS10 Other Rural Areas Strategy. Anzio Camp (OC050) was appraised as a site option during plan preparation, findings are included in the full SA report, summarised at para 5.1156 of</p>	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>

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SA Framework		Appraisal of Policy DSR6 (MM/51)					
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation		
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment	
for affordable homes and provision of an appropriate mix of house types and tenures; Reducing health inequalities; Opportunities to improve the health of older people through appropriate housing and access to community facilities and services; Quantity, quality and accessibility of sports and recreation facilities, including open space; Any shortfall in school places; Creation of accessible and safe public and private environments;		ED6.5. Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0		
	2	Improving access to jobs, services and facilities	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.
	3	Improve health and reduce health inequalities	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.
	4	Minimise opportunities for crime and reduce fear of crime	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.
	5	Ensure supply new homes to meet local needs including affordable / social / extra care	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.
	6	Reduce number of journeys made by car	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.

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SA Framework		Appraisal of Policy DSR6 (MM51)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
<p>Modal shift away from journeys by car;</p> <p>Measures that reduce the need to travel;</p> <p>Accessibility for those without a car is maintained and improved.</p>						
<p>Environmental</p> <p>Need to address:</p> <p>Climate change as a key sustainability issue;</p> <p>Use of areas in flood zone 1 and away from sources of risk;</p> <p>Support for the re-use of construction or construction waste materials;</p>	7	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
	8	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
	9	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>

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SA Framework		Appraisal of Policy DSR6 (MM/51)					
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects				Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment	
<p>Retention of the distinctive character of the landscape with any change managed positively;</p> <p>Requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of land use plans affecting Natura 2000 sites (HRA);</p> <p>Scope for protecting and enhancing habitats of importance for nature conservation, with creation of new habitats where possible;</p> <p>The risk of adverse effects on historic assets;</p> <p>Need for better quality facilities for tourists including serviced accommodation</p>	10	Conserve and enhance biodiversity	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
	11	Safeguard geological resources including the best and most versatile agricultural land	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
	12	Minimise the use of non-renewable resources	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
	13	Protect and enhance character of towns / villages; heritage assets and their settings	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>
	14	Protect and enhance character / appearance of landscape including historic assets and other natural assets	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	<p>Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely</p> <p>Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area</p> <p>Temporary / Permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.</p>

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SA Framework		Appraisal of Policy DSR6 (MM51)					
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects				Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment	
and improved evening economy in towns.	15 Encourage sustainable tourism, cultural heritage and local distinctiveness	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.	
Economic Need to address Meeting local employment needs to achieve self-sufficient communities;	16 Safeguard vitality of towns and sustain vibrant rural economy	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.	
Initiatives to encourage further employment and retention / expansion of existing businesses;	17 Sustainable economic growth and diversification of the economy	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.	
Diversification of the economic base to improve employment opportunities;	18 High and stable level of employment	Taken together these modifications are not likely to result in additional effects on this objective.	0	0	0	Likelihood/certainty of effect occurring: Likely Geographical scale of effect: Local Plan area Temporary / Permanent: Permanent Assumptions made: The Main Modifications proposed have no substantive implications for this Objective.	

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SA Framework		Appraisal of Policy DSR6 (MM/51)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Assumptions and mitigation Justification for assessment
Safeguarding good quality employment sites from development for other uses;						
Provision of relevant employment skills, training and support to help retain and develop a local workforce;						
Maintaining the vitality and viability of the towns and protection of the towns as service centres;						
Measures to encourage people to shop in the area;						
Enhancement of local distinctiveness;						
Protection of the retail function in the heart of the town centres.						

SA Framework		Appraisal of Policy DSR6 (MM51)				
Summary of baseline situation	SA Objective	Predicted effects			Assumptions and mitigation	
		Nature of effect	ST	MT	LT	Justification for assessment
<p>Summary of likely significant effects:</p> <p>Modification MM51 introduces new Policy DSR6 Anzio Camp, Blackshaw Moor with supporting text. Details of this site are included in the Submission Version of the Plan at Para 7.66 and development requirements are set out at Part 4 of Policy SS10 Other Rural Areas Strategy. Anzio Camp (OC050) was appraised as a site option during plan preparation, findings are included in the full SA report, summarised at para 5.1156 of ED6.5. On this basis it is considered that MM51 will result in no additional effects.</p>						

Table 8.10 Assessment Table for Modifications to Policy DSR6 (MM51)

