

Hartlepool Local Planning Framework

Local Plan Preferred Options

Sustainability Appraisal Consultation Document



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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The key planning document within the Local Development Framework (LDF) is the new Local Plan document. All other local development documents within the LDF must be in conformity with the Local Plan.
- 1.2 The Hartlepool Local Plan sets out the key elements of the planning framework for the area and comprises a spatial vision and strategic objectives, a locational strategy and a range of policies to guide development within the Borough over the next 15 years. It sets out clearly what kind of place the borough will be in the future; what kind of changes will be needed to make this happen; and how this will be brought about. It will provide the delivery mechanism for the Community Strategy ('Hartlepool's Ambition') and other plans and strategies of the Council and of other bodies in so far as they relate to the use and development of land.
- 1.3 The Sustainability Appraisal (SA) incorporates the requirements of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive (transposed into UK law through the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004), and has been undertaken with regard to guidance within the National Planning Practice Guidance. The combined SA/SEA process is referred to in this document as sustainability appraisal (SA).
- 1.4 As part of the Local Plan Issues and Options Stage, undertaken in May 2014, the Local Authority reviewed its previously endorsed Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report. The revised Scoping Report was available as part of the consultation process for interested parties to comment on. Some suggested amendments were received from Historic England and have been incorporated into the revised and endorsed Scoping Report which forms the basis for this Sustainability Appraisal.

2.0 PURPOSE OF THE SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL REPORT

- 2.1 Sustainable development is about delivering a better quality of life for everyone, now and for generations to come. A widely used international definition for sustainable development is that it is “development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs”.
- 2.2 The SA should consider the inter-relationships between the social, environmental and economic effects of the implementation of the document. This sustainability appraisal report sets out how these effects have been considered during the preparation of the document to date.
- 2.3 The report highlights the changes made to policies as a result of the Sustainability Appraisals of the policies during their preparation. It also notes changes arising locally and nationally over the period of time which the policies have been developed.
- 2.4 The report considers the cross boundary impacts of the policies, the cumulative and synergistic impacts. Cumulative impacts can be described as the incremental effects of an action which, when added to other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions have a combined and significant effect; or more simply, the total effects of a number of actions. Synergistic effects interact to produce a total effect greater than the sum of the individual effects, these are also known as in-combination effects.

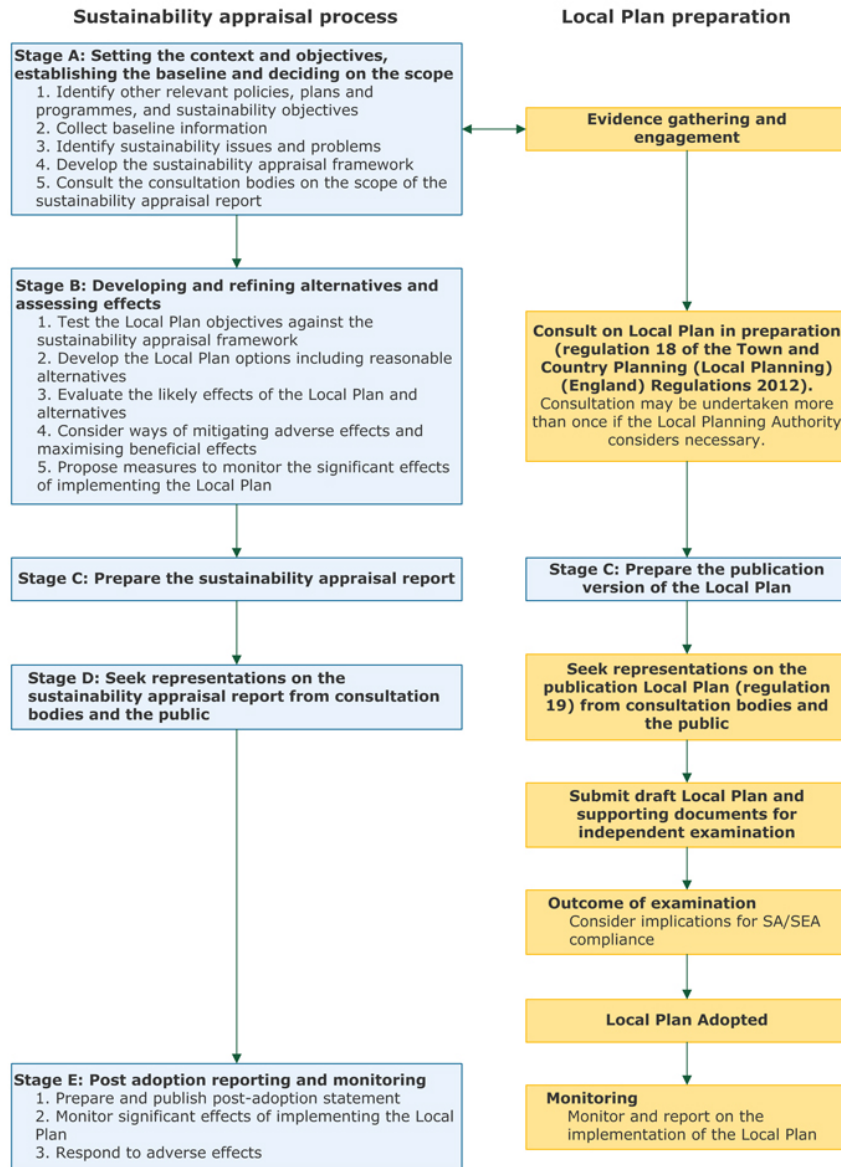
3.0 NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY OF SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL

- 3.1 This report looks at the preparation of the policies in the Local Plan which forms part of the Local Development Framework. The policies have been developed following the development of and consultation on the Issues and Options in 2014.
- 3.2 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that all local development documents should contribute to the achievement of sustainable development. In addition, a European Directive requires that a formal strategic environment assessment (SEA) should be undertaken of certain plans and programmes which are likely to have significant environmental effects on the environment.
- 3.3 Sustainability appraisal is a systematic and iterative appraisal process to assess the economic, social and environmental effects of plans and strategies which at the same time incorporates the requirements of the SEA Directive.
- 3.4 The 2014 Scoping Report identifies relevant international, national, regional and local policies, plans and programmes, baseline information and sustainability issues and problems as they affect Hartlepool. From this review, the 15 sustainability appraisal objectives and related assessment criteria to be used in the assessment of local development documents were established. The main content of the Scoping Report has been reviewed and updated and is summarised in section 5 of this report.
- 3.5 The sustainability appraisal relating to the policies in the Local Plan was carried out in accordance with government guidance and has involved testing the policies against the 15 sustainability appraisal objectives and predicting and evaluating the economic, social and environmental impact of the suggested options.

4.0 METHODOLOGY FOR THE SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL

4.1 This sustainability appraisal of the policies in the Council’s Local Plan generally follows advice given in the governments National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG). Diagram One, from the NPPG, sets out the relationship between Sustainability Appraisal and the production of the Local Plan. The guidance sets out a series of tasks, illustrated in Diagram One below:

Diagram One – Steps in undertaking a Sustainability Appraisal (Source: NPPG)



4.2 The Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report was published for consultation purposes in May 2014 and was subsequently updated to reflect responses received from English Heritage, which included some suggested amendments to the assessment criteria for policies.

4.3 The Scoping Report sets out the context for the sustainability appraisal of local development documents in general and also Hartlepool’s Community Strategy, and is available on the internet:

- 4.4 Section 5 of this sustainability appraisal sets out the main aspects of the Scoping Report (as revised) relevant to this appraisal.
- 4.5 Stage B – includes 5 tasks as identified in the government guidance, they are:
1. Test the Local Plan objectives against the sustainability appraisal framework
 2. Develop the Local Plan options including reasonable alternatives
 3. Evaluate the likely effects of the Local Plan and alternatives
 4. Consider Ways of mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects
 5. Propose measures to monitor the significant effects of implementing the Local Plan.
- 4.6 This sustainability appraisal has tested the suggested objectives and assessed the economic, social and environmental effects of the suggested options and policies to evaluate their significance by assessing them in terms of the likely positive and negative impacts on the sustainability appraisal objectives.
- 4.7 Options and changes to policies which have resulted are incorporated from the assessments are summarised within section 6 of this document. The full appraisal of each of the draft policies (prior to the updates) is included at Appendix One.
- 4.8 The Council has an established SA methodology, as established within the Scoping Report, which has been followed throughout this process. In order to ensure the appraisal is robust, a group of Officers from a range of backgrounds and disciplines within the Council were involved. The authors of the report are joined by colleagues from heritage and countryside, landscape, economic development, corporate strategy, child and adults services and housing for example. The aim of drawing together such a group is so that the policies can be critically assessed from a range of view points, and practical mitigation factors discussed and developed where necessary to help improve the sustainability of the policies.
- Meeting the requirements of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive.**
- 4.9 The Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive (European Directive EC/2001/42) requires the preparation of an environmental report in which the likely significant effects on the environment of implementing certain plans or programmes, and reasonable alternatives taking into account the objectives and geographical scope of the plan or programme, are identified, described and evaluated. The Council prepared a standard methodology for appraisals which is compliant with the SEA Directive; this sustainability appraisal has been developed using this methodology.
- Appropriate Assessment under EC Habitats Directive*
- 4.10 The Local Plan, together with all other Development Plan Documents (DPDs), is also subject to a Habitats Regulations Assessment of its potential effects, together with other plans “in combination”, on European Sites identified for their nature conservation value. The relevant sites are Special Protection Areas (SPA), Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) and wetland sites with Ramsar designation. The purpose of the assessment is to establish whether the plan will affect the integrity of European Sites.
- 4.11 The first stage in the Habitat Regulations Assessment involves a screening process to:

- collect information on European sites within and outside the plan area including their characteristics, conservation objectives and other relevant plans and projects; and
 - identify whether or not the plan would have a likely significant effect on the plan and the habitats and species of international importance.
- 4.13 Where a likely significant effect is determined, then the next stage is an Appropriate Assessment of the potential affects of the plan on its own and in combination with other plans and projects.
- 4.14 In the production of DPDs in Hartlepool, the European Sites that need to be considered for likely significant effect are:
- Teesmouth & Cleveland Coast SPA
 - Teesmouth & Cleveland Coast Ramsar Site
 - Durham Coast SAC
 - Castle Eden Dene SAC
 - Thrislington SAC
 - Northumbria Coast SPA
 - Northumbria Coast Ramsar Site
 - North York Moors SPA
 - North York Moors SAC
 - North Pennine Moor SPA
- 4.15 If the Local Plan policies will have adverse effects on the integrity of any European sites, those effects should be mitigated by the imposition of conditions for example.
- 4.16 A Habitats Regulations Assessment has been produced and is available for comment along with this Sustainability Assessment as part of the eight week consultation on the Preferred Options Local Plan between May and July 2016.

5.0 POLICY LINKS, BASELINE CONDITIONS, KEY SUSTAINABILITY ISSUES AND SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL OBJECTIVES

5.1 The 2014 Scoping Report sets out the links to other policies, plans and programmes, the key economic, social and environmental issues, the development of Hartlepool's sustainability appraisal objectives highlighting their compatibility and any inconsistencies between them, and key baseline information.

5.2 The Scoping Report is a wide-ranging document and is intended to act as a template for all sustainability appraisals to be undertaken on a range of local development framework documents proposed including the Local Plan, other Development Plan Documents and Supplementary Planning Documents (where considered necessary) as well as other Council documents including the Community Strategy. Thus, whilst the key sustainability issues and objectives will be relevant in the appraisal of all documents, this is not necessarily the case in respect of links to other policies, plans and programmes and baseline information. Additional policies, plans and programmes may be relevant in the consideration of some local development documents and further baseline information may be identified in the sustainability appraisal of individual documents.

Links with other policies, plans and programmes

5.3 An essential part of the sustainability appraisal process is to review relevant European, national, regional and local strategies, policies and plans so as to take account of established sustainability and environmental protection objectives.

5.4 The Scoping Report lists all the plans and strategies reviewed highlighting their objectives and any targets established within them. Due account was taken of these objectives and targets in developing the sustainability appraisal objectives.

5.5 A synopsis of some of the more significant and relevant strategies, programmes and plans is provided below to set the general context for this sustainability appraisal.

EU Sustainable Development Strategy (2006)(Reviewed 2009)

5.6 The Renewed European Union Sustainable Development Strategy was adopted by the European Council in June 2006. It is an overarching strategy for all EU policies which sets out how we can meet the needs of present generations without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. The Strategy deals in an integrated way with economic, environmental and social issues and lists the following seven key challenges:

- Climate change and clean energy
- Sustainable transport
- Sustainable consumption and production
- Conservation and management of natural resources
- Public health
- Social inclusion, demography and migration
- Global poverty

5.7 In July 2009 the Commission adopted the 2009 Review of EU SDS. It underlines that in recent years the EU has mainstreamed sustainable development into a broad range of its policies. In particular, the EU has taken the lead in the fight against climate change and the promotion of a low-carbon economy. At the same time, unsustainable trends persist in

many areas and the efforts need to be intensified. The review took stock of EU policy measures in the areas covered by the EU SDS and launches a reflection on the future of the EU SDS and its relation to the Lisbon strategy.

European Covenant of Mayors

5.8 The Council has signed up to the European Covenant of Mayors which includes a commitment to reduce CO₂ emissions by 21% by 2020 based on 2005 emissions figures. These emission reductions will be achieved by progressively moving towards a low carbon economy.

5.9 A Sustainable Energy Action Plan (SEAP) has been produced in order to meet the requirements of the Covenant. The SEAP outlines a scenario that will allow the Council to exceed its 21% target. The SEAP includes a range of emissions sources and a number of actions to reduce them. The economic downturn has seen a significant reduction in carbon emissions from industry and commerce, and for this reason, the Council made the decision to exclude this sector from its baseline and SEAP. The SEAP will be reviewed every two years.

UK Sustainable Development Strategy (2005)

5.10 The 2005 strategy replaced an earlier strategy published in 1999 and it aims to enable people to satisfy their basic needs and enjoy a better quality of life without comprising the quality of life of future generations. The strategy sets out five guiding principles:

- living within environmental limits;
- ensuring a strong, healthy and just society;
- achieving a sustainable economy;
- promoting good governance; and
- using sound science responsibly.

The strategy also sets out four priorities for action:

- sustainable consumption and production;
- climate change;
- natural resource protection; and
- sustainable communities.

National Planning Policy

5.11 The Government is promoting a strong 'planning for growth' agenda which seeks to encourage the planning system to support 'long term sustainable growth' particularly in helping to deliver new housing and economic growth. The *National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)*, consolidates this aim and establishes a presumption in favour of sustainable development, encouraging local planning authorities to plan positively for growth. The NPPF is accompanied by the National Planning Practice Guidance which sets out guidance for the production of sustainability appraisals.

The Tees Valley Economic Regeneration Statement of Ambition 2011

5.12 The Statement of Ambition provides a framework for economic growth and sets out two over-riding ambitions which are to drive the transition to a high value, low carbon economy and to create a more diversified and inclusive economy. The statement identifies key growth sectors and highlights the conditions and infrastructure requirements that need to be addressed in order to achieve sub-regional growth.

The Tees Valley Green Infrastructure Strategy (2008)

- 5.13 This strategy provides a strategic approach to developing a network of green corridors and green places within the Tees Valley. Green infrastructure offers a way of achieving closer links between environmental improvement and proposed major development projects. It can provide opportunities to adapt to climate change by influencing development and the use of land. Green infrastructure planning for the borough involves the provision of planned strategic networks that link existing and proposed green spaces by way of green corridors which run through urban, suburban, urban fringe and rural areas.

Tees Valley Biodiversity Action Plan

- 5.14 The current Tees Valley Biodiversity Action Plan covers the council areas of Hartlepool, Stockton, Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland; Darlington is currently being incorporated into the plan. The cornerstone of the plan is habitat and species action plans for locally identified priority habitats and species. The process of preparing these plans has resulted in a much more detailed knowledge of the extent and location of key habitats and species in the Tees Valley and has resulted in the development and delivery of local conservation and habitat creation projects.

Tees Valley Climate Change Strategy, 2010 - 2020

- 5.15 A revised Tees Valley Climate Change Strategy was published in 2010, following a period of joint working by a range of stakeholders. The strategy superseded all previous climate change strategies that had been adopted by the Council; and it has been adopted by all five Tees Valley councils. The main objective of the new strategy is to create prosperous communities in a low-carbon economy.

Tees Valley Infrastructure Plan

- 5.16 A good understanding of infrastructure constraints is essential to help assess the appropriate level and distribution of growth in the Tees Valley. Cross boundary and sub-regional working is important so that strategic infrastructure requirements are understood and infrastructure needs can be prioritised. The aim of the plan is to provide a strategic overview of the infrastructure requirements of the Tees Valley, identify gaps in provision, and identify actions needed to provide/improve the infrastructure needed to deliver the economic growth ambitions of the sub-region.

'Hartlepool's Ambition', the Community Strategy (revised 2014)

- 5.17 The Community Strategy is a statutory plan required by the Local Government Act 2000 to promote the economic, social and environmental well-being of the borough, and contribute to the achievement of sustainable development. The strategy was prepared by the Hartlepool Partnership and allows local communities to articulate their aspirations, needs and priorities; co-ordinates the actions of the Council, and of the public, private, voluntary and community organisations; focuses and shapes existing and future activity of those organisations; and contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. It provides an overall policy framework and an action plan. The strategy incorporates the agreed long term vision and aspirations for the future:

"Hartlepool will be an ambitious, healthy, respectful, inclusive, thriving and outward-looking community, in an attractive and safe environment, where everyone is able to realise their potential".

- 5.18 The vision is described in more detail in eight themes: Jobs and the Economy, Lifelong Learning and Skills, Health and Well Being, Community Safety, Environment, Housing, Culture and Leisure and Strengthening Communities.

Sustainable Construction Strategy 2011 - 2021

- 5.19 The Sustainable Construction Strategy provides a statement of how the Council will address the principles of sustainable construction in its own activities. It is in recognition of its community leadership role that the Council is taking forward this agenda; the Council also realises its influence and responsibility extends beyond its own estate and in future years it is anticipated that the strategy will be extended to all construction activities across the borough.

The Economic Regeneration Strategy (ERS), 2011 - 2021

- 5.20 The ERS sets out a vision and action plan for regeneration and economic development in the borough for the next 10 years. The strategy incorporates five key objectives which seek to:

- improve business growth, business infrastructure and enhance a culture of entrepreneurship;
- attract new investment and develop major regeneration programmes to regenerate the area and improve connectivity;
- increase employment and skills levels and develop a competitive workforce that meets the demands of employers and the economy;
- increase economic inclusion of adults, tackle financial exclusion and reduce the proportion of children in poverty; and
- boost the visitor economy.

- 5.21 Key physical enhancement objectives focus on the town centre, marina and Seaton Carew areas, the existing business parks and sites at Wynyard and North Burn, and regenerating housing areas in and around the town centre.

Hartlepool Local Transport Plan 3, 2011-26

- 5.22 This third Local Transport Plan (LTP) describes how the council and its partners intend to build a high quality, integrated and safe transport system that supports continued economic growth and regeneration in the borough. The key priorities are to improve access to the key services and facilities for those most in need, to improve safety and security, to manage forecast increases in traffic growth and congestion and to minimise the adverse impacts of traffic on air quality and climate change. The plan also supports the wider quality of life objectives as part of Community Strategy. The document sets out a realistic, prioritised and deliverable programme of transport improvements that will deliver the best improvement in transport related objectives for the funding expected to be available.

The Local Infrastructure Plan (LIP), 2016

- 5.23 The LIP is an integral element of the Local Plan. It identifies the type of infrastructure required to facilitate the allocations (of all types of development) within the Local Plan and sets out the likely infrastructure improvements which will need to happen, who may deliver them, and how the infrastructure may be funded. It will form a key part of the Local Plan evidence base and will be the mechanism by which the delivery of the Local Plan can be monitored.

Baseline conditions and key sustainability issues in Hartlepool

- 5.24 The Scoping Report set out the key economic, social and environmental issues. These include:

Attracting investment

- 5.25 The tourism economy in Hartlepool (worth over £47 million in 2009) has grown significantly over the last decade or more. This growth was based around the regeneration of the Marina area. Hartlepool was the final port in the 2010 Tall Ships Race and it is estimated that the event attracted in the region of 1 million visitors to Hartlepool, providing a massive boost to the tourism economy.

- 5.26 Over the coming years the economy of Hartlepool will benefit from the continued development of Queens Meadow, Wynyard, the Port Estate, Southern Business Zone and potentially a new nuclear power station and new hospital at Wynyard.

- 5.27 The unemployment rate in Hartlepool (6.8% Dec 2013) continues to be relatively high and is well above the national (3%) and sub regional (4.5%) averages. In the early 2000's the gap between Hartlepool and the national average had narrowed however over the last few years this has started to increase again, but not to the levels of the late 90's and early 2000's. Of the people in Hartlepool who were of working age, the employment rate was 72.6% (2011 Census) compared with a national average of 77.4% (2011 Census). As a result of this high level unemployment the creation of jobs and attracting new investment into the Borough is seen as crucial.

Health

- 5.28 The health of Hartlepool residents is improving. On average they are living healthier and longer lives, however, they still suffer from more ill health and disability, higher death rates from diseases such as cancer, heart disease and respiratory disease and live shorter lives than in most other parts of the country. Rates of regular participation in sport and active recreation are significantly below regional and national averages. There is evidence that the health inequalities gap has narrowed over recent years however there is still a great deal to be done. In 2013 the number of people needing care (disability allowance or attendance allowance) was also well above the national average.

- 5.29 Cancer is the largest single cause of death in Hartlepool. Significant resources are being targeted at smoking cessation activities and supporting residents to make life changes. If the current trends in reduction in cancer and circulatory disease mortality are maintained then national targets are likely to be met, however even if these reductions are achieved it is unlikely to be enough to stop the widening gap between Hartlepool and the national average of life expectancy.

Skills

- 5.30 Qualification levels in Hartlepool are low compared to the sub regional and national levels with just over 50% of pupils gaining 5+ GCSE's at A-C including English and Maths. This compares to a national average of just below 60%. Hartlepool's performance had been fluctuated over recent years and in 2011 almost matched the national average, however has fallen back over the past couple of years.

Community Safety

- 5.31 Crime rates in Hartlepool are relatively high, but are generally falling. Key community safety initiatives such as the introduction of community police and target hardening measures

have contributed to the reduction in crime. The total number of crimes in Hartlepool stands at 70.3 per 1000 population (2012/3) which is still the 2nd highest in the Tees Valley after Middlesbrough (100.7/1000) but the figure has significantly and consistently improved over recent years compared to a figure of 155.3 per 1000 population in 2003. This trend is also mirrored in violent crimes which have seen significant drops from 34.6 per 1000 in 2005 to just 8.8 per 1000 in 2012/3.

Housing

- 5.32 Within Hartlepool, housing market failure has been evident in some parts of the town, particularly the central area, for a number of years. This is due in great part to the fact that Hartlepool contains higher than average levels of terraced housing stock (34.8% of stock in 2011 Household Survey), and that older terraced properties are much less popular than they were. Conversely the proportion of detached dwellings is relatively small (13.9% in 2011 Household Survey).
- 5.33 The imbalance in the housing stock is being addressed on a holistic basis. Housing market renewal initiatives for clearance and improvement are seeking to tackle problems associated with the existing housing stock and new housing development is helping to change the overall balance of housing stock and provide greater choice. In comparison with both sub-regional and national levels, the proportion of owner-occupied dwellings is low in Hartlepool and consequently the demands on the social rented stock are currently high.
- 5.34 The provision of new housing over the last decade or so is helping to widen housing choice in Hartlepool and this may have had some effect on stabilising overall levels of net migration from the Borough and has actually resulted in a slight increase in population from circa 90000 in 2004 to circa 92000 in 2014. House prices in the Borough remain low. The average price for houses sold in Hartlepool in 2012/3 was £123,520 compared to £131,670 in the Tees Valley and £143,980 in the North East.
- 5.35 The average house prices in Hartlepool have historically been the lowest in the Tees Valley however this trend has changed slightly since 2007/8 with average house prices in Middlesbrough falling below the average in Hartlepool. This average house price is likely to continue to increase over coming years with further demolition in market renewal areas and the likely expansion of the town westwards due to limited housing sites within the urban area.

Transport

- 5.36 Hartlepool is economically disadvantaged at present due to the fact it only has two main accesses into the town from the Strategic Highway network. As congestion has increased over the past decade it is crucial that new development seeks to improve the existing highway infrastructure to ensure congestion does not detract investors from locating into the town.
- 5.37 Car ownership in the borough is low, 39.% of households had no car in 2001 compared to 34% in the Tees Valley and 27% in England and Wales. The expansion of safer routes to school and school travel plans promote walking and cycling as sustainable modes of travel in favour of the car. The introduction of walking buses, walk and bike to school events further encourages sustainable travel and promotes safety.

Culture and Leisure

- 5.38 Museums associated with Hartlepool's maritime heritage and other important cultural facilities including the art gallery and Town Hall Theatre are located within the central part of the town and comprise a significant focus for Hartlepool's growing tourism economy. In particular, the Maritime Experience, incorporating the Historic Quay is a major regional / national visitor attraction. Hartlepool's attraction as a tourism destination was also considerably enhanced by the success of the 2010 Tall Ships event which drew in the region of a million people into the area.
- 5.39 Strategies to improve participation in sport and active recreation are in place and deliver wider social, health, economic and environmental outcomes. There are also a number of parks and recreation facilities scattered throughout the town. The town's three green wedges provide important links between the countryside and the heart of the urban areas. On the fringes of the built up area are three golf courses and the country park at Summerhill which provides a range of opportunities for different age groups from walking to climbing and mountain biking.
- The built and natural environment, climate change and air quality.*
- 5.40 The town has a long maritime tradition and a strong Christian heritage with the twelfth century St Hilda's church (a Grade 1 Listed Building) built on a seventh century monastery. The medieval parts of town are protected by the Town Wall constructed in 1315, now a Scheduled Monument and Grade 1 Listed Building. There are 8 Conservation Areas and one of the town's Victorian parks is included on the list of Registered Parks & Gardens. There are about 200 Listed Buildings (of which nine are Grade 1 or Grade II* Listed) and eight Scheduled Monuments.
- 5.41 The geology of the borough comprises two distinct types. The north of the borough sits on the southern reaches of the Durham Magnesian Limestone Plateau, which is of international geological importance. The Magnesian Limestone is exposed in several quarries and road cuttings and forms a spectacular gorge in West Crimdon Dene along the northern boundary of the borough. The southern half of the borough sits on Sherwood Sandstone from the Triassic period; a rare exposure on the coast at Long Scar & Little Scar Rocks is a Regionally Important Geological Site. The Submerged Forest SSSI is of more recent geological origin, which underlies Carr House Sands and is intermittently exposed by the tide.
- 5.42 The borough is bordered on the east by the North Sea and features extensive areas of attractive coastline including beaches, dunes and coastal grassland. Much of the inter-tidal area of the coast is internationally important for its bird species and is protected as a Special Protection Area/Ramsar site. Other areas of the coast are designated as Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) including part of the Teesmouth National Nature Reserve, or Local Wildlife or Geological Sites.
- 5.43 The prominent location of the Headland makes it of national significance for the bird watching community as a first landfall on the east coast. Inland is an attractive, rolling agricultural landscape including areas of Special Landscape Value. Interspersed in this landscape are a number of fragmented, but nevertheless diverse and important wildlife habitats. The borough has one inland SSSI, Hart Bog. This is a small area which has four distinct plant communities and is of particular botanical interest.
- 5.44 There are 6 Local Nature Reserves spread across the town and 52 non-statutory geodiversity and biodiversity sites, protected as Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) or Local Geological Sites (LGS).

- 5.45 Climate change is a serious global threat and evidence shows that the benefits of strong and early action far outweigh the economic costs of not acting. Climate change will affect the lives of people in Hartlepool and around the world. Coastal flooding and erosion linked to sea level rise is a major concern for the Borough and significant flooding was experienced in 2013 which has led to costly sea defence works needing to be implemented. Changes in agriculture and wildlife and plant habitats will result in changes to our flora and fauna. An increase in deaths related to excess summer heat and wetter winters are all impacts that Hartlepool could experience from Climate Change.
- 5.46 Emissions can be cut through increased energy efficiency, changes in demand, and through adoption of clean power, heat and transport technologies. It is also important for Hartlepool to plan to adapt so that we can cope with the changes in our climate which will happen.
- 5.47 The Tees Valley Climate Change Partnership have worked together to produce the Tees Valley Climate Change Strategy. Over the lifetime of the Tees Valley Strategy (2010-2020) the Partnership aims to achieve significant reduction in CO₂ levels.
- 5.48 Seaton Beach covers an extensive area and attracts significant numbers of visitors for walking, bathing and windsurfing activities. The north, central and southern parts of the beach meet both the Bathing Water Directive's imperative standards and the bathing water guideline standards.
- 5.49 Air quality in the borough currently meets statutory standards with no requirement to prepare any Air Quality Management Areas.

Sustainability appraisal objectives

5.55 Sustainability appraisal objectives have been used to assess the Local Plan. These objectives were derived from a number of key sources including the UK Sustainable Development Strategy, the North East Integrated Regional Framework (IRF) developed to appraise the North East Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS), the Tees Valley City Region Business Case and Investment Plan and the review of key plans and programmes and the analysis of Hartlepool's key sustainability issues contained within the 2014 Scoping Report.

Table 1. Sustainability objectives and appraisal criteria

Sustainability Appraisal Objective	Appraisal Criteria
<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? ▪ Will it encourage new start business? ▪ Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? ▪ Will it diversify the local economy? ▪ Will it diversify the rural economy? ▪ Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? ▪ Will it reduce levels of deprivation?
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? ▪ Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? ▪ Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education?
<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? ▪ Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? ▪ Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? ▪ Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? ▪ Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities?
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will it create safer and cleaner communities? ▪ Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? ▪ Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? ▪ Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? ▪ Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas?

Sustainability Appraisal Objective	Appraisal Criteria
<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? ▪ Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? ▪ Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? ▪ Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? ▪ Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? ▪ Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? ▪ Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments?
<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? ▪ Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? ▪ Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? ▪ Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? ▪ Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? ▪ Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? ▪ Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change?

Sustainability Appraisal Objective	Appraisal Criteria
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? ▪ Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. ▪ Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? ▪ Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? ▪ Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? ▪ Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? ▪ Will it encourage high quality design? ▪ Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? ▪ Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?
<p>8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? ▪ Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? ▪ Will it protect habitats and priority species? ▪ Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.
<p>9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? ▪ Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? ▪ Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? ▪ Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? ▪ Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? ▪ Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?

Sustainability Appraisal Objective	Appraisal Criteria
<p>10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? ▪ Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? ▪ Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? ▪ Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? ▪ Will it promote social cohesion?
<p>11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? ▪ Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? ▪ Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? ▪ Will it increase community cohesion? ▪ Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?
<p>12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? ▪ Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? ▪ Will it reduce demand for natural resources? ▪ Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?
<p>13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? ▪ Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? ▪ Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? ▪ Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? ▪ Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?
<p>14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? ▪ Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? ▪ Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? ▪ Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? ▪ Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? ▪ Will it reduce the risk of flooding? ▪ Will it tackle global sustainability issues?

Sustainability Appraisal Objective	Appraisal Criteria
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? ▪ Will it restrict the choices of future generations?

5.56 The 15 sustainability appraisal objectives are not necessarily wholly compatible with each other and some objectives will always conflict with others. Table 2 below highlights compatibilities and incompatibilities between the objectives. The aim here is not to seek to remove any conflicts but to demonstrate where potential conflicts may be. Table 3 reviews areas of inconsistency identified.

Table 2: Compatibility matrix for sustainability appraisal objectives

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	✓	✓	-	-	×	✓
2			✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓
3				✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-
4					✓	-	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-
5						×	-	-	✓	✓	✓	×	×	-	✓
6							-	-	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓	-
7								✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	✓	✓
8									✓	-	-	✓	✓	×	✓
9										×	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
10											✓	-	-	✓	✓
11												-	-	-	✓
12													✓	✓	✓
13														✓	✓
14															✓
15															

×	Possible Inconsistency	✓	Complementing Objectives	-	No Impact
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Table 3. Review of identified inconsistencies between sustainability appraisal objectives

Objectives with inconsistencies	Comment
1 and 14	Establishing new businesses and companies may increase the use of the private car if not developed in sustainable locations.
5 and 6	Increasing housing numbers will have an effect on the transport network and may increase the use of private car. Housing should be located in sustainable locations
7 and 1	Possible conflict between diversifying the rural economy and preventing urban development expanding into the countryside. May result in a loss of rural open space, may be detrimental for future generations.
8 and 1	The consequences of diversifying the rural economy could be detrimental to nature conservation sites.
8 and 14	It is possible that flood defences may affect the value coastal nature conservation sites.
9 and 1	Encouraging more jobs may attract more cars therefore having a negative effect on the environment. However encouraging more sustainable forms of transport may help mitigate this.
10 and 9	If access to goods, services and facilities that improves liveability and sense of place is provided by increased car use then this could lead to increased air, water, soil and noise pollution.
12 and 5	Possible inconsistency as new build housing may contribute to the use of more natural resources, however if new build homes are energy efficient then housing needs can be addressed in a sustainable way.
13 and 5	Increasing the number of new homes will increase the amount of household waste reduced. This could be mitigated by the increase of recycling initiatives.

6.0 OPTIONS AND POLICIES WHICH HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED AT EARLIER STAGES, AND CHANGES TO POLICIES THROUGH THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING THE HARTLEPOOL LOCAL PLAN

6.1 The Local Plan has been developed in a number of stages which are known as the 'Issues and Options' and a 'Preferred Options' stages. The following paragraphs explain how the locational strategy within the Preferred Options document has developed and why various other options raised within the Issues and Options Stage were not considered the most appropriate way forward.

Issues and Options

6.2 At this early stage the Council set out a number of issues and asked members of the community and other stakeholders to consider and respond to them. The issues and options document included questions covering a wide range of issues such as housing, affordable housing, employment land, retail, the environment and climate change. The document aimed to present a number of alternative options, seeking views on how people considered Hartlepool can achieve its spatial objectives. The questions relating to the options were:

Issue 1: Where should future development be concentrated?

Issue 2: Where should future housing development be located?

Issue 3: Central Area Retail?

Issue 4: How can we continue to develop the leisure and tourism industry?

Issue 5: Is the amount and type of employment land sufficient to meet requirements of an expanding economy?

Issue 6: What are the implications if a second nuclear power station were to be built?

Issue 7: How can the rural economy be strengthened?

Issue 8: How can training opportunities be encouraged so as to assist jobs and to have a lasting impact on the local economy?

Issue 9: Can we provide the appropriate range and choice of housing and improve existing housing?

Issue 10: How can we provide affordable homes for local residents?

Issue 11: How can we provide safe and accessible open space and facilities?

Issue 12: How can we provide appropriate local and rural services?

Issue 13: How should we protect and improve the borough's natural, rural, and built environment?

Issue 14: How can we create a safe, attractive, accessible and well designed environment?

Issue 15: How can development be delivered in such a way that makes the best use of natural resources and helps to minimise climate change?

Issue 16: How can we improve the road network within Hartlepool?

Issue 17: What should our priorities be in developing a sustainable transport network?

Issue 18: How can access to the coast be improved?

6.3 The Issues and Options Consultation ran for a period of eight weeks, in which time a total of 45 representations were received from a range of interested parties. There were a number of representations suggesting changes to the Local Plan "vision" which was proposed within the Issues and Options document. Many of those comments were asking for certain development locations to be mentioned which would have led to the "vision" becoming less strategic and more focussed. As such the "vision" proposed within the Preferred Options Document draws reference to the Council's Vision Document which covers key areas for regeneration, economic development and housing growth. It is considered that this

reference therefore avoids the need to individually mention individual locations and to focus more on the strategic aims and aspirations for the growth of Hartlepool over the next 15 years.

- 6.4 Within the representations received there was a number which believed housing development should be primarily focused on brownfield sites / available sites within the existing urban area to prevent development sprawling into the countryside whereas other views, primarily from the developers of sites, felt there was a need to expand the town to meet Hartlepool's housing need over the plan period.
- 6.5 Other issues cover within the representations made did not relate as specifically to the geographic location apart from some comments believing that business development should focus more on the Queens Meadow location rather than Wynyard due to the distance from the urban area that Wynyard is.

The Development of the Preferred Options Document

- 6.6 The SHLAA process has been crucial in terms of looking at suitable, achievable and deliverable housing sites and this process primarily looked at urban sites which could be brought forward, however, for a variety of reasons including contamination, access, infrastructure, viability and market conditions, the number of dwellings which the Preferred Options has proposed on urban sites is only circa 400 of the needed 2,100 new allocations. The existing hospital site was considered appropriate if the hospital had re-located to Wynyard as was previously envisaged, however, given that there will now be no new hospital, the local plan has had to safeguard the hospital land for health service provision over the plan period, meaning it was not available for housing. Other large areas that have previously been considered for housing development included land at the port and Oakesway industrial estate but at present there is an aspiration from the Port to secure a large scale renewables contract for the construction of off-shore wind turbines and, if successful, the Port Estate and land at Oakesway will be needed to accommodate that renewable development. Other sites put forward for consideration included a range of types of open space which were considered crucial to the health of the population in providing areas for recreational and leisure activities and therefore not appropriate for housing.
- 6.7 For the reasons above it was therefore necessary to consider sites put forward outside of the existing urban area to provide approximately 1,700 new homes to meet the Objectively Assessed Need. The information in the SHLAA assessments of sites was an important consideration in the choice of sites to ensure that the sites were available, suitable and deliverable over the plan period. Of those sites considered to meet those criteria a choice and range of sites has been chosen to ensure that the Local Plan will help to create a more sustainable Hartlepool by 3031.
- 6.8 One of the main guiding factors in the choice of housing sites has been the local road networks and how they link with the Strategic Road Network and the significant increase in congestion that has been experienced over recent years – this is a serious concern given that the town only has two quality accesses from the A19 at present. This has a number of serious implications for the economy of Hartlepool as it can detract from the likelihood that inward investment companies will choose to locate to Hartlepool where their business is reliant on the road network; It can impact on the ability of public transport to operate in an effective manner; It can increase journey times to the workplace; congestion leads to air quality issues; people use the Elwick Village junctions to avoid the congestion on the A689 and A179 increasing traffic through the village and creating safety issues and then

necessitating drivers crossing the 70mph A19 if turning northbound when leaving Hartlepool and also when returning from the south – this dangerous manoeuvre has resulted in a number of accidents and even some fatalities over recent years. Due to the increased number of people choosing to use this route as a way back into Hartlepool there is also recent evidence of queuing within the deceleration lane when heading northbound on the A19, leading to cars in the fast lane having to slow down as the queue is coming back into the fast lane – this is clearly a major safety concern and something that needs to be addressed as part of the infrastructure improvements associated with the Local Plan. For the reasons outlined above it is considered one of the key strategic aims of this Local Plan is the need to deliver a new grade separated junction at the northern Elwick access, along with a bypass to the north of Elwick Village to improve the safety of residents within the Village and to help create a third access point into Hartlepool. Given the need for these significant infrastructure works it is therefore logical to propose the main new allocation of High Tunstall (1200 dwellings), which lies directly adjacent to the urban area to the south of Elwick Road as it will benefit from the road improvements and be able to contribute towards the costs of the works to ensure deliverability. As the road issues are a current issue, the Local Authority has submitted a bid for Local Growth Fund money for £18m which will ensure the infrastructure can be put in early in the plan process. Development of the infrastructure and new junction will mean that traffic levels on both the A689 and the A179 are likely to drop in the short term as it will provide a safe alternative route and would also likely be attractive to public transport providers who would not at present use the Elwick junction due to safety concerns.

- 6.9 In recent years residential developments have been approved and form part of the housing offer of the Borough at Wynyard – these have been executive style housing developments which have sat alongside the employment areas (within Stockton on Tees) at Wynyard and the original Wynyard Village area to the south. The one prestige employment site Hartlepool has is at Wynyard Park to the north of the A689 – as such there is a desire to create a sustainable community at Wynyard where high quality employment opportunities will sit alongside new housing and community and social facilities, delivered with improvements in public transport and improved cycle and footpath links to ensure the area links with the main urban area of Hartlepool. As such two housing sites have been proposed in this location for a total of 500 dwellings, with 100 of those identified as executive.
- 6.10 Alongside these strategic size developments at High Tunstall and Wynyard, a small village extension at Elwick is proposed for approximately 35 dwellings and two sites are proposed within Hart Village for a total of 50 new dwellings. These sites correspond with the proposed locations of new housing developments within the emerging Hartlepool Rural Neighbourhood Plan and will help to sustain important village facilities.
- 6.11 No new employment or industrial allocations are proposed and the policies within the Preferred Options Local Plan seek to continue to allocate key areas to meet specific employment and industrial markets over the plan period. Following the findings of the Employment Land Review a number of previously allocated employment sites, including Golden Flatts and a site to the south of Greatham Village will not be allocated within this plan and will be given over to other uses.
- 6.12 As required by the Government, the plan will safeguard land for the future construction of a new nuclear power station.

- 6.13 The town centre is identified as the primary shopping area and most sequentially preferable location for retail, commercial and leisure uses. Edge of Centre sites along with a number of retail and leisure parks, which mainly adjoin the town centre, with the exception of Tees Bay, are the second sequentially preferable location. Tees Bay has been grouped with these areas due to its good public transport links including its close proximity to Seaton Carew railway station. A wide range of local centres are identified as it is recognised they provide a crucial local service which helps to avoid the need to travel in some circumstances. New Local centres are proposed at the main new housing allocations.
- 6.14 Recognising the importance of heritage assets within Hartlepool a Heritage Strategy has been produced which informs the Local Plan and assesses the key proposed allocations to ensure they do not have a detrimental impact on these assets. The policies within the plan seek to help to protect and enhance these heritage assets throughout the plan period.
- 6.15 Leisure and Tourism is recognised for its significant economic benefit to the town and policies are proposed to help this sector grow in a sustainable manner, offering opportunities for growth in the key tourist areas of the town centre, Marina, Seaton Carew and the Headland. These areas are all well served by public transport and the leisure and tourist sector helps to create much needed jobs and spending within these areas.
- 6.16 Whilst it is necessary for the Preferred Options document to be pro-growth in line with current Government thinking, it is crucial that developments are of a high quality design and incorporate good quality energy efficiency and opportunities for renewable energy generation and there are a range of policies which help to guide the quality of developments within the Quality of Place section of the plan.
- 6.17 As no particular policies were proposed at the Issues and Options Stage it was not considered appropriate to undertake a Sustainability Appraisal at that stage and therefore this Sustainability Appraisal on the Preferred Options Document is the first related to the production of the Local Plan.
- 6.18 All of the policies within the Preferred Options Local Plan have been assessed against the criteria within Table 1. The assessment tables are attached as Appendix One. Where an assessment made a recommendation to change the policy, these changes have been made within the policies in the consultation document. In a number of instances changes proposed have not been taken forward and the reasoning for this is set out below.

Proposed Recommendations¹ not taken forward and reasoning for this

- 6.19 **LS1 Locational Strategy**
Recommendations: Second paragraph, add in sustainable transport before recreation and leisure to emphasise the importance of the walking and cycling links.
Reason not taken forward: not considered necessary due to wording in first paragraph regarding infrastructure improvements to allow Hartlepool to grow in a sustainable manner.
- 6.20 **CC1 Climate change**
Recommendations: Substitute the word ‘requiring’ with ‘encouraging’ in point 2 of policy
Reason not taken forward: The council will start to require such measures to encourage a sustainable transport network, that ensures residents have access to charging points as

¹ Only those recommendations for policies which were not changed are included – some policies had more than one recommendation – where a recommendation has been made they are not listed.

currently there are very few within the borough. The council will have regard to viability when seeking this provision. To encourage this does not go far enough.

6.21 **QP2 Compulsory Purchase Orders**

Recommendations: To make it stronger, this policy may need additional wording in the direction of types of development(s) to go on the acquired land/building(s). Example of wording to add '*Development needs in or within the vicinity of the acquired land/buildings will be assessed and appropriate development delivered accordingly*'

Reason not taken forward: The policy is worded to ensure that it does not preclude or direct development to a certain use; therefore it does not limit options for a site going forward. It was felt that the recommendation has the potential to make the policy too descriptive.

6.22 **QP3 Location, accessibility, highway safety and parking**

Recommendations: The policy could be improved by linking it to waste policies as new developments are likely to generate more waste.

Reason not taken forward: Minerals and waste is dealt within the minerals and waste CS and policies and sites DPD. The energy efficiency and layout and design of new development policies covers reusing materials.

6.23 **QP4 Layout and design of new development**

Recommendations: Consideration should be given to cross referencing the Queen's Meadow and Wynyard Business Park policies. Cross reference to the sustainable transport policy; and cross reference to the open space and ecological network policies.

Reason not taken forward: This policy will be applied to all planning applications and thus other policies should link to this one not vice versa.

Recommendations: Have adequate, well located and planned public space(s)"; including reference to the needs of dementia sufferers.

Reason not taken forward: It is not just the environment that covers dementia, the need to design for an ageing population caters for dementia design.

6.24 **QP5: Safety and Security**

Recommendations: Consideration should be given to including a cross reference to the layout and design of new development policy.

Reason not taken forward: This policy will be applied to all planning applications and thus other policies should link to this one not vice versa.

6.25 **QP6: Energy Efficiency**

Recommendations: The policy should be cross referenced to the waste policy, renewable energy policy and green infrastructure policy.

Reason not taken forward: This policy will be applied to all planning applications and thus other policies should link to this one not vice versa.

6.26 **HSG2: Overall Housing Mix**

Recommendations: Link the policy to forthcoming design SPD

Reason not taken forward: It is not considered necessary as individual policies on sites link to design policies.

6.27 **HSG4: The South West Extension Strategic Housing Site**

Recommendations: 1st recommendation - possibly improve the policy to draw reference to the fact that these homes are in the rural area and that design should reflect it.

Reason not taken forward: the urban fence will be drawn around the boundary of this site bringing it into the urban area – the policy links to the design policy and other relevant policies to ensure high quality design.

6.28 **HSG10: Housing Market Renewal**

Recommendations: The policy could possibly be cross referenced with energy efficiency, planning obligations, affordable housing and community facilities

Reason not taken forward: do not consider this wide ranging policy needs to reference these policies as it is not about detailed design and does not set criteria for development to follow.

6.29 **EMP5: Safeguarded land for new Nuclear Power Station**

Recommendations: The policy needs to mention something on the issue of radioactive waste in the same manner it has mentioned how it will address the adverse impact of the new nuclear power station on the SPA/Ramsar site.

Reason not taken forward: The policy is only safeguarding land for a possible nuclear power station. The policy refers specifically to the SPA/Ramsar site because the area of land to be safeguarded also includes part of the SPA. The treatment of radioactive waste is an issue that will be determined at a national level if the Government decides to go ahead with a new power station in Hartlepool. It is not therefore considered appropriate to refer to the treatment of radioactive waste as part of the Local Plan policy.

6.30 **RC4: Avenue Road/Raby Road Edge of Town Centre**

Recommendations: The Local Plan (not this specific policy) should ensure that the principles of waste disposal, recovery etc are seen as a cross-cutting theme throughout the Plan.

Reason not taken forward: Minerals and waste is dealt within the minerals and waste CS and policies and sites DPD.

6.31 **RC5: The Brewery and Stranton Edge of Town Centre**

Recommendations: The Local Plan (not this specific policy) should ensure that the principles of waste disposal, recovery etc are seen as a cross-cutting theme throughout the Plan.

Reason not taken forward: Minerals and waste is dealt within the minerals and waste CS and policies and sites DPD.

6.32 **RC6 East of Stranton Edge of Town Centre**

Recommendations: The Local Plan (not this specific policy) should ensure that the principles of waste disposal, recovery etc are seen as a cross-cutting theme throughout the Plan.

Reason not taken forward: Minerals and waste is dealt within the minerals and waste CS and policies and sites DPD.

6.33 **RU7: Lynn Street Edge of Town Centre**

Recommendations: The desirability of including hot food takeaways (and possibly drinking establishments) in view of the proximity of Church Street.”

Reason not taken forward: If A4 and A5 uses are designed and managed properly then the use should not specifically have an impact upon the heritage assts, both uses are therefore appropriately referenced within this policy.

Recommendations: The Local Plan (not this specific policy) should ensure that the principles of waste disposal, recovery etc are seen as a cross-cutting theme throughout the Plan.”

Reason not taken forward: Minerals and waste is dealt within the minerals and waste CS and policies and sites DPD.

- 6.34 **Policy RC8 Millhouse Edge of Town Centre Area**
Recommendations: The policy will be stronger if it is linked with waste policies.
Reason not taken forward: The Minerals and Waste Core Strategy and Policies and Sites DPD are part of the development plan and cross reference is not necessary in these policies.
- 6.35 **RC9 Park Road West Edge of Town Centre Area**
Recommendations: The policy will be stronger if it is linked with waste policies
Reason not taken forward: The Minerals and Waste Core Strategy and Policies and Sites DPD are part of the development plan and cross reference is not necessary in these policies.
- 6.36 **RC10 West Victoria Road Edge of Town Centre Area Policy**
Recommendations: The policy will be stronger if it is linked with waste policies
Reason not taken forward: The Minerals and Waste Core Strategy and Policies and Sites DPD are part of the development plan and cross reference is not necessary in these policies.
- 6.37 **RC11 York Road South Edge of Town Centre Area Policy**
Recommendations: The policy will be stronger if it is linked with waste policies
Reason not taken forward: The Minerals and Waste Core Strategy and Policies and Sites DPD are part of the development plan and cross reference is not necessary in these policies.
- 6.38 **RC16 - Local Centres**
Recommendations: Fifth paragraph in the policy, should it be “in the vicinity of the local centre”
Reason not taken forward: The policy is applicable to applications within the local centres however the connectivity and improvements may be beyond the local centre.
- 6.39 **RUR4: Equestrian Development**
Recommendations: Consider encouraging developments that provide facilities for disadvantaged/disable groups, and recognise that safe equine routes are likely only to be practical on land under the control of the developer.
Reason not taken forward: It was considered that the recommendation would not enhance the policy. Identification of particular groups has the risk of interpretation that other groups are excluded. The requirement of safe equine routes is detailed in the policy and preamble, and would be the responsibility of the applicant to address.
- 6.40 **RUR5: Sustainable Rural Tourism**
Recommendations: The policy should ensure tourism developments do not have a detrimental impact on the wider landscape and landscape setting. It is also suggested that the policy should include a cross reference to the ecological networks and refer to the use of sustainable construction methods where possible.
Reason not taken forward: The policy is linked to the design policy which refers to sustainable development; therefore it was considered that this is covered adequately.
- 6.41 **LT5: Caravan sites and touring caravan sites**
Recommendations: The policy could be improved to ensure that development brings additional benefits such as green links and/or play facilities on site. Cross reference should be made to the design, climate change, energy efficiency, GI, ecology and planning obligations policies.
Reason not taken forward: Considered that links to green links and/or play facilities on site are covered in b) and d) of the policy.

7. CONCLUSION

- 7.1 The Preferred Options Local Plan has been illustrated to have been produced to seek to meet the sustainability criteria and objectives which are set out in the Council's Sustainability Scoping Report. All policies have been individually appraised using the agreed sustainability templates to ensure their sustainability – appraisals were undertaken by groups of officers with wide ranging expertise to help ensure independent views were given. The officers who produced the policies did not participate in the appraisal of them. Recommendations from the appraisals have been taken forward in most instances to ensure the policies within the Preferred Options Local Plan will help to achieve sustainable development over the plan period and to meet the requirements set out within national guidance.
- 7.2 The sustainability appraisal, at section 6, illustrates how alternative growth scenarios for a number of issues were considered, especially where representations had been made at the Issues and Options Stage, and why the Preferred Option is considered the most appropriate and sustainable way for Hartlepool to develop over the next fifteen years.

Appendix One - Assessment sheet for officers undertaking of the policy

PRESUMPTION IN FAVOUR OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- Move away significantly	- Move away marginally	+ Move towards marginally	++ Move towards significantly	0 Neutral	? Uncertain	X No Relationship
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Policy being appraised: SD1 Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development						
Appraisers: Fiona Stanforth, Tracy Rowe, Ryan Cowley						
Appraised: 1 st April 2016						
Sustainability appraisal objectives	Appraisal criteria	Timescale			Commentary/ explanation	
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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	+	+	+	The policy supports sustainable development. Although it is an overarching policy, it will have clear economic benefits.	
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	+	+	+	This is an overarching policy; depending on the specific development there may be the opportunity to have a positive impact on education and skills.	
<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	+	+	+	This is an overarching policy; depending on the specific development there may be the opportunity to have a positive impact on health.	
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it create safer and cleaner communities? Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all 	+	+	+	This is an overarching policy; depending on the specific development there may be the opportunity to have a positive impact on safety and security.	

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5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.	1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments?	+	+	+	This is an overarching policy; depending on the specific development there may be the opportunity to have a positive impact on housing.
6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.	1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change?	+	+	+	This is an overarching policy; depending on the specific development there may be the opportunity to have a positive impact on transport.
7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.	1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated	+	+	+	This is an overarching policy; depending on the specific development there may be the opportunity to have a positive impact on the built and natural environment.

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	heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?				
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	+	+	+	This is an overarching policy; depending on the specific development there may be the opportunity to have a positive impact on biodiversity and geodiversity.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	+	+	+	This is an overarching policy; depending on the specific development there may be the opportunity to have a positive impact on water, air and soil pollution.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	+	+	+	This is an overarching policy; depending on the specific development there may be the opportunity to have a positive impact on liveability and place.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities?	+	+	+	This is an overarching policy; depending on the specific development there may be the opportunity to have a positive impact on equity,

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communities	4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?				diversity, equality and participation.
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	+	+	+	This is an overarching policy; depending on the specific development there may be the opportunity to have a positive impact on energy efficiency and natural resources.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?	+	+	+	This is an overarching policy; depending on the specific development there may be the opportunity to have a positive impact on waste.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	+	+	+	This is an overarching policy; depending on the specific development there may be the opportunity to have a positive impact on climate change. Sustainable development is a key priority for development to address climate change.

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<p>15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	++	++	++	<p>The purpose of the policy is to achieve sustainable development, ensuring that development does not have a detrimental impact on society, the environment or the economy for current and future generations. Therefore the policy protects against unsustainable development.</p>
<p>Conclusions The policy's purpose is to promote sustainable development, the appraisal suggested that in the form presented it will achieve this.</p> <p>Recommendations None.</p>					

LOCATIONAL STRATEGY

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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	+	+	++	<p>This policy sets out where new development will be located, it reserves land for employment uses thus helping the economy.</p> <p>Possible to provide a range of jobs as the policy provides the land to allow for employment creation in many job areas.</p> <p>Limit to what this policy and the plan overall can do, it can prevent unwanted development in specific locations, but can not force development to locate in the borough.</p> <p>No reference is made to the rural economy, could it be added? i.e HBC will seek to protect and diversify the rural area etc. the plan has a suite of rural policies but no reference to the rural area in this key strategic policy for the borough.</p> <p>Direct reference to the town centre etc. is positive within the policy.</p> <p>If the benefits come to Hartlepool then the benefits will increase over time. However the policy does allow for short term wins i.e if the Marina developed within the next three years that would be a short term significant benefit.</p> <p>Overall the policy will allow for many benefits to the borough, with increasing benefits as the borough develops.</p>
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities. 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and 	x	x	x	<p>No mention of education – recommend a positive link goes in the policy, or link to all town centre</p>

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young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	<p>training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources?</p> <p>3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education?</p>				<p>uses as educational establishments are main town centre uses.</p> <p>More employment equates to more jobs and training but the policy does not specifically provide training etc. it provides the land for opportunities.</p> <p>Cross reference the policy with the planning obligations policy as that has a link to training and skills of local people.</p> <p>Overall there is deemed to be no relationship between the policy and the SA criteria. The policy does not preclude education and training etc. but it does allow for development to happen within certain locations.</p>
<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<p>1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities?</p> <p>2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles?</p> <p>3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside?</p> <p>4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation?</p> <p>5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities?</p>	+	+	+	<p>Mention all other town centre development as that will cover doctors etc. in the town centre section.</p> <p>GI and other infrastructure element is a positive which should help increase physical activity.</p> <p>The policy safeguards land for employment uses across the borough, and an increase in employment should help tackle poverty.</p> <p>This is not specifically a health policy but it could have positive aspects for tackling health inequalities within the borough.</p>
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer</p>	<p>1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities?</p> <p>2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder</p>	x	x	x	Not for this policy to focus on safety and security, other policies achieve this

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and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.	<p>and anti-social behaviour?</p> <p>3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire?</p> <p>4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas?</p> <p>5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas?</p>				and ensure the plan as a whole is sustainable. It is not essential that this policy is cross referenced with the safety and security policy as the policy focuses on the location of development, not specifically the design elements of development.
<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<p>1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land?</p> <p>2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations?</p> <p>3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations?</p> <p>4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'?</p> <p>5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool?</p> <p>6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people?</p> <p>7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments?</p>	0	0	0	<p>Policy will allow for lots of greenfield housing development, but not all sites are in sustainable locations i.e Wynyard.</p> <p>Policy does not mention overall design but open space and GI elements are positive.</p> <p>The policy focuses on where homes will be it does not stipulate the quality of them. So overall the policy is neutral.</p>

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<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	+	+	+	<p>The need to travel by car could be reduced as the locations of many sites are quite accessible. However where sites are not in sustainable locations they tend to be quite isolated and detached from the main urban area i.e Wynyard which is likely to require movement particularly by car and thus will lead to an increase in Co2.</p> <p>The bespoke policies will improve the transport network not this policy, although reference to infrastructure improvements is positive.</p> <p>Policy tries to maximize on sustainable locations by stating where development can go so overall it is a positive policy.</p>
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. – no 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure 	+	+	+	<p>This policy does not link to design specifically. Policy seeks to look after the best bits of the borough, it is other policies that secure the improvements and protection.</p> <p>This policy will allow the spread of the urban area and many sites are on the urban/village edge.</p> <p>Policy has regard to heritage but it is the other plan policies that will ensure heritage is delivered/ moved forward /protected.</p> <p>The policy allows for development on open space and it is often considered that development destroys the landscape. More employment in</p>

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	within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?				<p>employment locations will not be negative as it exists at present, but a new nuclear power station could impact upon Seaton Common landscape. More homes on greenfield land will destroy the landscape too.</p> <p>The link to GI is positive but there is no reference to design. This policy focuses on location not design.</p> <p>The plan puts forward sites with least impact so by locations the policy protects the features but other policies would seek to improve the environment etc.</p>
<p>8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? Will it protect habitats and priority species? Will it improve or enhance ecological networks. 	x	x	x	No relationship.
<p>9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding? 	x	x	x	No relationship.

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<p>10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? Will it promote social cohesion? 	+	+	+	<p>In many instances the location of these sites is in the urban area, which is generally accessible to all by a variety of modes of transport. So employment opportunities are offered across the borough.</p> <p>The policy sets out the retail hierarchy, which seeks to prevent the unwanted spread of retail and concentrate it in specific areas.</p> <p>There are no direct links to sense of place and social cohesion. However the design polices should assist in ensuring as sense of place and crate spaces for social interaction.</p>
<p>11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? Will it increase community cohesion? Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement? 	x	x	x	
<p>12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? Will it reduce demand for natural resources? Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources? 	0	0	0	<p>Lots of greenfield development with regard to housing but other elements i.e. employment and retail are in sustainable locations.</p> <p>No link to renewable energy – should there be a reference.</p> <p>Neutral overall because housing is in unsustainable locations but retail and leisure etc. are generally in sustainable locations.</p>

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13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	x	x	x	
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? Will it reduce the risk of flooding? Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	+	+	+	<p>Lots of greenfield development with regard to housing but other elements i.e. employment and retail are in sustainable locations.</p> <p>Policy will not lead to a reduction in Co² as all development will increase Co² but this policy does not directly link to reducing the impact of carbon emissions. However GI helps with mitigation and there is reference to flood risk which can help climate change so there are positives within the policy.</p> <p>Positive overall because of the location of development in generally sustainable locations. Other less sustainable sites could have been chosen, but in general sites are deemed to be in sustainable locations.</p>
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	+	+	+	<p>Positive overall because of the location of development in generally sustainable locations. The choice of locations should not be detrimental to future generations.</p>

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<p>Conclusions: Overall the policy is positive where is expected to be, but this policy focuses on the location of development so does not need to go into detail about design, habitat and biodiversity etc. The policy is designed to set out where new development will be located and the majority of locations chosen are in sustainable locations. The only exception to this are some of the housing sites either detached from the urban area such as Wynyard or on the urban edge, thus encroaching into the countryside at High Tunstall and in the villages.</p> <p>Recommendations: Make a reference to the importance of the rural area and it's economy not just the protection of the strategic gaps. Second paragraph, add in sustainable transport before recreation and leisure to emphasise the importance of the walking and cycling links. Draw reference to education or in the town centre section add in other town centre uses as that relates to many things other than retail and commercial development such as educational establishments and GP's and medical centres. Draw reference to renewable energy, have specific locations been set for where renewable energy may or may not be located?</p>					

CLIMATE CHANGE

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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	0	+	++	In the long term, the policy has indirect benefits to the economy. By adapting to climate change, land and any business developments on the land will be better protected from detrimental climate change effects such as floods. The policy encourages mitigation/precautionary procedures to be put in place to protect developments hence the economy benefits.
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	x	x	x	No relationship.
<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	x	x	x	No relationship.
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime 	x	x	x	No relationship.

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	and allow communities to safely access all areas?				
5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	+	+	+	The policy encourages improving buildings to make them more energy efficient, building in sustainable locations less prone to flooding therefore this encourages good quality housing.
6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	+	+	+	The policy encourages more sustainable modes of transport and makes more efficient use of existing transport network. This has high potential to reduce reliance on the private car thereby reducing transport greenhouse gas emissions and contributing to better air quality.
7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled 	0	0	+	Policy promotes high quality design, building on sustainable locations and incorporating green infrastructure in new developments. Therefore it will contribute to a better built and natural environment. On the other hand, by

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	<p>ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest?</p> <p>4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets?</p> <p>5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space?</p> <p>6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable?</p> <p>7. Will it encourage high quality design?</p> <p>8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments?</p> <p>9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?</p>				<p>promoting renewable low carbon energy in new developments, the policy will promote structures on/off shore such as wind turbines and these will have an impact on visual amenity. However, in the long term there is a possibility of getting used to such structures.</p>
<p>8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.</p>	<p>1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool?</p> <p>2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites?</p> <p>3. Will it protect habitats and priority species?</p> <p>4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.</p>				<p>By promoting mitigation against climate change effects, the policy has potential of protecting nature conservation sites, habitats, plant and animal species. However, preservation and protection of coastal nature conservation sites such as SPAs/RAMSAR sites will be highly dependent on the type of flood defence works promoted by the policy to alleviate anticipated sea level rises as a result of climate change.</p>
<p>9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.</p>	<p>1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources?</p> <p>2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality?</p> <p>3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution?</p> <p>4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters?</p> <p>5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences?</p> <p>6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?</p>				<p>The policy addresses nearly all of the assessment criteria for this objective.</p>

Policy being appraised: CC1 Minimising and Adapting to Climate Change					
Appraisers: Nomusa Malinga, Graham Megson, Daniel James					
Appraised: 24/03/2016					
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10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? Will it promote social cohesion? 	x	x	x	<p>No relationship.</p> <p>However policy does promote sense of place by making the built environment attractive and promoting sustainable modes of transport.</p>
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? Will it increase community cohesion? Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement? 	x	x	x	No relationship.
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? Will it reduce demand for natural resources? Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources? 	++	++	++	<p>The policy addresses all of the assessment criteria for this objective.</p> <p>The policy promotes development on Brownfield sites, efficient use of land in sustainable locations and promotes different types of renewable energy in new developments as well as making new buildings more energy efficient.</p>
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	+	+	+	Policy encourages reduction, re-use and recycling of waste.

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14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	++	++	++	Policy is significantly relevant to climate change and addresses all of the assessment criteria.
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations?	++	++	++	Policy encourages recycling, preservation, and sustainable use of natural resources. It also promotes reduction of green house gas emissions, use of renewable energy and reduces reliance on non renewable sources of energy. It therefore ensures futurity.
<p>Conclusions: The climate change policy is significantly strong in mitigating against climate change effects, ensuring sustainable development, increasing energy efficiency and preservation of natural resources, improving water/air/soil pollution and promoting use of low carbon renewable sources of energy. It is strong in protecting the economy, encouraging good quality energy efficient housing, increasing sustainable modes of transport, protecting biodiversity and encouraging waste minimisation and recycling. The policy is neutral on the built and natural environment objective since its benefits somehow balance out with its 'disbenefits'.</p> <p>Recommendations: Suggest changing policy title to 'Minimising and adapting to climate change' so that it is consistent with preamble title. Substitute the word 'requiring' with 'encouraging' in point 2 of policy. End point 2 with 'where ever possible'</p>					

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Appraised: 21/03/2016					
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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy?	x	x	x	There is no direct relationship with the objective however it is noted that well located sites with less flooding issues may attract investors/developers

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	6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation?				more than those located in high flood risk areas.
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education?	X	X	X	No relationship with this objective however it is noted that policy encourages green wedges, SUDs which can provide habitats and improve biodiversity. This can be used for educating the community/school pupils about nature in their locality.
3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.	1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities?	0	0	0	No direct relationship but policy makes provision for green wedges, SUDs which can be used for recreational purposes and also encourage people to walk to these places for leisure and exercise.
4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.	1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas?	X	X	X	No direct relationship but the policy has great potential to contribute in terms of flooding safety and flooding incidents.

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<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	x	x	x	No relationship but policy has potential to direct housing developments to good locations.
<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	x	x	x	No relationship.
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of 	+	+	+	Through encouraging green wedges and SUDs, policy has potential of improving quality of the built and natural environment.

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	archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?				
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	+	+	+	By encouraging SUDs and green wedges, policy has potential of creating new habitats enhancing biodiversity.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	+	+	+	Policy will prevent and reduce the risk of locating developments in high risk flooding areas.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	0	0	0	Policy creates opportunities for recreational facilities through green wedges and SUDs but this will depend if these will be useable by the community.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities?	x	x	x	No relationship with this objective.

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communities	4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?				
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	x	x	x	No relationship with this objective.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?	x	x	x	No relationship with this objective.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	++	++	++	Policy is directly relevant to managing the adverse effects of climate change.
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations?	++	++	++	Policy encourages developments in suitable locations with less flooding issues.

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<p>Conclusions: This policy is strongest on climate change and futurity as it directs developments to sustainable locations and also deals with flooding which is one of the effects of climate change. Through its provision for SUDs, green wedges, the policy is strong for objectives 7,8 and 9. It is neutral for objectives 3 and 10.</p> <p>Recommendations: None other than that policy and preamble titles need to be consistent.</p>					

INFRASTRUCTURE

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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	++	++	++	This policy has the potential to have a very positive impact on the economy by supporting the delivery of a high class transport system which would encourage businesses to locate within the town and allow employees to travel to work with minimal congestion or using a high quality public transport system.
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	+	+	+	A better, more sustainable transport network is more likely to lead to positive decisions in terms of investment in educational facilities and could therefore lead to a positive impact.
<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	++	++	++	Improving access enables people to access health services in a timelier manner and through a choice of means of transport.
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it create safer and cleaner communities? Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	+	+	+	Better transport networks allow emergency services to access emergencies in a timelier manner.

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<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	+	+	+	<p>A better transport system will help lead to investment from developers into new housing within the town. This is also a key consideration for people buying the new homes – knowing the transport networks are of good quality.</p>
<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	++	++	++	<p>The policy will help meet and achieve all of the assessment criteria and will lead to a better and more sustainable transport network within Hartlepool.</p>
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? Will it enhance or increase access to 	0	0	0	<p>Whilst an improved transport network may help to enhance access to heritage assets, new roads and infrastructure will have a negative impact where delivered in the countryside. It is important that where improvements to infrastructure and road networks are proposed that the avoid landscape and environmental designations.</p>

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	<p>these natural and cultural assets?</p> <p>5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space?</p> <p>6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable?</p> <p>7. Will it encourage high quality design?</p> <p>8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments?</p> <p>9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?</p>				
<p>8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.</p>	<p>1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool?</p> <p>2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites?</p> <p>3. Will it protect habitats and priority species?</p> <p>4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.</p>	+	+	+	The policy supports the improvement of footpaths and cycle ways and that could enhance access to areas of biodiversity interest.
<p>9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.</p>	<p>1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources?</p> <p>2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality?</p> <p>3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution?</p> <p>4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters?</p> <p>5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences?</p> <p>6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?</p>	x	x	x	No relationship.
<p>10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.</p>	<p>1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs?</p> <p>2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people?</p> <p>3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities?</p> <p>4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place?</p> <p>5. Will it promote social cohesion?</p>	+	+	+	This policy will help to meet criteria 1 and 3 in terms of improving access to key services and facilities.
<p>11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities</p>	<p>1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness?</p> <p>2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged?</p> <p>3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities?</p> <p>4. Will it increase community cohesion?</p> <p>5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?</p>	+	+	+	The policy should help to tackle worklessness by improving access to jobs.

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12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources? 	-	-	-	Despite the policy seeking to establish a sustainable transport network, ultimately development of the infrastructure and the ongoing use will use natural resources – albeit, less than if the network was not a sustainable one.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	x	x	x	No relationship.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	0	+	++	Developing a more sustainable network will involve the use of natural resources, but long term likely to move towards a more sustainable network.
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	++	++	++	The policy will lead to a sustainable transport network developing over the plan period which will benefit both existing and future generations.
Conclusions: This policy scores very positively from an economic and social viewpoint and despite longer term environmental benefits there is likely to be some short term negative impacts.					
Recommendations: It is recommended that the policy could benefit from a reference to the Planning Obligations SPD and Policy within the final paragraph.					

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Appraised: 5 th April 2016					
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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	++	++	++	<p>The policy supports the provision of infrastructure to provide good connectivity in Hartlepool and to the wider sub region. Having such good links does support the local economy and provides opportunities for further businesses to locate within the Borough. Indirectly if infrastructure and connectivity is improved there is the potential for additional employment opportunities in Hartlepool.</p>
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	+	+	+	<p>The policy supports improved connectivity at all levels. This therefore has the potential to improve access to schools and other education, this policy has the potential to contribute towards reducing / removing barriers to access to education and learning opportunities. There is potentially a weak link to raising attainment - this is by increasing accessibility.</p>
<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	+	+	+	<p>The policy refers to cycling and pedestrian links; there are direct links between increased physical activity and health benefits. The policy also has the potential to increase links to the countryside, which links to open-air recreation. Health benefits can also be linked to the wider choice of shops (perhaps healthier food) enabled by better connectivity across the Borough.</p>

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<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	+	+	+	<p>In the longer term the policy encourages the reduction in car usage. There is a clear safety benefit to road users by improving the infrastructure network across Hartlepool. A more frequent bus service has the potential to increase natural surveillance within an area, therefore there is the possibility that fear of crime and the perception of crime could be reduced.</p>
<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	+	+	+	<p>The policy links to housing as it aims to ensure that adequate new development contributes towards development of the infrastructure network to ensure sustainable development.</p> <p>There is the potential that enhancement of the infrastructure network to accommodate greenfield development will have a negative impact on the potential of brownfield development sites within the urban area.</p>

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<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	++	++	++	<p>The policy supports improvements to connectivity across Hartlepool. This will have a direct positive benefit to accessibility to jobs, education, healthcare and services. Junction improvements and new roads will alleviate congestion and have a positive impact on reducing manoeuvres at higher risk junctions. The policy encourages more sustainable methods of transport, e.g. the enhancement of cycle lanes. It is noted that improving infrastructure could increase travel which may increase transport emissions.</p>
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs? 	-	-	-	<p>The impact of the policy has the potential to have a positive impact on the built environment in Elwick Village, as well as increasing access across the wider borough. The development of new roads and junctions will have a negative impact on the natural environment (such as direct habitat loss, severing wildlife corridors, increased road mortality of animals, increased disturbance, increased light pollution). As well as having a direct impact on the areas of land impacted upon it will also encourage / facilitate further greenfield development leading to further encroachment of urban development into the countryside.</p>

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<p>8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks. 	-	-	-	<p>The policy supports the development of new roads to improve human connectivity. This has the potential to cut through existing ecological networks and sever wildlife connectivity. It could cause direct habitat loss, increased road mortality of animals, increased disturbance, such as from people, dogs and increased light pollution. The best way to mitigate this is to design in wildlife bridges and wildlife underpasses, which are costly and generally resisted. On the minor + side it may improve access to nature conservation sites but this is not a key aim of the policy and is marginal. Cross reference with Green Networks Policies.</p>
<p>9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding? 	0	0	0	<p>The policy does not mention monitoring of local air quality, however there is the potential to improve it, especially in Elwick Village and through the support of more efficient connectivity. However there is also the potential for additional traffic and vehicle noise increases. The opening up of potential greenfield development sites could also cause additional pollution indirectly.</p>

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10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion? 	+	+	+	The policy supports better bus services. Better connectivity to jobs and services has a positive impact on liveability.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement? 	+	+	+	The policy supports better connectivity across the borough, this can directly relate to improving social interactions between communities.
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources? 	-	-	-	There is the potential that the policy could increase the use of natural resources.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	X	X	X	No relationship identified.

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14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	0	0	0	The policy supports sustainable transport which has the potential to reduce emissions however there is the risk that road improvements and efficiencies within the road network could increase usage and therefore also have an impact upon emissions.
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations?	+	+	+	The policy supports the improvement of connectivity across the Borough which has clear positive benefits for current and future generations.
<p>Conclusions: This policy is overall positive, there are strong economic and social benefits to the policy, however there is the potential for negative impacts on the environment, mitigation would be required to ensure sustainable development.</p> <p>Recommendations: Consider referencing lit cycle lanes (where appropriate), to improve the safety aspect of such travel. In addition it is suggested that the policy is cross referenced to design policies, green network policies and the planning obligations policy and SPD.</p>					

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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation?	x	+	+	Given the policy is creating a health sector within this area, it could lead to supply chain businesses locating in the area and therefore potential for a medium to long term benefit.
2. Education and Skills.	1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities?	x	+	+	The policy could lead to an opportunity to link with

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To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education?				education organisations to provide a range of health related learning opportunities with the health hub.
3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.	1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities?	++	++	++	It is crucial for the long term wellbeing of the residents of Hartlepool that the hospital is retained. Through promoting the creation of a health hub surrounding the hospital it is hoped this will help to ensure these vital facilities remain and expand over the plan period.
4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.	1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas?	+	+	+	The policy promotes the retention of the hospital and future expansion of the health services this means that residents of Hartlepool will be able to access the hospital quickly – if the hospital is closed this could have safety concerns for residents who may have to travel to Stockton or further when urgent care is needed.

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<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	x	x	x	No relationship
<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	+	+	+	By encouraging the health facilities to stay and locate within this area it is helping to create a viable health hub. This in turn will mean people won't need to travel as far / to other towns for health services and will help to minimise journeys on the road.
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of 	x	x	x	No relationship.

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	archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?				
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	x	x	x	No relationship.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	x	x	x	No relationship.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	+	+	+	This policy would help to locate health facilities in one location meaning easier access and hopefully the development of a sense of place or health hub.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities?	+	+	+	The policy could lead to the provision of new jobs as well as safeguard existing jobs and should therefore help to prevent worklessness.

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communities	4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?				
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	++	++	++	The policy is highly sustainable as it seeks to keep the health facilities within the town therefore minimising future need to travel to other towns to access health care. The policy also links to policies which promote sustainable construction and use of renewables.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?	0	0	0	The facilities will obviously create waste during their use, however use of recycling within the NHS is promoted.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	+	+	+	The various benefits in relation to keeping health facilities within the town all will help to reduce the effects of climate change.
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations?	++	++	++	This policy is positive for both existing and future generations as it seeks to keep key health facilities within the town and develop a health hub around the hospital.

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Conclusions: Socially this policy scores very positively. It also scores positively in both environmental and economy terms. The Policy will be crucial in helping to protect health facilities and to help develop a health hub within the location around the hospital.					
Recommendations: Recommended that the policy specifically refers to supporting supplier chain businesses which link to the health sector. Also, it is thought it may be beneficial if the policy required the need for new buildings to use renewable technologies.					

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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation?	0	0	0	This policy has the potential to support businesses that provide community facilities and services, although it is proposed that the impact will be marginal.
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education?	+	+	+	The policy refers to the primary school required as part of the High Tunstall development. The local authority has an employment charter which links development to training and skills, although this is not cross referenced in the policy. This policy will help to increase the facilities available for communities.
3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.	1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities?	+	+	+	The policy supports the provision of community facilities; therefore there is the potential to reduce health inequalities if leisure and recreational facilities are improved across the borough.
4. Safety and Security. To create safer	1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder	0	0	0	There is the potential for the policy to help to reduce crime and anti-

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and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.	<p>and anti-social behaviour?</p> <p>3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire?</p> <p>4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas?</p> <p>5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas?</p>				social behaviour as a result of increased provision of activities.
<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<p>1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land?</p> <p>2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations?</p> <p>3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations?</p> <p>4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'?</p> <p>5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool?</p> <p>6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people?</p> <p>7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments?</p>	0	0	0	<p>Open space within new housing developments has the potential to accommodate new community facilities.</p> <p>Cross reference policy to Planning Obligations policy.</p>
<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<p>1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care?</p> <p>2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel?</p> <p>3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes?</p> <p>4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling?</p> <p>5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas?</p> <p>6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network?</p> <p>7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change?</p>	0	0	0	Community facilities are supported in local communities; therefore there is the potential to make facilities and services more accessible.
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and</p>	<p>1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline?</p> <p>2. Will it prevent urban development</p>	0	0	0	The policy refers to the protection, maintenance and improvement of facilities, e.g. sports pitches may help to enhance the quality of

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local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.	<p>encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside.</p> <p>3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest?</p> <p>4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets?</p> <p>5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space?</p> <p>6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable?</p> <p>7. Will it encourage high quality design?</p> <p>8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments?</p> <p>9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?</p>				open space if maintained. However it is recognised that it depends on what is being built.
<p>8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.</p>	<p>1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool?</p> <p>2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites?</p> <p>3. Will it protect habitats and priority species?</p> <p>4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.</p>	0	0	0	There is the potential that the policy will help to enhance ecological networks through the provision of open space. There is also the potential that the policy could support development that may have a detrimental impact on habitats; this will be dependent on what is being built and where it is being built.
<p>9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.</p>	<p>1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources?</p> <p>2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality?</p> <p>3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution?</p> <p>4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters?</p> <p>5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences?</p> <p>6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?</p>	x	x	x	No relationship identified.

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10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? Will it promote social cohesion? 	++	++	++	Promotes new facilities for the access of all. This has the potential to encourage team facilities which can contribute positively to social cohesion.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? Will it increase community cohesion? Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement? 	++	++	++	The policy supports development of community facilities and services. This has the potential to increase services within localities which could increase social cohesion.
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? Will it reduce demand for natural resources? Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources? 	0	0	0	There is the potential that this policy could impact upon energy efficiency and natural resources; this is if existing facilities are replaced by newer ones which are more efficient or new builds as part of new developments.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	-	-	-	Increasing the amount of facilities has the potential to increase waste generation. Suggested that the policy should be cross referenced with the climate change policy.

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14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? Will it reduce the risk of flooding? Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	0	0	0	Provision of facilities within communities has the potential to reduce the need to travel.
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	++	++	++	The policy will support the development of additional facilities; this enables increased choices for residents.
Conclusions: Overall the policy is a strong positive policy which will encourage sustainable development.					
Recommendations: Cross reference with the Planning Obligations and Climate Change policies. The flow of the chapter is dissected by the Hospital Policy, therefore it is suggested that the flow of the chapter is looked at.					

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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	++	++	++	This policy will have a positive impact on the viability of businesses within the Borough, enablement and access to adequate telecommunications services provides opportunities for the economy. There is the potential that the policy could have a positive impact on employment. Digital media is a high skills market.

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2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	++	++	++	The policy supports the development of telecommunications. This has a direct link to education and skills as online resources develop and become more integral to the education system. This will help to support increased access from home.
3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	+	+	+	The policy links to increasing access to health services. Shifts to online provision within the health service to access services (e.g. online booking, NHS Choices and teleconferencing appointments). In addition there is increasing online publicity related to the health service.
4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	+	+	+	There are increasing links between telecommunications and safety and crime prevention. Safety equipment can be connected to media devices as technology improves, demand for telecommunications will increase. E.g. CCTV which is internet enabled is becoming more popular.

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<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	x	x	x	No relationship identified.
<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	x	x	x	No relationship identified.
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of 	0	0	0	The only potential impact of the policy on the built and natural environment is the placing of masts in the countryside, whilst these have the potential to have an impact upon the landscape character and heritage assets the policy does require suitable mitigation against adverse impacts of development.

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	archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?				
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	x	x	x	No relationship identified.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	x	x	x	No relationship identified.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	0	0	0	There is the possibility that by increasing access to broadband; residents and businesses can access a greater amount of services. It is not envisaged that this policy will have a direct impact on social and community interaction.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities?	+	+	+	The policy supports growth of telecommunications. This will have a direct impact on increasing accessibility to services and information.

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communities	4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?				
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	-	-	-	There is the potential that this policy could relate to an increase in energy usage as availability of broadband is increased. There may also be the opportunity to raise awareness of efficient energy usage.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?	x	x	x	No relationship identified.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	x	x	x	No relationship identified.
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations?	++	++	++	The policy will have a direct positive impact on communications, which will increase opportunities and access to and awareness of services.

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Conclusions: Overall the policy is a strong positive policy which will encourage sustainable development.					
Recommendations: Cross reference with the Rural Policy section due to the potential impact on masts on the rural area.					

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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation?	+	+	+	The policy could lead to the creation of supplier chain jobs linked to the sector. The policy will also help to diversify the rural economy.
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education?	x	x	x	No relationship.
3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.	1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities?	x	x	x	No relationship.
4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime	1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire?	x	x	x	No relationship.

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and anti-social behaviour.	4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas?				
5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.	1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments?	x	x	x	No relationship.
6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.	1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change?	x	x	x	No relationship.
7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's	1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character	+	+	+	The policy will help to safeguard heritage assets. Negative impacts on surrounding areas are guarded against by the criteria within the policy. It was noted that

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rural, urban and historic environment.	<p>and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest?</p> <p>4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets?</p> <p>5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space?</p> <p>6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable?</p> <p>7. Will it encourage high quality design?</p> <p>8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments?</p> <p>9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?</p>				distinctiveness is quite a subjective issue. For example some people do not think turbines have a negative impact on the landscape and feel they add a point of interest.
<p>8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.</p>	<p>1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool?</p> <p>2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites?</p> <p>3. Will it protect habitats and priority species?</p> <p>4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.</p>	+	+	+	<p>The policy is positive in that it seeks to ensure that habitats are protected.</p> <p>It is suggested that the policy needs to link to the natural policies or mention mitigation within the policy.</p>
<p>9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.</p>	<p>1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources?</p> <p>2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality?</p> <p>3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution?</p> <p>4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters?</p> <p>5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences?</p> <p>6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?</p>	+	+	+	The policy should help to protect and see an improvement in local air quality through minimising pollution from other forms of energy generation.
<p>10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.</p>	<p>1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs?</p> <p>2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people?</p> <p>3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities?</p> <p>4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place?</p> <p>5. Will it promote social cohesion?</p>	x	x	x	No relationship.

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11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?	x	x	x	No relationship.
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	++	++	++	The policy supports the use of renewable energy generation in environmentally acceptable locations and will reduce the demand for natural resources over the plan period.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?	x	x	x	No relationship.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	++	++	++	The policy, through encouraging renewable energy generation will encourage the prudent use of natural resources and in turn will lead to a reduction in emissions and will help in the fight against climate change.

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<p>15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	++	++	++	The environmental benefits the policy could result in will be beneficial to current and future generations.
<p>Conclusions: The policy scores very well environmentally and should help in the fight against climate change. There are some slight economic benefits. Socially, the policy guards against inappropriate development which could impact on the lives of residents.</p> <p>Recommendations: It is suggested that the policy needs to link to the natural policies or mention mitigation within the policy.</p>					

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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	+	+	+	Having a policy which is supportive of wind turbine development in certain areas may attract energy companies to locate / choose sites in Hartlepool for their turbines and create jobs in the construction and maintenance of the turbines.
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	x	x	x	No relationship.

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<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	x	x	x	No relationship.
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	x	x	x	No relationship.
<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	x	x	x	No relationship.

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<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	x	x	x	No relationship.
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs? 	+	+	+	By being specific about the two areas that are suitable, the policy helps to protect the distinctiveness of the rest of the countryside and helps to protect designated heritage assets.

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8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	+	+	+	The policy helps to ensure key habitats are protected from negative impacts of development. A cross reference to the relevant natural policies may strengthen policy.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	+	+	+	It will help to protect air quality through minimising the need for the use of fossil fuels and ultimately through helping fight climate change will help to prevent flooding in the long term.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	x	x	x	No relationship.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?	x	x	x	No relationship.
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	++	++	++	The policy supports the use of renewable energy generation in environmentally acceptable locations and will reduce the demand for natural resources over the plan period.

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prudent use of natural resources.					
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	x	x	x	No relationship.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? Will it reduce the risk of flooding? Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	++	++	++	The policy, through encouraging renewable energy generation will encourage the prudent use of natural resources and in turn will lead to a reduction in emissions and will help in the fight against climate change.
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	++	++	++	The environmental benefits the policy could result in will be beneficial to current and future generations.
Conclusions: The policy is extremely positive from an environmental viewpoint and also will lead to social benefits in terms of health through reductions in pollution etc. There are some smaller economic benefits.					
Recommendations: A cross reference to the relevant natural policies may strengthen policy.					

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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse	1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies?	+	+	+	The policy could have a positive impact on the

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and stable economy.	2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation?				local economy. Boosting businesses related to solar farm development. In addition with the majority of such developments being in the rural area, landowners would benefit from such development which would potentially have a positive impact on the rural economy.
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education?	X	X	X	No relationship identified.
3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.	1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities?	X	X	X	No relationship identified.
4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.	1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas?	X	X	X	No relationship identified.

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<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	X	X	X	<p>Whilst no relationship is identified to the objective overall, the policy does reference the reuse of previously developed land.</p>
<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	X	X	X	<p>Whilst no relationship is identified to the objective overall, the policy does reference protection from glare, which has the potential to impact upon users of the local transport network.</p>
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of 	0	0	0	<p>The policy could support development that will have an adverse impact upon landscape quality. However the policy does ensure that adequate mitigation is provided, outlining landscape, heritage and the requirement for a Landscape and Visual Assessment. The policy also requires high quality development.</p>

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	archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?				
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.				The policy does refer to mitigation in relation to landscape which refers to tree planting and hedges. The currently favoured mitigation for such development is wildflower meadow, suggested that the policy could be amended to reflect this. This habitat provides nectar, shelter and increased foraging opportunities for wildlife.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	X	X	X	Whilst no direct relationship is identified to the objective overall, the policy will reduce the need for fossil fuel usage; in the long run this would improve local air quality.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	X	X	X	No relationship identified.
11. Equity, Diversity,	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness?	X	X	X	No direct relationship

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Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?				identified, however the policy does refer to a requirement for the developer to engage with the local community.
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	++	++	++	The policy supports the development of renewable energy generation. This will contribute directly towards increasing the percentage of energy used being generated through renewable sources. Therefore this will reduce pressure on finite natural resources.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?	X	X	X	No relationship identified.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	++	++	++	The policy supports the development of renewable energy generation, which will have a direct impact - reducing CO ₂ emissions and will contribute towards addressing global sustainability issues.

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15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	++	++	++	The policy helps to reduce the pressure on finite natural resources which helps preserve resources for future generations.
<p>Conclusions: The policy supports sustainable development by supporting development of renewable energy generation. The policy sets out clear criteria which aim to mitigate against any potential adverse impacts created by such development.</p> <p>Recommendations: The policy could be improved relating to ecology and biodiversity by referring to wildflower planting as a means of mitigation. There has been a recent press release where the RSPB outlines the opportunities for native species provided by wildflower planting around solar farms (http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/mar/07/solar-farms-to-create-natural-habitats-for-threatened-british-species).</p>					

QUALITY OF PLACE

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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	X	X	X	Overall no relationship, although there may be a minor positive on the provision of sustainable jobs as planning obligations can be used to specify training and employment for local people as part of a development approval
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	+	+	+	Marginally positive as planning obligations can specify training requirements as part of a new development
<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	++	++	++	There will be significant positive benefits as planning obligations can specify play facilities, playing pitches, outdoor sports facilities, built sports facilities and green infrastructure elements, all of which can increase opportunities for people to access such facilities and their associated health benefits.
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it create safer and cleaner communities? Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	0	0	0	Neutral overall, although the policy does specify maintenance as an appropriate planning obligation

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<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	+	+	+	<p>The provision of affordable homes as part of a wider housing development can be a key planning obligation making a major contribution to the supply of affordable homes in Hartlepool. Planning obligations can also provide adequate open space within housing developments and provide more opportunities for accessing such open space as part of a green infrastructure contribution.</p>
<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	+	+	+	<p>Planning obligations can help to secure a number of positive transport benefits including the provision of bus services to new developments which will provide opportunities to access jobs and key facilities; footpaths and cycle routes which can provide attractive alternatives to the use of private cars, and can provide for improvements to existing transport services. Contribution to provide new or improved sections of the more strategic road network can also help to improve safety on more congested and busier sections of the network.</p>
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, 	++	++	++	<p>Positive benefits for most of the appraisal criteria including the provision of open space, improved access to natural and cultural facilities, and elements of green infrastructure. The Council can also ensure through planning obligations that all</p>

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environment.	<p>historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest?</p> <p>4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets?</p> <p>5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space?</p> <p>6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable?</p> <p>7. Will it encourage high quality design?</p> <p>8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments?</p> <p>9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?</p>				facilities meet required design and other quality standards.
<p>8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.</p>	<p>1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool?</p> <p>2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites?</p> <p>3. Will it protect habitats and priority species?</p> <p>4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.</p>	++	++	++	Planning obligations can be used to improve and protect most of the appraisal criteria.
<p>9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.</p>	<p>1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources?</p> <p>2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality?</p> <p>3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution?</p> <p>4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters?</p> <p>5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences?</p> <p>6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?</p>	+	+	+	Marginally positive as planning obligations can be used to require the provision of sustainable drainage schemes (SuDS) which can help to achieve sustainable use of water resources and reduce the risk of flooding;
<p>10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.</p>	<p>1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs?</p> <p>2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people?</p> <p>3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities?</p> <p>4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place?</p> <p>5. Will it promote social cohesion?</p>	0	0	0	Neutral overall although it should be noted that measures to improve transport associated with new development, will also help improve accessibility to jobs and services.
<p>11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation-</p>	<p>1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness?</p> <p>2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are</p>	X	X	X	

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To promote strong and inclusive communities	<p>disadvantaged?</p> <p>3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities?</p> <p>4. Will it increase community cohesion?</p> <p>5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?</p>				
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	<p>1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land?</p> <p>2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations?</p> <p>3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources?</p> <p>4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?</p>	0	0	0	Neutral overall although it is possible to specify contributions for energy from renewable sources. However it should also be noted that new development could increase demand for natural resources.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<p>1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste?</p> <p>2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible?</p> <p>3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials?</p> <p>4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner?</p> <p>5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?</p>	X	X	X	
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<p>1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources?</p> <p>2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions?</p> <p>3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change?</p> <p>4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development?</p> <p>5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach?</p> <p>6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding?</p> <p>7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?</p>	0	0	0	Neutral overall as could increase use of natural resources but could also work towards sustainable flood risk management through the use of SuDS, and a reduction in CO ₂ emissions through greater accessibility to sustainable transport modes.

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15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	+	+	+	Through the use of planning obligations the policy can ensure that new development can meet changing needs into the future.
Conclusions: Planning obligations can play an essential role in making new development acceptable both now and into the future. Planning obligations are driven by the need for development to be sustainable.					
Recommendations: None.					

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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	+	+	+	Policy aims at improving and making the physical environment attractive thereby improving perception of place. This may lead to inward investor interest, more businesses and job creation in the town hence encouraging economy growth. However, economic growth will be marginal as it will depend on the type of development on the acquired derelict building/land.
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	0	0	0	Effect of policy on education depends on type of development on the acquired derelict building/land. If re-developed for education it will be positive and vice versa hence neutral score

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<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	+	+	+	<p>If derelict building/land are left unattended for a long time, they may pose health hazard, increased risk of injury, dust, asbestosis, local air pollution. Policy will marginally help provide a cleaner environment and improve health</p>
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it create safer and cleaner communities? Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	++	++	++	<p>Derelict buildings/land can provide meeting spots for crime and antisocial behaviour thereby increasing fear of crime in the community. They can also encourage fly tipping and increase waste</p> <p>This policy seeks to address the problem of derelict buildings/land. Therefore the policy will significantly contribute to creating safer and cleaner communities and reduce crime and antisocial behaviour.</p>
<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	+	+	+	<p>Effect of policy on housing depends on type of development that goes on the acquired derelict building/land.</p> <p>If re-developed for housing it will be positive and vice versa.</p> <p>Policy will promote re-use of previously developed land and assuming that it is for housing then this will have a marginal positive effect on housing</p>

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<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	+	+	+	<p>Large development schemes such as housing require new roads, new access points or by-passes and new routes e.g. the planned Elwick by pass as a result of a large housing development at Tunstall Farm</p> <p>In such circumstances properties/land along planned new routes may require to be purchased from the owners to make way for the new route. Therefore this policy can contribute towards delivery of the transport infrastructure.</p>
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs? 	+	+	+	<p>Policy aims at improving and making the physical environment clean and attractive hence positive for both the built and natural environment</p>

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8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	0	0	0	Derelict buildings/land can provide habitat for animals and new plant species but on the other hand can also encourage pests such as rats and invasive plant species. On balance this policy is therefore neutral
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	+	+	+	Derelict buildings/land depending on their state and previous use can act as pollutants to water, local air and soil. This policy will therefore be positive for this objective.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	+	+	+	Policy will promote sense of place among the community by increasing place perception.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?	0	0	0	Effect of policy on objective (11) will depend on the type of development on the acquired derelict building/land. Due to the uncertainty of what type of development will take place once the land/building is acquired, a neutral score is appropriate
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in	+	+	+	The policy promotes efficient use of Brownfield sites hence encourages prudent use of the land natural resource

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energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?				
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?	x	x	x	No relationship
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	0	0	0	Policy encourages sustainable use of land as a natural resource but does not necessarily minimise greenhouse gas emissions
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations?	+	+	+	Policy will encourage sustainable use of the land resource hence preserving it for future generations

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<p>Conclusions: This policy is strongest on encouraging safety and security for the community by dealing with unsightly derelict land/buildings. Although it is strong on many objectives (1, 3, 5,6,7, 9,10 and 15), its strength is highly dependent on what type of development goes on the acquired land/building. The policy is neutral on objectives 2, 8 and 14. It has no direct relationship with only one objective i.e. waste but policy does discourage fly tipping hence indirectly reduces illegal waste dumping.</p> <p>Recommendations: To make it stronger, this policy may need additional wording in the direction of types of development(s) to go on the acquired land/building(s). Example of wording to add '<i>Development needs in or within the vicinity of the acquired land/buildings will be assessed and appropriate development delivered accordingly</i>'</p>					

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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	+	+	+	Well designed developments in sustainable locations will attract investors and visitors and this will marginally improve the economy. This policy therefore encourages economic growth.
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	0	0	0	The policy has a weak link with this objective. The policy has potential of improving sustainable access to education facilities
<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	+	+	+	Policy has potential to encourage healthier lifestyles through promoting sustainable modes of transport for all by encouraging walking, cycling and use of public transport
<p>4. Safety and Security.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 	++	++	++	The policy is strong in this

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To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.	2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas?				objective as it directly influences highway safety
5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.	1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments?	0	0	0	No relationship with affordable housing provision however policy promotes good quality housing through sustainable design in sustainable locations
6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.	1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change?	++	++	++	This objective is well promoted by policy. It reduces transport barriers, promotes sustainable modes of transport, safe transport systems and also personal security
7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the	1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline?	+	+	+	Through promoting sustainable design in new developments, green infrastructure, tree planting, the policy

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quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.	2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?				enhances quality of the built environment
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	0	0	0	The policy has a weak link to this objective. By promoting green infrastructure and tree planting in new developments this may contribute to biodiversity but not significantly so.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	+	+	+	No direct link but policy seeks to reduce reliance on the car and promotes sustainable modes of transport hence carbon emissions will be reduced

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10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? Will it promote social cohesion? 	++	++	++	Sustainable design in sustainable locations with sustainable transport modes is promoted by this policy hence liveability and place objective will be most probably met by end of the plan period and beyond	
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? Will it increase community cohesion? Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement? 	+	+	+	Policy has weak link with this objective since it seeks to promote sustainable developments which indirectly influence inclusive communities	
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? Will it reduce demand for natural resources? Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources? 	+	+	+	Indirect benefit through reducing reliance on the car thereby reducing demand for fuel which is a non renewable natural resource	
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	-	-	-	Policy is silent on how waste arising as result of new developments will be treated. Linking this policy with waste polices in the Local Plan will probably address this and make policy stronger	

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14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	++	++	++	Policy is strong on mitigating against effects of climate change by promoting developments that reflect sustainable design principles. It contributes towards minimising greenhouse gas emissions by promoting sustainable travel and reducing reliance on the private car
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations?	++	++	++	Policy is not detrimental to future generations but strong conserving the environment and the land natural resource for future generations
<p>Conclusions: This policy is strongest on safety and security, transport, liveability an place, climate change and futurity. It is strong in promoting the economy, health, built and natural environment, reducing air, water soil pollution, promoting strong and inclusive communities and increasing energy efficiency of new developments. The policy is neutral in objectives education and skills, housing, biodiversity and geodiversity. The policy is silent on waste.</p> <p>Recommendations: The policy could be improved by linking it to waste policies as new developments are likely to generate more waste and also linking it to the design SPD. Policy promotes sustainable design principles but these are not clearly outlined in the preamble.</p>					

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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation?	0	0	0	Quality of design and layout of business parks can encourage new investment to locate at a particular location. A cross reference to the Queen's Meadow and Wynyard Business Park policies may be beneficial.

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2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	X	X	X	
3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	+	+	+	Well planned and located open space will encourage people to use such spaces which in turn may lead to people adopting healthier lifestyles. It is suggested that bullet point 3 in the policy be amended to include 'adequate' public space as well as well located and planned.
4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it create safer and cleaner communities? Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	+	+	+	Overall marginally positive as there is potential through well designed developments to reduce the opportunity for crime and make people feel safer.

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<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	+	+	+	<p>In conjunction with the relevant housing policies, this policy will help to provide good quality housing in sustainable locations, with adequate, good quality open space. While the policy does refer to the needs of an ageing population consideration should also be given to referring to the needs of dementia sufferers as this is covered in the supporting text.</p>
<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	X	X	X	<p>Overall no direct relationship but consideration should be given to including a cross reference to the sustainable transport policy as the layout and design of new development can facilitate the provision of foot and cycle links and access to bus stops.</p>
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of 	++	++	++	<p>This policy should contribute significantly to enhancing quality, character and distinctiveness of townscapes and streetscapes; enhancing the setting of heritage assets; improving the physical environment, and encouraging high quality design. The policy also has potential for contributing positively to</p>

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	archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?				elements of the green infrastructure network and improving access to natural and cultural assets.
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	X	X	X	No direct relationship but consideration could be given to cross reference to the open space and ecological network policies.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	X	X	X	
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	+	+	+	Marginally positive overall as the policy could contribute to improving access to services and facilities, although this depends to some extent on the size of the development proposal. There should also be positive effects on promoting a sense of place and community cohesion.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged?	+	+	+	Marginally positive as the policy should contribute to increasing community cohesion, and creating ownership and

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strong and inclusive communities	3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?				engagement.
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	+	+	+	The policy has potential through good design to contribute to energy efficiency and the use of renewable sources.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?	X	X	X	Overall no relationship, although it should be noted that most types of new built development will generate more household and/or commercial waste.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	X	X	X	No direct relationship but there is a link between good design and the creation of a good quality green infrastructure network.

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15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations?	+	+	+	Taking into account the changing needs of users as part of the design process should 'future proof' development for future generations.
Conclusions: Overall the policy will contribute towards achieving sustainable development as there should be positive benefits for health, safety and security, successful housing schemes, promoting a sense of place and future proofing for the changing needs of users. There should be significant benefits for enhancing the built environment and the setting of heritage assets, providing an attractive and sustainable physical environment.					
Recommendations: Consideration should be given to cross referencing the Queen's Meadow and Wynyard Business Park policies; amending bullet point 3 to read "Have adequate, well located and planned public space(s)"; including reference to the needs of dementia sufferers; cross reference to the sustainable transport policy; and cross reference to the open space and ecological network policies.					

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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation?	X	X	X	
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education?	X	X	X	

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<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	+	+	+	Marginally positive as having safe and secure developments should encourage people to make more use of outdoor space, with consequent benefits for health. The policy specifically mentions shading and cooling which will provide health benefits.
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it create safer and cleaner communities? Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	++	++	++	This policy is designed to support the creation of safe and clean communities; help in reducing incidences of crime and antisocial behaviour; reduce fear of crime and ensure safe access to all public areas
<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	X	X	X	

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<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	X	X	X	No direct relationship. Reference is made in the policy to 'Secured by Design' but consideration should be given to cross-referencing the policy on layout and design of new developments.
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs? 	+	+	+	Marginally positive as the policy will complement other design related policies and help to ensure that the physical environment can be responsive and sustainable

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8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	X	X	X	
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	X	X	X	
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	+	+	+	Marginally positive as a safe and secure environment will positively contribute towards a sense of place and social cohesion
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?	+	+	+	Marginally positive as the policy should contribute towards increasing community cohesion and engagement
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	+	+	+	Marginally positive as the policy promotes the use of shading and cooling elements as part of new development which can also promote energy efficiency

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prudent use of natural resources.					
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	X	X	X	
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	+	+	+	Marginally positive as there will be opportunities for incorporating climate mitigation measures such as shade trees and green roofs which form part of the overall package of climate change mitigation
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	+	+	+	All the elements of the policy will provide for the needs of future generations.
<p>Conclusions: Safety and security are key concerns of local communities. By ensuring that new development take account of safety standards and elements of design that improve safety and security the policy will be able to meet the needs of existing and future communities.</p> <p>Recommendations: Consideration should be given to including a cross reference to the layout and design of new development policy.</p>					

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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	0	0	0	Neutral overall, although it can be noted that successfully addressing the issues listed in the policy will support suitable and appropriate economic development.
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	X	X	X	
<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	+	+	+	Elements such as dealing with land contamination, avoiding cables and pipelines, minimising noise, dust, fumes etc., and ensuring that there is clean water and adequate drainage, all add up to reducing the risks to health
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it create safer and cleaner communities? Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	+	+	+	As with the health objective above addressing all the matters listed in the policy will contribute to safer and cleaner communities, including reducing fire risk.

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<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	X	X	X	
<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	0	0	0	Neutral overall although it should be noted that transport issues, particularly road capacity and associated congestion, can be a constraint on the development of some sites even if the capacity issue is some distance from the development site on, for example, parts of the strategic road network..
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of 	+	+	+	<p>Taking into account agricultural land quality will help to maintain the quality and character of the countryside. The policy will also help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive and sustainable in future years.</p> <p>As wildlife and habitats are included in the policy there is a query over</p>

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	archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?				whether heritage assets should also be included
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	+	+	+	The policy specifically refers to the effects of development on wildlife and habitats, and also landscape features and trees
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	+	+	+	The policy addresses a number of pollution related issues included contaminated land, noise, air quality, water quality, and dealing with surface water and foul drainage. However it may be useful for the policy to refer specifically to flood risk, and the need to address surface water and foul drainage issues in a sustainable manner.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	+	+	+	Overall the policy will help to create liveable places where technical matters that could affect quality of life and the creation of safe environments have been addressed. It is suggested however that the policy should ensure that all the matters listed in the policy are <u>satisfactorily</u> addressed
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and	X	X	X	

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Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?				
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	0	0	0	Neutral overall, although references to agricultural land and contaminated land should contribute towards the efficient use of land
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?	0	0	0	The policy may facilitate the recycling of materials on sites and dealing with any waste issues in a sustainable manner.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	0	0	0	Neutral overall but the policy could usefully refer specifically to consideration of flood risk

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15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	+	+	+	Addressing the issue listed in the policy will ensure that development sites do not store up problems for future generations
<p>Conclusions: This policy provides a very useful checklist of key sustainability and other issues that need to be considered and addressed when determining planning applications and proposals for development.</p> <p>Recommendations: The second paragraph should be amended to read: “.....the following matters are investigated and satisfactorily addressed:” Point 7 should be amended to read “The water supply system is adequate, surface and foul main drainage is dealt with in a sustainable manner” Consideration should be given to including a reference to the presence of heritage assets, and also the need to have regard to issues of flood risk, both on and off site.</p>					

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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	+	+	+	The policy has the potential to have a positive impact on the local economy. The policy aims to increase the energy efficiency of all development. This has the potential to benefit commercial premises and businesses through more efficient running of buildings and subsequent reduction in energy bills. In particular this may make heritage assets and older buildings viable, and contribute towards addressing voids in the town centre.
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 	+	+	+	The policy has the potential to help to improve school buildings and facilities, reducing costs, so schools could

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full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education?				possibly use funding for other purposes, such as improving facilities. Improving energy efficiency of building can reduce fuel costs in the home and have a positive impact on the home environment in terms of heating, which can have a potential positive impact on learning and attainment.
3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.	1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities?	+	+	+	Improving the energy efficiency of dwellings can have a positive impact on the quality of housing. There are proven links between health (particularly breathing difficulties) and poor quality housing. The policy will indirectly reduce pressure on health facilities. The policy refers directly to the adequate provision of Green Infrastructure.
4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.	1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas?	X	X	X	No relationship identified.

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<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	+	+	+	<p>The policy will ensure that new development incorporates a high rate of energy efficiency; this gives a greater choice dwelling for residents in Hartlepool.</p> <p>The policy encourages the use of green infrastructure within developments to assist in ensuring energy efficiency.</p> <p>The policy supports high quality design to make the best use of passive solar gain, natural lighting, heating and cooling.</p>
<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	X	X	X	No relationship identified.
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of 	+	+	+	<p>The policy supports the inclusion of green infrastructure within developments which has the potential to ensure new development is of a high standard.</p> <p>As fuel becomes more expensive, there is the possibility that older properties which in some cases can be less energy efficient become less</p>

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	archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?				attractive to potential occupiers. This could have a detrimental impact on these buildings and the wider environment.
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	X	X	X	No relationship identified.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	+	+	+	The policy refers to the requirement of sustainable drainage methods, which will prevent against flood risk. Inclusion of green infrastructure will contribute towards improving local air quality. There is the possibility that the inclusion of grey water capture schemes may reduce surface run off which could in turn have a detrimental impact on small scale water courses.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	X	X	X	No relationship identified.
11. Equity,	1. Will it promote social inclusion and	+	+	+	The outcome of the policy

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Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?				will be more energy efficient housing; this will have a positive impact on deprivation.
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	++	++	++	The purpose of the policy is to achieve this objective.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?	X	X	X	No relationship identified. The policy does not reference waste.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	++	++	++	The policy aims to ensure that all developments have high levels of energy efficiency; if this is successfully implemented there will be a positive benefit on climate change. The policy will also aim to ensure awareness is raised in relation to global climate change issues, addressing these at the local scale.

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15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	++	++	++	The policy is positive and promotes sustainable development. The policy will directly contribute towards reducing development using fossil fuels which has a direct benefit for future generations.
<p>Conclusions: The policy will have a positive impact on sustainable development. The policy supports energy efficient development.</p> <p>Recommendations: In relation to the wording of the policy, in point 2 of the policy 'solar energy' should be changed to 'solar gain'. The policy should be cross referenced to the waste policy, renewable energy policy and green infrastructure policy.</p>					

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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	+	+	+	Rightly located advertisements promote businesses and services in the Borough and this is promoted by this policy
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	x	x	x	No relationship

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<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	x	x	x	No relationship
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it create safer and cleaner communities? Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	+	+	+	The policy ensures that advertisements are well located in safe locations and do not obstruct or have impact on public or highway safety
<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	x	x	x	No relationship

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Appraisers: Nomusa Malinga, Richard Harrison, Daniel James					
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<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	x	x	x	No relationship
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs? 	+	+	+	The policy ensures adverts do not individually or cumulatively impact on the built environment or public amenity by means of their location, size and appearance

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8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	x	x	x	No relationship
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	x	x	x	No relationship
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	+	+	+	By ensuring advertisements are rightly located, of right size and appearance the policy contributes to liveability and place
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?	x	x	x	No relationship
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	x	x	x	No relationship

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prudent use of natural resources.					
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	x	x	x	No relationship
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	x	x	x	No relationship
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	0	0	0	Policy is not detrimental to future generations and will not restrict their choices for future generations, however it does not ensure futurity
<p>Conclusions: This policy is marginally strong on economy, safety and security, built and natural environment, liveability and place. It is neutral on health, transport and futurity. The policy has no relationship with a number of objectives: 2, 5, 8,9,11, 12, 13 and 14.</p> <p>Recommendations: None</p>					

HOUSING

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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	0	0	0	<p>The policy will lead to job creation due to house building but skills are unlikely to be high and wide ranging.</p> <p>Two sites are in urban edge and one is to the east of the A19 so there is a strong possibility that many in the new housing areas will use out of town facilities especially as they are easily accessible from the A689, a new bypass and the A19.</p> <p>There is a risk that those currently living in the inner area of the borough may move to the urban edge so there could be a void for a period of time within the inner area.</p> <p>Other policies need to ensure that homes in the urban area are well designed and attractive to ensure residents stay there or new ones are attracted.</p>
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	x	x	x	<p>Policy does not relate to education and skills etc.</p> <p>This policy is a brief policy which stated where housing sites will be, it is not necessary to go into how an application will be assessed.</p> <p>The bespoke housing policies and other LP plan policies do the.</p> <p>The planning obligations policy draws reference to a requirement for local training and employment, so this SA objective will be met elsewhere within the plan.</p>

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3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.	1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities?	x	x	x	Achieving the Health SA objective will be delivered through other policies within the plan.
4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.	1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas?	x	x	x	Achieving the safety and security SA objective will be delivered through other policies within the plan.

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<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	+	+	+	<p>The policy will allow for much needed homes to be built in a variety of locations, at various sale prices, across the borough.</p> <p>There area high proportion of greenfield sites listed for development so the policy does not prioritise brownfield land.</p> <p>Urban edge sites are the next best sustainable locations after the urban area, the edge of area sites can be made more sustainable by utilising and expanding upon existing infrastructure but Wynyard is isolated and will not reduce the need to travel by car. The options to utilise existing infrastructure are limited as the area (Wynyard) only has limited local services and facilities.</p> <p>Much of the SA criteria will be achieved through other policies within the Local Plan.</p> <p>Adding a link to the planning obligations policy will assist in ensuring the housing sites are as sustainable as possible.</p>

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<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	<p>x</p>	<p>x</p>	<p>x</p>	<p>This policy specifically relates to the location of housing. There is no direct link in the policy to the SA criteria although the assessors note that the location of some housing sites can have a positive impact on the transport infrastructure in the borough and for carbon emissions.</p> <p>Other policies within the Local Plan will ensure that the transport network is maintained and enhanced.</p>
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs? 	<p>x</p>	<p>x</p>	<p>x</p>	<p>The link to design is positive however it is not the purpose of this policy to protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p> <p>However due to the location of some housing sites, many of the boroughs key features such as the SPA will be retained.</p>

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8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	x	x	x	This policy could be cross referenced with the environment and ecology policies.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	x	x	x	It is not the role of this policy to improve and/or retain watercourses etc. Assessors note the cross reference with the flooding policy.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	x	x	x	Assessors consider that it is not the role of the policy to directly achieve this SA objective.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?	x	x	x	
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	-	-	-	The policy allows for a significant amount of greenfield development. Assessors note the link to the climate change policy. The energy efficiency policy should also be cross referenced in this policy.

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prudent use of natural resources.					
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	x	x	x	
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	0	0	0	<p>The policy does not specifically assist in reducing carbon emissions or mitigating against climate changes. Some sites are provided in sustainable locations but others are not.</p> <p>The policy will have a neutral impact overall.</p>
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	0	0	0	<p>There is a high proportion of development proposed on greenfield land in less sustainable locations, some distance from key transport routes, employment locations and the Town Centre.</p> <p>Countryside will be built upon on and gone forever and some locations, particularly Wynyard, will not reduce the need to travel by car, thus increasing carbon emissions.</p> <p>However the policy will provide homes that future generations will need. So overall the policy has a neutral impact upon the SA objective.</p>

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<p>Conclusions: this policy has one key function, which is to set out where new homes will be built across the borough. The other policies within the local plan have a role in ensuring that the sites are developed accordingly by being of high quality, with open spaces and other key features such as local centres that may be required.</p> <p>The policy is positive overall, it is noted that some sites are on the urban edge on greenfield land, however the policy does provide sites within the urban area and the edge of borough sites are the next best options as they can be made to be more sustainable over time. The Wynyard site is isolated from the main built up area of Hartlepool and there are limited benefits when considering the SA criteria. However assessors note that the sites do offer a range of housing to serve different markets within a number of locations and that the mix of location can help Hartlepool become a more attractive place to live.</p> <p>Recommendations: Assessors consider that to improve the policy the headline dwelling figures should be inserted into the first paragraph of the policy. To improve the policy there should be a link to the planning obligations policy which does set out a requirement for local training and employment. This policy could be cross referenced with the environment and ecology policies and the energy efficiency policy.</p>					

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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	0	0	0	<p>The aim of this policy to is promote and ensure that an appropriate mix of housing type is delivered to meet the future needs of the town. The allocation of specific sites identified in this policy will help to ensure the viability and vitality of local centres in the vicinity of these sites.</p> <p>Whilst the intention of this policy is to ensure there is the right housing mix, there is the potential to have an impact on the local economy.</p>
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	X	X	X	No relationship identified.

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maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.					
<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	0	0	0	<p>If appropriate types of housing are provided there are links to associated health benefits. Provision of an appropriate mix of housing could enable elderly people to remain living in the community for longer, i.e. there is opportunity to move into suitable housing. This could have an impact on health and wellbeing of residents.</p> <p>Hartlepool has poor levels of health inequalities, and there is a high proportion of people suffering from poor health. As a result demand for adapted housing and bungalows is high.</p> <p>Action: Consider inclusion of reference to bungalows in policy or definition in Table 5.</p>
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	X	X	X	No relationship identified.

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<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	+	+	+	<p>The purpose of the policy is to ensure that all new development in Hartlepool provides a range of housing types to meet housing need, helping to ensure that the development of new homes creates a supply that meets demand. The evidence for this is set out in the Hartlepool SHMA.</p> <p>The policy when cross referenced with Table 5 indicates that a range of housing types includes reference to tenure.</p>
<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	X	X	X	<p>No relationship identified.</p>
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of 	-	-	-	<p>This policy is specifically about the range of housing type and tenure which should be built on sites to deliver sustainable development. As sites identified in HSG1 (New Housing Provision) are listed, all of which are greenfield development, it is considered that whilst policy does state that development is</p>

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	archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?				appropriate to its surroundings it doesn't require that this should be an enhancement to the area. This policy therefore actively supports the encroachment of urban development into the countryside (2). The policy does not mention design. Possible suggestion to strengthen the policy is to cross-reference with the forthcoming Design SPD.
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	X	X	X	No relationship identified.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	X	X	X	No relationship identified.

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<p>10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? Will it promote social cohesion? 	+	+	+	<p>This policy encourages social mix within housing developments if the right mix of housing is provided. This policy encourages development to meet housing need. The policy will help to sustain local communities as it provides a range of housing options which will address different needs at different periods in people's lives.</p>
<p>11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? Will it increase community cohesion? Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement? 	0	0	0	<p>This policy provides the opportunity to help ensure sustainable inclusive communities, providing a range of housing options within a community allows greater opportunity for movement within the community; this will have an impact on ensuring communities remain.</p>
<p>12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? Will it reduce demand for natural resources? Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources? 	X	X	X	<p>No relationship identified.</p>
<p>13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	X	X	X	<p>No relationship identified.</p>

Policy being appraised: HSG2 Overall Housing Mix Appraisers: Fiona Stanforth, Daniel James & Zoe Rickleton Appraised 29 th March 2016					
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14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? Will it reduce the risk of flooding? Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	X	X	X	No relationship identified.
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	+	+	+	The aim of the policy is provide a range of housing options on all new development. This will have a clear benefit to current and future generations as it provides housing options for residents. The impact is in relation to the environmental impact and loss of Greenfield land that future generations will not have access to.
<p>Conclusions: Overall whilst assessment has reviewed the policy as relatively balanced, the policy will contribute towards the provision of sustainable development by providing a range of housing type and tenure to meet needs.</p> <p>Recommendations: Suggested that the policy could be strengthened with reference to bungalows specifically in the policy or definitions outlined in Table 5. The policy could also be strengthened by cross reference to the forthcoming Design SPD.</p>					

Policy being appraised: HSG3 - Urban Local Plan Sites Appraisers: Matthew King and Fiona Stanforth Appraised: 14 th April 2016					
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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of 	+	+	+	<p>Will lead to the creation of a number of jobs in the construction of the housing sites.</p> <p>Additional people living in these areas will support the local economy.</p>

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	town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation?				
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	+	+	+	<p>The policy links to the planning obligations policy – this could lead to contributions being secured from developments towards increasing the capacity of schools within the vicinity of the developments.</p> <p>In addition it could also lead to apprenticeships with the house builders through local labour agreements and training initiatives.</p>
3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	+	+	+	<p>The developments could lead to opportunities for healthier lifestyles and open space and play provision both within the development and through securing planning obligations towards play and open space if not provided on site.</p>
4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	+	+	+	<p>The policy links to the design policy which should ensure the developments adhere to secure by design principles. Also there may be a betterment by developing derelict sites which may attract anti-social behaviour at present.</p>

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<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	++	++	++	<p>Promotes the re-use of previously developed land and will help to provide housing in sustainable locations within the urban area, helping to address particular housing needs.</p> <p>The developments will help to increase access to open space both on site and near to development sites through improved green infrastructure.</p>
<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	+	+	+	<p>As the sites are all within the urban area this helps to promote development in areas which reduce the need to travel.</p>
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of 	++	++	++	<p>The development of these sites will help to improve the townscape as it will remove derelict, eyesore sights.</p> <p>The policy also helps to minimise the number of greenfield housing sites needed over the plan period.</p> <p>The links to other policies</p>

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	archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?				including heritage policies will help to ensure inappropriate development does not occur in the vicinity of conservation areas.
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	-	-	-	There may be some slight negative impact on ecological habitats on some of the sites which are "green." The links to the design and green infrastructure policies will help to minimise any detrimental impact and provide mitigation where necessary.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	0	0	0	Although development on these sites may increase the risk of flooding in their locality, the link to the climate change policy should ensure the risks of this are taken into account in the development and may include the provision of SuDS where necessary.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	++	++	++	The development of these sites is likely to lead to opportunities for jobs in the construction phase. The development of the sites will also improve the sense of community and social cohesion. Planning Obligations associated with the developments could also improve access to leisure and recreational facilities.

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<p>11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? Will it increase community cohesion? Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement? 	++	++	++	<p>The development of these sites is likely to lead to opportunities for jobs in the construction phase.</p> <p>The development of the sites will also improve the sense of community and social cohesion.</p> <p>The sites with more than 15 dwellings will also contribute to affordable housing provision helping to ensure no group of people are disadvantaged.</p>
<p>12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? Will it reduce demand for natural resources? Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources? 	0	0	0	<p>The development of these sites is considered efficient use of brownfield land within the urban area, helping to minimise the need for travel.</p> <p>The development and ongoing energy costs of the housing however will use natural resources.</p>
<p>13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	-	-	-	<p>The development of new housing areas will add to the level of residential waste which needs to be dealt with.</p> <p>The sites location within the urban area helps to minimise the distance to processing sites.</p>

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14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	-	-	-	The development of new housing areas will add to the emissions levels which will have an impact on climate change. The negative impacts are minimised by the link to the design policy which helps to ensure sustainable construction is used.
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations?	++	++	++	The policy is considered beneficial both to the existing and future generation in terms of housing opportunities and the re-use of brownfield sites along with the job opportunities it creates.
Conclusions This policy is very positive from an economic and social viewpoint. Environmentally there are some slight negatives which are minimised by links to other policies within the plan.					
Recommendations – No proposed changes.					

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Appraisers: Helen Williams, Zoe Rickelton and Leigh Taylor					
Appraised: 8 th April					
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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation?	+	+	+	House building will lead to limited job creation, but the jobs would not all be high skilled, wide ranging and long lasting. The local centre should provide long term employment but in the main the jobs are not high skilled. This site is on the urban edge of Hartlepool, some residents may choose to visit the town centre as it is a short drive or bus ride

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					away. Recommendation – link this policy to the planning obligations policy as that has link to local skills and employment.
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	+	+	+	<p>Direct reference to the provision of a school assists in making this policy positive when compared with the SA objective.</p> <p>Recommendation – link this policy to the planning obligations policy as that has link to local skills and employment.</p>
3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	+	+	+	<p>Positive elements in the policy will help achieve access to health services and facilities i.e. the local centre and green wedge.</p> <p>Play space will be provided on site, this is important for children's physical and mental health and social interaction.</p> <p>The green wedge will assist in linking the site to the countryside.</p>
4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	X	x	x	No overall relationship but the assessors note the positive link to the design policy, safety and security should however be included.

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5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.	1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land?				<p>The site is in one of the next best sustainable location, the site is not in the town centre but it is urban edge and not in an isolated rural area.</p> <p>The site is in a more sustainable location than some other sites chosen. Given its urban edge location it can tap into some existing services and facilities and as the site develops it should be seen as an extension to Hartlepool and have strong links to existing residential areas.</p> <p>Note the positive link to design and housing mix policies.</p> <p>Development on the open fields will reduce the level of open space overall but will create public space in the green wedge which is currently private.</p> <p>Affordable housing will be provided on site, link to housing mix policy also covers elderly so vulnerable groups are covered.</p> <p>Aim to develop the green wedge from an early stage to make sure the benefits are seen in the early stages and not at the end. This should be set out within the policy.</p>
	2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations?				
	3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations?				
	4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'?	+	+	++	
	5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool?				
	6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people?				
	7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments?				

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<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	+	+	++	<p>Policy allows for walking and cycling links, most residents will have cars so no real barrier to transport but the policy does allow for sustainable modes of transports especially through the green wedge.</p> <p>Local centre will provide convenience shopping close to where people live this helps reduce movement. GI also helps with creating sustainable transport links.</p> <p>The positives should increase over time as routes become established, if the routes are there the developer and Council can do more to promote the use of the links etc.</p>
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs? 	0	0	0	<p>The development will lead to urban development in the countryside.</p> <p>The development will be on open fields which many consider to be an attractive part of the landscape, so developing he land will impact upon the landscape.</p> <p>Links to the design policy are positive and should ensure development is of a high standard.</p> <p>The provisions in the policy will ensure sufficient open space is provided within the development.</p> <p>The policy will allow for urban development in the rural area, possibly improve the policy to draw reference to the fact that these homes are in the rural area and that</p>

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					design should reflect it. Typical suburbia should not be encouraged here. The policy is neutral overall; a significant amount of greenfield land will be developed upon which is negative, yet the housing area should be attractive which is positive.
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks. 	X	X	X	No relationship overall however the assessors note the slight positive that the green wedge along the beck corridor will add to ecological enhancements.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding? 	?	?	?	<p>The green wedge will run along the beck corridor and thus maintain the beck but, it does not specifically improve or prevent the flooding situation. It will just provide a flood alleviation area so that new homes are not flooded.</p> <p>Assessors considered that to give a positive outcome when viewing the SA criteria it would depend upon what is planted in the green wedge, reed beds etc will be positive. The policy does not elaborate on what will specifically occur to help pollution control etc.</p> <p>Assessors are not aware of what the green wedge will contain i.e if trees are provided then the can act as a carbon sink.</p> <p>Due to the number of unknowns assessors scored this policy with as uncertain (?)</p>

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<p>10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? Will it promote social cohesion? 	+	+	+	<p>Due to its location the site should be seen as an extension to Hartlepool so people can link in to existing facilities and community groups etc.</p> <p>The provision of a local centre on site will assist in providing facilities close to home. The greens spaces on site will allow for social interaction and possible cohesion etc.</p>
<p>11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? Will it increase community cohesion? Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement? 	X	X	X	
<p>12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? Will it reduce demand for natural resources? Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources? 	-	-	-	<p>The policy will allow for development on greenfield land, on the urban edge so some residents will head straight out by car to the A689 and then the A19 to access services and facilities in Stockton, Middlesbrough, Sunderland and Newcastle. This is viewed as being negative when considering car borne carbon emissions.</p> <p>The policy does not ensure development is energy efficient there is no requirement for the development to be carbon negative which in turn could render the overall scheme carbon natural.. The policy should be linked to the energy efficiency policy and climate change policy.</p>

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					The policy could also encourage the reuse of vacant buildings as a priority, the old farmsteads on site could be incorporated into new homes or the local centre.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	X	X	X	
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	0	0	0	<p>The site is urban edge so the next best sustainable location after the urban area. Facilities are within walking distance and there are opportunities to use sustainable modes of transport.</p> <p>Policy is neutral overall as it will lead to development on a significant amount of greenfield land but opportunities to be sustainable are embedded in the policy and its location allows for that.</p>
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	0	0	0	The policy is neutral overall, the homes will be built on greenfield land but the policy will assist in providing new homes that existing and future generations need.

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<p>Conclusions: The policy will allow for significant development in the countryside, development in the countryside does inevitably change the character and landscape which in many instance is deemed to be negative. Due to its urban edge location it is likely that many residents will leave the site and go straight to the A689 and then the A19 to access services and facilities out of town, however this has been mitigated against by ensuring that green links are provided which many encourage residents to interact with the local areas. The policy will allow for much needed homes to be built but it could be made more positive by following the recommendations set out below.</p> <p>Recommendations: The policy will allow for urban development in the rural area, possibly improve the policy to draw reference to the fact that these homes are in the rural area and that design should reflect it. Link the policy to the safety and security policy.</p>					

Policy being appraised: HSG5 High Tunstall					
Appraisers: Helen Williams, Peter Nixon and Philip Timmins.					
Appraised: 1 st April					
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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	+	+	+	<p>House building will lead to limited job creation, but the jobs would not all be high skilled, wide ranging and long lasting. The local centre should provide long term employment but in the main the jobs are not high skilled.</p> <p>This site is on the urban edge of Hartlepool, some residents may choose to visit the town centre as it is a short drive or bus ride away. The town centre is probably not within walking distance for many, but some may choose to cycle, especially if town centre cycling facilities are improved.</p>
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	+	+	+	<p>Direct reference to the provision of a school assists in making this policy positive when compared with the SA objective.</p>

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Hartlepool Residents.					
3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	+	+	+	<p>Positive elements in the policy will help achieve access to health services and facilities i.e. the local centre and green wedge.</p> <p>Play space will be provided on site, this is important for children's physical and mental health and social interaction.</p> <p>The green wedge will assist in linking the site to the countryside.</p>
4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it create safer and cleaner communities? Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	x	x	x	<p>No overall relationship but the assessors note the positive link to the design policy, safety and security should however be included.</p>
5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	+	+	+	<p>The High Tunstall site is in one of the next best sustainable location, the site is not in the town centre but it is urban edge and not in an isolated rural area.</p> <p>Policy has direct link to the design policy.</p> <p>The site is in a more sustainable location than some other sites chosen. Given its urban edge location it can tap into some existing services and facilities and as the site develops it should be seen as an extension to Hartlepool and have strong links to existing residential areas.</p>

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6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.	1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change?				<p>The bypass and grade separated junction should improve what exists at present especially the safety and access to the A19.</p> <p>The location of the site and policy criteria will not reduce the need to travel but to get to Hartlepool and its facilities is only a short distance so if in the car the emissions will be limited but there is potential to walk or cycle. The positive link to pedestrian and cycle improvements will help this..</p> <p>Bypass is a significant improvement, will reduce traffic through Elwick.</p> <p>The bypass will however increase traffic along Elwick Road to the point where the bypass begins. By directing more traffic along the countryside section of Elwick Road there could be more danger for vulnerable road users such as cyclists and pedestrians' unless a better cycle link is added in.</p> <p>Assessors would like to see walking and cycling links along the route of the new bypass to protect the vulnerable users who walk and cycle too and from Elwick. This could possible be safeguarded as the application progresses.</p>
	1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline?	0	0	0	<p>The development of High Tunstall will lead to urban development in the countryside.</p>

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quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.	2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?				<p>The development will be on open fields which many consider to be an attractive part of the landscape, so developing the land will impact upon the landscape.</p> <p>Links to the design policy are positive and should ensure development is of a high standard.</p> <p>The provisions in the policy will ensure sufficient open space is provided within the development and will ensure GI links are improved.</p> <p>The policy will allow for urban development in the rural area, possibly improve the policy to draw reference to the fact that these homes are in the rural area and that design should reflect it. Typical suburbia should not be encouraged here.</p> <p>The policy is neutral overall, a significant amount of greenfield land will be developed upon which is negative, yet the housing area should be attractive which is positive.</p>
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	x	x	x	
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters?	x	x	x	

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soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?				
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	+	+	+	Due to its location the site should be seen as an extension to Hartlepool so people can link in to existing facilities and community groups etc. The provision of a local centre on site will assist in providing facilities close to home. The green spaces on site will allow for social interaction and possible cohesion etc.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?	x	x	x	
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	-	-	-	The policy will allow for development on greenfield land, on the urban edge so some residents will head straight out by car to the A19 to access services and facilities in Stockton, Middlesbrough, Sunderland and Newcastle. This is viewed as being negative when considering car borne carbon emissions. The policy does not ensure development is energy efficient. The policy should be linked to the energy efficiency policy and climate change policy.

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13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	x	x	x	
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	0	0	0	<p>The site is urban edge so the next best sustainable location after the urban area. Facilities are within walking distance and there are opportunities to use sustainable modes of transport.</p> <p>Policy is neutral overall as it will lead to development on a significant amount of greenfield land but opportunities to be sustainable are embedded in the policy and its location allows for that.</p>
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	0	0	0	<p>The policy is neutral overall, the homes will be built on greenfield land but the policy will assist in providing new homes that existing and future generations need.</p>

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<p>Conclusions: The policy will allow for significant development in the countryside, by virtue of homes and a bypass. Development in the countryside does inevitably change the character and landscape which in many instance is deemed to be negative. Due to its urban edge location it is likely that many residents will leave the site and go straight to the A19 to access services and facilities out of town, however this has been mitigated against by ensuring that green links are provided which many encourage residents to interact with the local areas. The site is also close to existing services and facilities and not too far from the town centre. The policy will allow for much needed homes to be built and to improve traffic through Elwick village and the A19 access points. The policy could be made more positive by following the recommendations set out below.</p> <p>Recommendations: The policy should be linked to the safety and security, energy efficiency and climate change policy. Assessors would like to see walking and cycling links along the route of the new bypass to protect the vulnerable users who walk and cycle too and from Elwick. This could possible be safeguarded as the application progresses.</p>					

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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	+	+	+	<p>The provision of homes will lead to limited jobs in house building but the jobs are unlikely to be wide ranging and not all high skilled.</p> <p>The site location is not particularly helpful to Town Centre as it is unlikely that residents will travel from Wynyard to Town centre.</p>
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	x	x	x	<p>Link the Wynyard Policy to the planning obligations policy which requires local training and employment.</p>

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<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	+	+	+	<p>There are positive elements in the policy that will help achieve the health objective i.e. infrastructure links such as walking and cycling along with the provision of play space on site and links to the surrounding countryside will improve access.</p>
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	x	x	x	<p>No overall relationship but assessors note the positive link to the design policy.</p> <p>Reference to the safety and security policy should also be included.</p>

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<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	0	0	0	<p>It is possible that a sustainable community could be created, given the local centre, green infrastructure etc but the site is not in a sustainable location.</p> <p>The policy has links to the design policy which established high quality design.</p> <p>The site will ensure that the residents who live in Wynyard have increased access to open space; assessors note the positive walking link improvements.</p> <p>The policy/site does not provide all residents with access to housing due to its location; the homes are likely to be high end housing so more expensive than the average Hartlepool house price. Affordable housing will be required on the larger site which will assist in providing quality homes for all in a variety of locations but the other sites will be required to pay an off site sum which will be used to regenerate parts of the urban area, so not to provide homes within Wynyard.</p> <p>Neutral overall due to the site location, there are some pros and some cons but they balance each other out.</p>

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<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 				<p>Due to the location residents are likely to have to travel by car.</p> <p>The new A689 cycle link will be a positive. More cyclists will have to go along the A19 junction, there is a link through Wolviston but commuting cyclists are most likely to go across the A19 to access so there is unlikely to be an improvement to the safety of cyclists as the A19 crossing point is heavily trafficked and often traffic is at high speeds.</p> <p>The policy will have a neutral effect on the highway network, there may be some extending waiting times but the aim is to maintain it, not improve it.</p> <p>Due to the location there is likely to be an increase in Co2 emissions.</p> <p>The site is in an isolated location, disconnected from the main services and facilities within Wynyard and Stockton. There is likely to be an onus on car use. There are not enough services on site i.e cinema etc so people will have to travel.</p>
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled 				<p>This site would lead to urban development in the countryside.</p> <p>The policy will allow for building on areas of open space and some woodland so it will be to the detriment of that landscape.</p> <p>Not the positive link to the design policy.</p>

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	<p>ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest?</p> <p>4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets?</p> <p>5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space?</p> <p>6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable?</p> <p>7. Will it encourage high quality design?</p> <p>8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments?</p> <p>9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?</p>				<p>The policy will ensure that there is sufficient space within the development and should lead to an improvement in GI.</p> <p>This is urban development in the rural area, possible to improve the policy to draw reference to rural location and that design should reflect it. Typical suburbia should not be approved.</p>
<p>8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.</p>	<p>1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool?</p> <p>2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites?</p> <p>3. Will it protect habitats and priority species?</p> <p>4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.</p>	x	x	x	<p>No relationship overall but assessors note that the green space which will have biodiversity benefits.</p>
<p>9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.</p>	<p>1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources?</p> <p>2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality?</p> <p>3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution?</p> <p>4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters?</p> <p>5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences?</p> <p>6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?</p>	x	x	x	

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<p>10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion? 				<p>Local centre is a benefit but it is likely to be for top up shopping, residents are still likely to need to travel to access wider retail options.</p> <p>This policy would allow urban development in the rural area, in a location that is detached from Hartlepool. Assessors do not see how a sense of place can be created.</p> <p>The policy and site are unlikely to create social cohesion as there is unlikely to be a mix of people. The policy is likely to generate a housing estate in the rural area where many people work all day, drive home and do not generally not interacting with neighbours. However the policy does all it can to assist in creating social cohesion as it provides spaces for interaction. There area some activities (walking groups etc.) in the south of the A689, so links to south of A689 need to be ensured.</p>
<p>11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement? 	x	x	x	<p>No relationship overall but policy should not just create a mass of housing, the local centre, green wedge and green links will help people interact.</p>
<p>12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 	-	-	-	<p>This policy allows for build development on a natural resources and does not ensure prudent use like other sites close to the urban edge would. This site would have to be built to a carbon</p>

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energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?				negative level to a assist in mitigating against the carbon impacts. The policy does not require this.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?	x	x	x	
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	-	-	-	<p>The policy will not encourage prudent use of natural resources as it will allow for greenfield development. Residents are likely to need to travel by car and therefore there is likely to be an increase in carbon emissions, not a decrease.</p> <p>Note the positive the link to the flooding policy and that GI can act as a carbon sink especially if trees are planted.</p> <p>The policy is negative when compared to the SA criteria, mainly due to the location. This location is worse than other green location. The only likely way to overcome this would be to make the develop carbon negative.</p>

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<p>15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	0	0	0	<p>The policy is slightly negative and could be detrimental to future generations as it would allow building in a detached location which does not reduce the need to travel by car. Building in other areas could be more sustainable.</p> <p>The site does adds to a package of choices on where future home will be built, thus providing choice for future generations.</p> <p>Policy deemed to be neutral when considered against the SA objective as it's not in a sustainable location and is likely to increase Co2 emissions but it will create new homes.</p>

Conclusions: This policy would allow for residential development on greenfield land in a location that is detached from the main built up area of Hartlepool. The benefits to the main area of Hartlepool are likely to be limited. The site does provide an alternative to the two other strategic sites in the borough (South West Extension and High Tunstall) and the policy will ensure that the site is developed to a high standard with adequate open space, improved infrastructure including cycling and walking links.

Recommendations: Reference to the safety and security policy should also be included. This is urban development in the rural area, possible to improve the policy to draw reference to rural location and that design should reflect it. Typical suburbia should not be approved. There area some activities (walking groups etc.) in the south of the A689, so links to south of A689 need to be ensured.

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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of 	0	0	0	<p>The aim of this policy to set prescriptive parameters for development in Elwick Village. It is acknowledges that whilst the policy is a criteria based policy in reference to a particular site in the</p>

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	town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation?				village, an outcome of the development will be more residents in the vicinity of local services which should improve the viability and vitality of the village centre.
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	0	0	0	New development of the level proposed will require planning obligations towards the provision and improvement of education facilities to ensure sustainable development.
3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	+	+	+	The policy helps to provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles as there is direct reference to the improvement of cycle and footpath links to both the urban area of Hartlepool and the countryside. Access to services in the urban area of Hartlepool will be improved as the policy ensures the provision of a subsidised bus service.
4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it create safer and cleaner communities? Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	X	X	X	No relationship identified.

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5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.	1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land?				<p>The policy is a prescriptive policy for the guidance of development at this particular site. The site is mentioned in HSG2 (overall housing mix), this policy in conjunction will ensure that development of the site will meet housing needs to ensure sustainable development.</p> <p>The policy provides the opportunity for increased access to open space within the landscape buffer between the housing site and the proposed route for the new bypass.</p> <p>The policy specifically refers to design which will ensure that development of the site will be of high quality. The policy could possibly be improved by referencing the forthcoming Design SPD.</p>
	2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations?				
	3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations?				
	4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'?	+	+	+	
	5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool?				
	6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people?				
	7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments?				

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6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.	1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care?				<p>The policy actively encourages the development of sustainable modes of transport by improving cycling and walking links.</p> <p>In addition the policy is prescriptive about the provision of safe access to the site and sets out how the development should be designed in context to the bypass. .</p> <p>The policy ensures the provision of a subsidised bus service to the urban area which has the potential to reduce transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care. This policy supports a sustainable extension to the village.</p>
	2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel?				
	3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes?				
	4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling?				
	5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas?	++	++	++	
	6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network?				
	7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change?				
7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.	1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline?				<p>The policy promotes an extension to Elwick Village on greenfield land, therefore it will expand the size of the village into the countryside. It will not enhance the villages current form, the detail in the policy allows flexibility in relation to the design as long as it is considered to be in keeping with the village. This policy directly facilitates development which has the potential to have an impact on the character of the village and many heritage assets; this site is directly adjacent to the Elwick Conservation area.</p>
	2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside.				
	3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest?	-	-	-	
	4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets?				
	5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space?				
	6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable?				
	7. Will it encourage high quality design?				
	8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments?				
	9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure				

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	within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?				
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? Will it protect habitats and priority species? Will it improve or enhance ecological networks. 	-	-	-	The policy encourages the development of housing in the village which will impact upon the natural environment; therefore there is the potential to impact upon habitats and priority species. Mitigation against harm is a possibility.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding? 	0	0	0	The policy encourages the development of housing. The policy directly refers to site requirements, which includes site constraints. Any development should take into account water, air and soil pollution. Risk can be minimised and mitigated against.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? Will it promote social cohesion? 	+	+	+	This policy encourages and supports additional dwellings in Elwick village, providing a sustainable extension to the village. The focus of site specific policy promotes sustainable lifestyles. Creating additional housing options in the village will help to sustain and develop the community.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? Will it increase community cohesion? Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement? 	-	+	+	This policy encourages housing development on a specific site in the village. There has been a lot of community consultation undertaken as part of the development of the Rural Neighbourhood Plan, whilst this site is identified in the Neighbourhood Plan; the

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					numbers identified in this policy are higher which has the potential to create issues relating to social cohesion in the short term.
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources? 	X	X	X	No relationship identified.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	-	-	-	The policy will encourage housing at Elwick; this additional housing will increase landfill. This waste will have to travel to the urban area which is not sustainable.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	-	-	-	<p>The policy will encourage housing at Elwick; there is the potential to increase greenhouse gas both through the build process and the impact of new dwellings.</p> <p>Flood risk will be mitigated against although a reduction of surface for drainage has the potential to create an issue. The policy could be strengthened by direct reference to flood risk if not covered in the design SPD.</p>

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<p>15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	++	++	++	<p>The aim of the policy is to provide additional housing in the village which will create additional housing options for current and future generations. The benefit of adequate housing in a sustainable location contributes directly to the Governments house building agenda.</p>
<p>Conclusions: Overall the impact of this policy will be positive as it facilitates sustainable development of a strategic extension to Elwick Village.</p>					
<p>Recommendations: Suggested that the policy could be strengthened by the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cross reference this policy with the heritage policies relevant. Include reference to flooding. 					

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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	0	0	0	<p>The aim of this policy is to set prescriptive parameters for development in Hart Village. It is acknowledges that whilst the policy is a criteria based policy in reference to a particular site in the village, an outcome of the development will be more residents in the vicinity of local businesses which should improve the viability and vitality of the village centre.</p>
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment 	0	0	0	<p>New development of the level proposed will require planning obligations towards the provision and improvement of</p>

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and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	and participation in education?				education facilities to ensure sustainable development.
3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	++	++	++	The policy will ensure the provision of a new playing field and play provision as part of the development of the sites. This will benefit the residents of these new developments and the wider village as a whole. Play provision is mentioned in the preamble to the policy but not in the policy itself. Due to the intent of the policy, it could be strengthened by direct reference to play provision within the policy.
4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	0	0	0	Whilst there are many environmental and social benefits to the incorporation of play facilities and a playing field there is the possibility that such a facility could increase anti-social behaviour, both real and perceived.

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<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 				<p>The policy is a prescriptive policy for the guidance of development at this particular site. The site is mentioned in HSG2 (overall housing mix), this policy in conjunction will ensure that development of the site will meet housing needs to ensure sustainable development.</p> <p>The policy will ensure that access to open space for residents is increased.</p> <p>The policy specifically refers to design which will ensure that development of the site will be of high quality. The policy could possibly be improved by referencing the forthcoming Design SPD.</p>
<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 				<p>The policy actively encourages the development of sustainable modes of transport by improving cycling and walking links. There are already good links between Hart village and the urban area of Hartlepool.</p> <p>This policy supports a sustainable extension to the village.</p>
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the 	0	0	0	<p>The policy promotes an extension to the village on greenfield land, therefore it will expand the size of the village into the countryside as such does promote</p>

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distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.	<p>countryside.</p> <p>3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest?</p> <p>4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets?</p> <p>5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space?</p> <p>6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable?</p> <p>7. Will it encourage high quality design?</p> <p>8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments?</p> <p>9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?</p>				<p>encroachment into the countryside.</p> <p>There are a number of heritage assets in the vicinity of the sites; development in these locations has the potential to have a detrimental impact on setting of such heritage assets. The policy could be enhanced by cross referencing to relevant heritage policies.</p> <p>The policy will ensure the inclusion of new open space within the site which will be accessible to all.</p>
<p>8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.</p>	<p>1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool?</p> <p>2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites?</p> <p>3. Will it protect habitats and priority species?</p> <p>4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.</p>	-	-	-	<p>The policy encourages the development of housing in this location in Hart village which will impact upon the natural environment; therefore there is the potential to impact upon habitats and priority species. Mitigation against harm is a possibility.</p>
<p>9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.</p>	<p>1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources?</p> <p>2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality?</p> <p>3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution?</p> <p>4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters?</p> <p>5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences?</p> <p>6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?</p>	-	-	-	<p>The policy encourages the development of housing. The policy directly refers to site requirements, which includes site constraints. Any development should take into account water, air and soil pollution. Risk can be minimised and mitigated against. However in the case of these sites development could impact upon the flood zone and there is the potential that the sites include best and most versatile land.</p>

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10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion? 	+	+	+	This policy encourages additional dwellings in the village, providing a sustainable extension to the village. The focus of site specific policy promotes sustainable lifestyles. Creating additional housing options in the village will help to sustain and develop the community.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement? 	-	+	+	This policy encourages housing development on a specific site in the village. There has been a lot of community consultation undertaken as part of the development of the Rural Neighbourhood Plan, whilst these sites are identified in the Neighbourhood Plan, the numbers identified within this policy are higher which has the potential to create issues relating to social cohesion in the short term.
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources? 	X	X	X	No relationship identified.

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13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	-	-	-	The policy will encourage housing at Hart; this additional housing will increase landfill. This waste will have to travel to the urban area which is not the most sustainable approach.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	-	-	-	<p>The policy will encourage housing at Hart; there is the potential to increase greenhouse gas both through the build process and the impact of new dwellings.</p> <p>Flood risk will be mitigated against although reduction of surface for drainage has the potential to create an issue. The policy could be strengthened by the inclusion of direct reference to flood risk if not covered in the design SPD.</p>
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	++	++	++	The aim of the policy is provide additional housing in the village which will create additional housing options for current and future generations. The benefit of adequate housing in a sustainable location contributes directly to the Governments house building agenda.
<p>Conclusions: Overall the impact of this policy will be positive as it facilitates sustainable development of a strategic extension to Hart Village, in addition this development will facilitate significant improvements to provision of open space and play facilities for public access within the village.</p> <p>Recommendations: Suggested that the policy could be strengthened by the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross reference this policy with the heritage policies relevant. • Include reference to flooding. • Referencing the requirement for the provision of play facilities as part of the development of the open space. 					

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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	+	+	+	The policy will allow for positive impacts upon social depredation but the assessors did not consider that there were no links to economic activity.
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	X	X	X	
<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	X	X	X	No relationship overall but the assessors note the positive that better housing may be provided that is not full of damp etc and thus mental health and wellbeing can be improved.
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it create safer and cleaner communities? Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	X	X	X	No overall relationship but assessors did note that the policy does not tackle crime and anti social behaviour. Perception of those in affordable housing need is negative and if families are not integrated it could give rise to the perception of crime etc.

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<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 				<p>The policy will assist in creating a choice of homes and will assist in providing for those in affordable housing need.</p> <p>Much of the criteria is not applicable to this policy as the policy generally serves one main purpose, which is to provide affordable homes.</p> <p>The policy draws no reference to homes being decent or good quality therefore assessors considered that it is not possible to score this policy more positively.</p> <p>A possible recommendation is to like this policy to the design policies etc. and to state that affordable homes should be indistinguishable from general market homes.</p>
<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	x	x	x	
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 	x	x	x	

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quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.	2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?				
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	x	x	x	
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	x	x	x	

Policy being appraised: HSG9 Affordable Housing					
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<p>10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion? 	0	0	0	<p>Social cohesion could improve more overtime but education needs to improve for those in general market and in affordable housing need.</p> <p>The perception of those in affordable need can be negative but all in society need to be aware that often those in affordable housing need are vulnerable and that those in affordable housing need are not always negative contributors to society. Good and bad people can live in general market housing and in affordable housing so often the perception is untrue.</p> <p>Recommendation – to ensure those in affordable homes are not stereotyped and singled out the design and quality of affordable homes should be equal to the design of market homes.</p>
<p>11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement? 	0	0	0	<p>The policy can assist in providing homes for everyone.</p> <p>Some elements of social cohesion are beyond the remit on the local plan, but the policy could be improved to prevent those in affordable housing need being singled out as stated above.</p>
<p>12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and 	x	x	x	

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production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	efficient use of natural resources?				
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	x	x	x	
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? Will it reduce the risk of flooding? Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	x	x	x	
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	+	+	+	The policy will assist in providing for future generations, assessors do not think that the policy will have negative impact upon future generations.
<p>Conclusions: The policy is positive overall and will assist in ensuring that affordable homes are provide across the borough. The policy has one main aim and therefore not all of the SA criteria are essential.</p> <p>Recommendations: A possible recommendation is to like this policy to the design policies etc. and to state that affordable homes should be indistinguishable from general market homes.</p>					

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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	+	+	+	<p>The policy aims to support housing market renewal to address housing imbalance. The detrimental effect created by an oversupply of housing can have a significant impact on an area, the low demand for housing creates voids and as a consequence has an impact on the viability and vitality of the area. As this policy aims to address this, there will be a positive benefit on the local economy. Local centres in close proximity to sites can be strengthened. Short term inward investment through the supply chain can be an indirect benefit of development.</p> <p>The policy supports improvements to housing stock by reducing poor quality housing; this has a direct correlation to availability of housing for all. There is also a direct correlation between poor quality housing and levels of deprivation.</p>
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	+	+	+	<p>Housing development has the potential to lever in funding through planning obligations to secure additional education facilities to ensure sustainable development. There are economic challenges in delivering brownfield sites.</p> <p>There is an Employment Charter which encourages the use of local labour and skills. Suggested that the policy</p>

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					should be cross referenced to the Planning Obligations SPD which covers the employment charter and use of local labour / skills market.
3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	+	+	+	Better quality housing which is the intended outcome supported by this policy. In clearing existing housing stock there is the opportunity to reconfigure the layout of housing development to include additional green space / open space. There is the opportunity to reduce levels of deprivation through the provision of better quality housing. Housing provided will be more efficient; occupants as a result will spend a lower proportion of income on energy bills.
4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	+	+	++	The policy supports HMR, which involves the clearance of poor quality housing; such areas are often vulnerable to increased crime and antisocial behaviour issues. Rebuilding such areas will both help to reduce crime in the area and reduce perception of crime associated to the area – this will be a long term outcome of implementation of the policy. The provision of new build properties as part of HMR redevelopment will improve fire standards, e.g. through the provision of escape windows.

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<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	++	++	++	<p>The purpose of the policy is to promote the reuse of Brownfield land, areas which are currently experiencing market failure; this will specifically address issue with supply and demand of housing stock to meet needs and aspirations. This has the potential to address the needs of vulnerable people.</p> <p>Renewed housing stock will be built to current standards and building regulations.</p> <p>There is the opportunity to reconfigure space to include additional green / open space.</p>
<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	+	+	+	<p>Redevelopment of brownfield sites can create the opportunity to encourage better highway design – e.g. reduce 'rat runs' through inner town areas. This could have a direct impact upon increasing highway safety.</p> <p>The policy has the potential to increase sustainable use of transport if developments are sustainably integrated into urban areas.</p> <p>Redevelopment of residential areas in the inner urban core of the town will help sustain local centres by increasing the population numbers in close vicinity to commercial areas.</p>
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? Will it prevent urban development 	++	++	++	<p>The policy supports the redevelopment of town centre areas, however dependent on how houses are redeveloped there is the possibility that</p>

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local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.	<p>encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside.</p> <p>3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest?</p> <p>4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets?</p> <p>5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space?</p> <p>6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable?</p> <p>7. Will it encourage high quality design?</p> <p>8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments?</p> <p>9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?</p>				<p>the number of dwellings on sites may be reduced. However such sites where housing market failure is an issue present high numbers of voids and are not generally desirable areas where people want to live.</p> <p>There will always be a market for development of large housing on Greenfield sites; therefore this may have limited impact on encroachment into the countryside.</p> <p>There is the potential to improve the setting of heritage assets and has the potential to improve the quality of the built environment, including the additional provision of open space. The policy could be strengthened by cross referencing to Green Infrastructure policies.</p>
<p>8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.</p>	<p>1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool?</p> <p>2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites?</p> <p>3. Will it protect habitats and priority species?</p> <p>4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.</p>	X	X	X	No relationship identified.
<p>9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.</p>	<p>1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources?</p> <p>2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality?</p> <p>3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution?</p> <p>4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters?</p> <p>5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences?</p> <p>6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?</p>	X	X	X	No relationship identified.

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<p>10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? Will it promote social cohesion? 	++	++	++	<p>The redevelopment of housing market renewal sites will create new housing which better meets the needs and aspirations of the community. Town centre areas tend to have better provision of services and facilities and better infrastructure links, promoting sustainable areas.</p> <p>New dwellings which are better suited type of houses people want to live in will encourage new residents and help to retain existing residents, creating a diverse community.</p>
<p>11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? Will it increase community cohesion? Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement? 	0	+	++	<p>Such development enables the possibility to create new communities in the long term. In the short term there is the possibility that communities will be displaced.</p>
<p>12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? Will it reduce demand for natural resources? Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources? 	+	+	+	<p>There is the possibility to create sustainable development, development will be on brownfield land and there is the possibility that materials can be reused and retained increasing energy efficiency.</p>

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13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?	X	X	X	No relationship identified.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	0	0	0	Building on brownfield land, should be more energy efficient. The policy doesn't refer to climate change, but the impact of the policy should have a positive impact on the climate as new homes are more energy efficient. Possibly cross reference to energy efficiency policy.
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations?	+	+	+	The policy supports the improvement of housing stock to the benefit of future generations.
Conclusions: Overall the impact of this policy has a positive impact for sustainable development. It will support the improvement of housing stock in town centre areas, creating more sustainable communities, improving the local environment and boosting the local economy.					
Recommendations: The policy could possibly be cross referenced with energy efficiency, planning obligations, affordable housing and community facilities.					

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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable	1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business?	0	0	0	There may be an impact on the local economy in relation to builders

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economy.	3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation?				carrying work, e.g. if all development is refused this could impact upon the viability of local businesses.
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education?	X	X	X	No real relationship identified, although increased space in households may improve space / environment for study, which could in turn impact upon attainment.
3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.	1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities?	X	X	X	No relationship identified.
4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.	1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas?	X	X	X	No relationship identified.

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<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	+	+	+	Encourages development and increasing size of existing homes. The policy refers to design and ensures that development must be appropriate. It supports improvements to existing homes and to meet the needs of occupiers.
<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	X	X	X	No relationship identified.
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of 	+	+	+	<p>The policy supports appropriate extensions which has the potential to reduce the demand for new development, hence has the potential to reduce encroachment of development into the countryside.</p> <p>The policy has the potential to help improve the built environment.</p>

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	archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?				
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	0	0	0	The policy refers to the retention of adequate gardens which has the potential to protect ecological networks and habitats.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	X	X	X	No relationship identified.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	X	X	X	No relationship identified.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities?	X	X	X	No relationship identified.

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communities	4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?				
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	0	0	0	The policy supports further development of brownfield land and is therefore an effective use of land within the restrictions of the policy. Cross reference policy with energy efficiency policy.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?	X	X	X	No relationship identified.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	0	0	0	Extensions present the opportunity to improve the energy efficiency of a dwelling and can lead to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations?	+	+	+	The policy doesn't restrict the choices of future generations. If a house is extended to its full potential occupants have the choice to move to meet needs. The policy protects outside amenity space.

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Conclusions: The policy will have a positive impact on sustainable development. The policy supports further development on previously developed land to meet the needs of occupants.					
Recommendations: Delete first section of point 4 in the policy, so it reads "Provide reasonable outdoor space". Cross reference the policy to the Energy Efficiency Policy.					

Policy being appraised: HSG12 Residential Annexes					
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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	0	0	0	There may be an impact on the local economy in relation to builders carrying work, e.g. if all development is refused this could impact upon the viability of local businesses.
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	X	X	X	Whilst there is no real relationship identified, the provision of a residential annexe will create more space within the curtilage of a dwelling. This increased space in households may improve space / environment for study, which could in turn impact upon attainment.

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<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	X	X	X	Whilst there is no real relationship identified, the creation of annexes to residential properties provides additional space to accommodate a number of residential purposes. For example annexes are often built for the care of a relative, in this scenario, the policy can be related to the promotion of healthier lifestyles as care in this manner may enable independent living for longer.
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	X	X	X	No relationship identified.
<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	+	+	+	Encourages development and increasing size of existing homes to meet the needs of current occupiers. The policy refers to design and ensures that development must be appropriate. It could support meeting the needs of vulnerable residents depending on who the intended resident of an annexe may be.

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6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.	1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care?				No relationship identified.
	2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel?				
	3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes?				
	4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling?				
	5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas?	X	X	X	
	6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network?				
	7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change?				
7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.	1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline?				The policy supports appropriate annexes which has the potential to reduce the demand for new development, hence has the potential to reduce encroachment of development into the countryside. The policy has the potential to help improve the built environment.
	2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside.				
	3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest?	+	+	+	
	4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets?				
	5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space?				
	6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable?				
	7. Will it encourage high quality design?				
	8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments?				
	9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?				

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<p>8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? Will it protect habitats and priority species? Will it improve or enhance ecological networks. 	X	X	X	Whilst no real relationship is identified there is the possibility with the building of a new annexe that there may be an impact on biodiversity and geodiversity at a very localised level. The policy could possibly be strengthened by reference to protection of adequate gardens.
<p>9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding? 	X	X	X	No relationship identified.
<p>10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? Will it promote social cohesion? 	X	X	X	No relationship identified.
<p>11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? Will it increase community cohesion? Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement? 	X	X	X	No relationship identified.
<p>12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 	0	0	0	The policy supports further development of brownfield land and is therefore an effective use of land within the restrictions of the policy. Cross reference policy with energy efficiency

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energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?				policy.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?	X	X	X	No relationship identified.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	0	0	0	Residential annexe developments present the opportunity to ensure high quality design to ensure the energy efficiency of an annexe. Suggestion to cross reference to the energy efficiency policy.
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations?	+	+	+	The policy doesn't restrict the choices of future generations. An annexe can be reverted to its original use. It allows flexible use of dwellings.
<p>Conclusions: The policy will have a positive impact on sustainable development. The policy supports further development on previously developed land to meet the needs of occupants.</p> <p>Recommendations: In relation to the wording of the policy, this could be improved by either cross referencing to the residential extensions policy or repeating the wording to ensure all relevant is presented in this policy i.e. reference to the protection of garden amenity. Also the preamble of the policy should be strengthened by ensuring the description of a residential annexe is clear, i.e. kitchens are not included and will not be permitted as development should be ancillary to a main dwelling. The inclusion of kitchens has implications for building regulations.</p>					

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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	x	x	x	Assessors consider that there is no overall relationship but if travelling show people did locate within the borough then there is a possibility that the economy could be diversified.
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	+	+	+	Policy states that the site should be in close proximity to services and facilities including educational establishments which may in turn help encouraging lifelong learning and increases attainment if there is better access to educational facilities.

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<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	+	+	+	<p>Policy stipulates that a site/s should be located close to health facilities.</p> <p>There is no reference to the provision of green space etc. on site.</p> <p>Access to a range of facilities, including employment could improve economic and social poverty and help reduce health inequalities.</p> <p>Recommendation – should sites have open space and play facilities like general Market housing does. As a minimum there should be green space for ball games etc. if no play facility near by then one should be created but if one is near by then the facility would allow for better integration.</p> <p>Link to planning obligations policy, as residents should have option to use facilities in the borough but in doing so can place a burden on facilities and it is the burden that is mitigated against via planning obligations.</p>
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	+	+	+	<p>If a planning application is approved then it allows for this development in one specific location rather than having the sites proliferate across the borough, that are harder to manage and do not allow for additional benefits such as play space etc.</p> <p>Having an approved site could reduce impact upon excising community as</p>

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					<p>often the perception of travellers is poor etc. If a site is approved and managed well then perceptions could improve and communities may engage positively.</p> <p>It has often been reported that litter is left behind when transient travellers move on from a site, to ensure any new site is maintained and managed well then appropriate refuse facilities should be provided and they should be screened from view. This requirement should be set out in policy.</p> <p>Overall the policy is positive, as it will ensure all residents within the borough are catered for and having a designated sites/s could reduce the proliferation of sites across the borough which places a management burden upon the Council.</p>

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<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	?	?	?	<p>Assessors considered that much of the criteria is not relevant, the policy does not refer to the quality of homes, it sets out criteria in which an application would be assessed.</p> <p>Assessors question whether or not members of the travelling community are deemed to be vulnerable. If so then this policy provides for the vulnerable and would be positive.</p> <p>The recommendations set out below could help this policy become more positive by ensuring that open space is provided on site.</p>
<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	x	x	x	
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated 	x	x	x	<p>Overall no relationship although assessors consider that screening and landscaping is a positive as it can enhance an area and that having an approved site can remove a problem from elsewhere.</p>

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and historic environment.	<p>Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest?</p> <p>4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets?</p> <p>5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space?</p> <p>6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable?</p> <p>7. Will it encourage high quality design?</p> <p>8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments?</p> <p>9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?</p>				
<p>8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.</p>	<p>1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool?</p> <p>2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites?</p> <p>3. Will it protect habitats and priority species?</p> <p>4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.</p>	x	x	x	
<p>9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.</p>	<p>1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources?</p> <p>2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality?</p> <p>3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution?</p> <p>4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters?</p> <p>5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences?</p> <p>6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?</p>	x	x	x	

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<p>10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion? 	+	+	+	<p>Sites should have access to facilities and services, residents may be tempted to stay longer if they can tap into existing facilities.</p> <p>There could be an increased sense of place for travellers if they feel part of a place and community.</p> <p>The policy stipulates that sites should not be isolated; this should assist in ensuring there are opportunities for interaction and social cohesion.</p>
<p>11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement? 	+	+	+	<p>Ensuring residents are not isolated should assist in trying to increase social cohesion.</p> <p>The travelling community would have the chance to thrive in one area if they can live side by side, this is not often possible if travellers come and go to different location, with poor links and no routes and/or social network.</p>
<p>12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources? 	x	x	x	

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13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	x	x	x	Note recommendation on refuse collection.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? Will it reduce the risk of flooding? Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	x	x	x	
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	+	+	+	Ensuring that all residents are catered for when it comes to housing will provide choice for future generations. Assessors see no reason why choices for future generations would be negatively impacted upon.
<p>Conclusions: The policy does not allocate a site for Gypsy and Travellers and/or Travelling Show people; it sets out criteria in which applications would be assessed. The policy is positive overall as it ensures that the sites are located close to services and facilities which is essential for social integration, education, employment opportunities and health. The recommendations below will ensure the policy is strengthened further.</p> <p>Recommendations: Should sites have open space and play facilities like general market housing does. As a minimum there should be green space for ball games etc. if no play facility near by then one should be created but if one is near by then the facility would allow for better integration. To ensure any new site is maintained and managed well then appropriate refuse facilities should be provided and they should be screened from view.</p>					

STRENGTHENING THE LOCAL ECONOMY

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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	++	++	++	<p>The site will allow for a variety of types of businesses to open or continue to operate. The job opportunities could be wide ranging and at a variety of skills levels.</p>	
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	x	x	x		
<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	x	x	x	<p>Assessors consider that there is no direct relationship between the policy and SA objective, however the positives relating to the creation of an attractive environment and thus the positive impact that there could be on mental health.</p>	
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	x	x	x		

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<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	x	x	x	
<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	-	-	-	<p>The site is detached from the main urban area of Hartlepool and is not served by public transport or safe and secure cycling and walking links. Employees would be likely to access the jobs via car and thus increase carbon emissions.</p> <p>The existing transport infrastructure will be used but the policy does not mention improving the network, if anything it could make it worse due to the increase of traffic on the A689 and A19 junction.</p> <p>The A19 is considered to be a barrier, it is difficult to create safe and desirable walking and cycling links across the A19 so that commuters would want to use more sustainable modes of transport rather than the car.</p>
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, 	+	+	+	<p>The policy would allow for development on large areas of greenfield land,</p>

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To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.	<p>townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline?</p> <p>2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside.</p> <p>3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest?</p> <p>4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets?</p> <p>5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space?</p> <p>6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable?</p> <p>7. Will it encourage high quality design?</p> <p>8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments?</p> <p>9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?</p>				<p>which could in turn alter the landscape. However assessors noted that when they land is developer, green spaces will be created which are usable and will have benefits for physical and mental health.</p> <p>The policy seeks to ensure high design is achieved and seeks to protect natural environment features.</p>
<p>8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.</p>	<p>1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool?</p> <p>2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites?</p> <p>3. Will it protect habitats and priority species?</p> <p>4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.</p>	+	+	+	The policy seeks to protect natural environment features.
<p>9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.</p>	<p>1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources?</p> <p>2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality?</p> <p>3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution?</p> <p>4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters?</p> <p>5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences?</p> <p>6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?</p>	x	x	x	

Policy being assessed HSG6: Wynyard housing site					
Assessors: Helen Philip Timmins and Peter Nixon					
Assessed: 8 th April 2016					
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10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? Will it promote social cohesion? 	0	0	0	<p>The policy will allow for jobs to be created but are only likely to be accessible for those with a car.</p> <p>There is a possibility that the design of the area could lead to a sense of place. If the design is correct and has reference to its location then people may see the buildings and environment and recognise it as being Wynyard.</p>
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? Will it increase community cohesion? Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement? 	x	x	x	
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? Will it reduce demand for natural resources? Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources? 	-	-	-	<p>The link to the climate change policy is positive however due to the sites location and the amount of development on greenfield land it is considered that the policy does not allow for an efficient use of natural resourced. Sites on brownfield land would have been more efficient as would sites within or adjacent to the urban area.</p>
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	x	x	x	

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14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	0	0	0	The policy would allow for development on greenfield land which is a negative for climate change issues. However the policy does seek to protect key features such as trees, which do act as a carbon sink. This policy should be cross referenced with the climate change and flooding policy.
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations?	+	+	+	The policy will provide jobs for future generations; the assessors do not believe there will be any negative impacts upon the future generations as development here is unlikely to restrict choices for the future.
Conclusions: The policy will allow for a wide range of job opportunities however they are only likely to be accessible to those with a car. Walking and cycling links for commuters are less desirable due to the barrier that the A19 poses. The design stipulations within the policy are welcomed and will assist in ensuring the area develops to a high standard.					
Recommendations: This policy should be cross referenced with the climate change and flooding policy.					

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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation?	++	++	++	The policy will lead to inward investment into Hartlepool, will encourage start up businesses and will provide a range of quality jobs over the plan period.
2. Education and Skills. To enable all	1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and	+	+	+	It was considered the link to planning obligations was positive as this will

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children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education?				help to ensure that training and use of local labour force can be achieved.
3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.	1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities?	x	x	x	No relationship.
4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.	1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas?	x	x	x	No relationship.
5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.	1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments?	x	x	x	No relationship.

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<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	+	++	++	<p>The policy links to other policies including the sustainable transport network and the connectivity policy. The site is served by public transport and cycle and footpaths and as the site develops out over the plan period this will mean more people can access jobs in this location via use of sustainable forms of transport.</p>
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs? 	+	++	++	<p>The continued development of Queens Meadow will help to improve the distinctiveness of the townscape in this part of Hartlepool and will prevent development encroaching into the countryside. The policy seeks to restrict the amount of built development on each plot which will help to ensure open space is delivered as part of the development.</p>

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8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	+	+	+	There is a Local Wildlife site to the south of the area and the policy seeks to protect and enhance the area to benefit the ecology of the area.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	-	-	-	There is a chance that new development could increase flood risk – the policy links to the climate change policy which promotes the use of SuDS which is positive. and as the site continues to develop the levels of noise and atmospheric pollution are likely to increase associated with the growth of the business park.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	+	+	+	The policy will improve the accessibility to jobs for local residents.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?	+	+	+	The additional access to jobs should help to reduce worklessness. The fire station headquarters located on the site will provide additional community facilities and meeting rooms.
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and	+	+	++	As one of the key areas of the Enterprise Zone is the production of renewable energy manufacture this is seen as working towards reducing the use of natural resources both on the site and further afield.

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production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	efficient use of natural resources?				
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	-	-	-	The ongoing development and running of businesses will lead to the generation of additional waste. The waste will however be dealt with in the town at the recycling facilities.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? Will it reduce the risk of flooding? Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	+	+	+	As one of the key areas of the Enterprise Zone is the production of renewable energy manufacture this is seen as likely to have a benefit in terms of climate change and producing products which will assist in reducing emissions locally and globally.
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	++	++	++	This policy is considered to be beneficial both to existing and future residents in terms of jobs and the economy and also due to the positive spin offs for the environment associated with the renewables manufacture.
<p>Conclusions: The policy scored very well in economic and social terms and relatively well in environmental terms.</p> <p>Recommendations: No proposed changes.</p>					

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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation?	++	++	++	The policy will lead to the creation of new jobs and inward investment in a range of sectors over the plan period.
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education?	+	+	+	t was considered the link to planning obligations was positive as this will help to ensure that training and use of local labour force can be achieved.
3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.	1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities?	x	x	x	No relationship.
4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.	1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas?	x	x	x	No relationship.

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<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	x	x	x	No relationship.
<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	+	+	+	The policy links to other policies including the sustainable transport network and the connectivity policy. Some of the sites are served by public transport and cycle and footpaths and as the sites develops out over the plan period this will mean more people can access jobs via use of sustainable forms of transport. The policy may also lead to improvements in the foot and cycle network to improve accessibility to these locations.
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of 	+	+	+	<p>The policy includes sites all within the urban area which will ensure development does not encroach into the countryside.</p> <p>The policy also includes criteria to ensure developments do not detrimentally impact on neighbouring areas.</p>

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	archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?				
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	x	x	x	No relationship.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	-	-	-	The policy links to the climate change policy which ensures that development does not increase the risk of flooding. Some of these industries can be noisy and may have some impact on their locality, however the policy does seek to guard against this.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	+	+	+	The policy will improve the accessibility to jobs for local residents.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities?	+	+	+	The additional access to jobs should help to reduce worklessness.

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communities	4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?				
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	0	0	0	The policy supports the continued development of general industry on sites which already exist, which could obviously involve re-use of existing buildings, helping to minimise the demand for natural resources. This is balanced against the on-going operations and use of natural resources associated with that.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?	0	0	0	The Graythorp site and some sites in Sandgate are likely to involve the development of recycling and waste storage facilities helping to ensure waste generated from the industries can be dealt with close to source.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	0	0	0	The development of new businesses on the sites will obviously have a long term implication on the use of natural resources during use and are likely to lead to an increase in terms of emissions. This is balanced by the fact that these sites are all within the urban area with relatively good access to public transport etc and involve the development of recycling facilities which will help to re-use natural resources.

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15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	++	++	++	It is considered that the policy will be beneficial to existing and future generations through the creation of jobs along with the positive work in renewable energy and recycling involved on some of the sites.
<p>Conclusions: This policy is considered very positive environmentally and positive from a social perspective. Given the operations involved with some sites this has helped to ensure the policy is relatively neutral/slightly positive from an environmental perspective.</p> <p>Recommendations: No recommended changes.</p>					

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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	++	++	++	The policy will lead to the creation of new jobs and inward investment in specialist industries over the plan period. It is likely many of the companies will be world leaders in their fields, many of which will be linked to the port and the ability to use the port.
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	+	+	+	It was considered the link to planning obligations was positive as this will help to ensure that training and use of local labour force can be achieved.

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<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	x	x	x	No relationship
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	x	x	x	No relationship
<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	x	x	x	No relationship

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<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	+	+	+	<p>The policy links to other policies including the sustainable transport network and the connectivity policy. Some of the sites are served by public transport and cycle and footpaths and as the sites develops out over the plan period this will mean more people can access jobs via use of sustainable forms of transport. The policy may also lead to improvements in the foot and cycle network to improve accessibility to these locations.</p>
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs? 	+	+	+	<p>The policy includes sites all within the urban area which will ensure development does not encroach into the countryside.</p>

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8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	+	+	+	The policy is strongly worded to avoid adverse impacts on ecological areas near to the development sites.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	-	-	-	The policy links to the climate change policy which ensures that development does not increase the risk of flooding. Some of these specialist industries can be noisy and may have some impact on their locality. It is considered impacts on water quality should be covered in point 1 in the policy.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	+	+	+	The policy will improve the accessibility to jobs for local residents.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?	+	+	+	The additional access to jobs should help to reduce worklessness.
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations?	+	+	+	Areas such as Graythorp and Able Seaton Port are likely to involve the re-use of natural resources through reclamation.

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support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?				The Port still have aspirations to win contracts for the production of off shore wind farms which will have a positive environmental impact in terms of reducing the use of fossil fuels.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?	0	0	0	Many of these specialist industries are involved with reducing and reusing materials and will help to minimise commercial waste and help to maximise recycling where possible. It also helps to ensure waste can be dealt with locally if needed. Some of the other industries however do create waste which needs to be dealt with.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	0	0	0	Although some of the businesses will increase emissions, others are actively trying to reduce emissions through the production of renewables or re-use of materials.
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations?	++	++	++	It is considered that the policy will be beneficial to existing and future generations through the creation of jobs along with the positive work in renewable energy and recycling involved on some of the sites.

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Conclusions: This policy is considered very positive environmentally and positive from a social perspective. Given the operations involved with some sites this has helped to ensure the policy is relatively neutral/slightly positive from an environmental perspective.					
Recommendations: It is considered impacts on water quality should be covered in point 1 in the policy.					

Policy being appraised: Policy EMP5 Safeguarded Land for New Nuclear Power Station Appraisers: Nomusa Malinga, Graham Megson, Daniel James Appraised: 24/03/2016					
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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation?	++	++	++	This policy will strongly encourage economy growth through provision of jobs locally and the north east region as a whole on the assumption that the new nuclear power station is built within the Local Plan period
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education?	+	+	+	There is a possibility that the new nuclear power station will provide apprenticeships and training programs for workers hence contribute to education and skills at that level
3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.	1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities?	x	x	x	No evident relationship with health
4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community,	1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept	x	x	x	No evident relationship with safety and security

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reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.	<p>safe in the event of a fire?</p> <p>4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas?</p> <p>5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas?</p>				
<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<p>1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land?</p> <p>2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations?</p> <p>3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations?</p> <p>4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'?</p> <p>5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool?</p> <p>6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people?</p> <p>7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments?</p>	x	x	x	No direct relationship with housing. However policy may lead to demand in housing for workers thereby encouraging more houses to be built in the Borough
<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<p>1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care?</p> <p>2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel?</p> <p>3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes?</p> <p>4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling?</p> <p>5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas?</p> <p>6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network?</p> <p>7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change?</p>	x	x	x	No direct relationship with transport, however if developer contributions are requested then transport may benefit
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness</p>	<p>1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline?</p> <p>2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside.</p>	-	-	-	The new nuclear power station will be partly located within the SPA/RAMSAR site hence may have an adverse impact on its integrity and nature conservation value

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of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.	3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?				
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	--	--	--	The new nuclear power station will be partly located within the SPA/RAMSAR site hence will have a significant adverse impact on its biodiversity, integrity and nature conservation value.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	x	x	x	No direct relationship with water, air and soil pollution. However nuclear power reduces carbon dioxide emissions and reduces reliance on non-renewable sources of energy hence indirectly contributes to improving local air quality although this is marginal.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	0	0	0	

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11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?	x	x	x	No direct relationship but policy will tackle worklessness to an extent through jobs provision.
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	+	++	++	Less reliance on non-renewable sources of energy through nuclear energy provision will have a significant effect on this objective, however all will be dependent on the timing of building the new nuclear power station.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?	--	--	--	This policy will lead to production of radio active waste which is highly detrimental to health. Policy does not outline how this radio active waste will be dealt with.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	++	++	++	Although this policy does not address the causes of climate change, it will reduce reliance on the use of non-renewable sources of energy thereby encouraging prudent use of natural resources and minimising the emissions of green house gases.

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15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	0	0	0	The negative impact of this policy mainly on production of radioactive waste and the integrity of the SPA/RAMSAR site somehow balances out with its positive effects outlined above hence its been scored neutral for futurity.
<p>Conclusions: The policy is strongest in economy, energy efficiency and climate change. It has no direct relationship with a number of objectives including health, safety and security, housing, transport, equity, diversity, equality and participation, water, air and soil pollution. It is neutral on futurity, liveability and place. The policy will have a detrimental effect on the natural environment and biodiversity and will also result in the production of radioactive waste which is detrimental to health if not disposed of in the correct manner on site. The policy does not address the issue of radioactive waste.</p> <p>Recommendations: The policy needs to mention something on the issue of radio active waste in the same manner it has mentioned how it will address the adverse impact of the new nuclear power station on the SPA/RAMSAR site.</p>					

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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	+	+	+	The policy could lead to some limited job creation, possibly within waste storage but there may be other possible storage options not solely linked to waste.
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	x	x	x	Link the Wynyard Policy to the planning obligations policy which requires local training and employment.

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<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	x	x	x	
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	x	x	x	Assessors note the cross reference with the HSE etc. thus ensuring safety and security.
<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	x	x	x	

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<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	x	x	x	
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs? 	+	+	+	Policy will ensure the natural environment is protected as it only allows for non toxic storage and it seeks to protect the aquifer and links to the natural environment policy.

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8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	+	+	+	The policy seeks to ensure that the natural environment and its habitat is protected.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	+	+	+	Direct link to protecting the aquifer.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	x	x	x	
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?	x	x	x	
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	+	+	+	The policy allows for spaces that exist within the land to be filled up and used, so it's a form of brownfield development. If these spaces are used for waste storage then the existing landfills will fill up at a slower pace and there will be less need for overland landfill

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prudent use of natural resources.					space in the future.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	0	0	0	<p>If these spaces are used for waste storage then the existing landfills will fill up at a slower pace and there will be less need for overland landfill space in the future.</p> <p>There are no links to recycling; this policy allows for a space top store materials.</p>
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	x	x	x	
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	x	x	x	
<p>Conclusions: The policy is positive where expected, it may lead to job creating and it is an efficient use of land that is currently not being used. The filling of these cavities may reduce the need for landfill which is positive as landfill can often be unsightly upon the landscape.</p> <p>Recommendations: Reference Northumbria Water Limited in the final paragraph.</p>					

RURAL AREA

Policy being appraised:RUR1 Development in the Rural Area					
Appraisers: Nomusa Malinga, Ryan Cowley, Graham Megson					
Appraised: 21/03/2016					
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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	+	+	+	This policy is specific to the rural area and it is likely to diversify the rural area economy hence marginally contribute to the economy of the Borough as a whole.
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	x	x	x	No direct relationship.
<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	+	+	+	Developing the rural area for tourist related/outdoor activities will increase access to the countryside and this may lead to more active lifestyles hence improving health and well being of the Hartlepool community.
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it create safer and cleaner communities? Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	x	x	x	No evident relationship with safety and security.

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<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	x	x	x	No direct relationship with housing. However policy partly encourages re-use of redundant buildings in the rural.
<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	0	0	0	Policy will assist towards creating and improving sustainable access to the rural area, however the relationship with the transport objective is weak.
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of 	++	++	++	The policy has strong links with this objective however sustainable access to the rural area and its assets will only improve marginally.

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	archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?				
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	+	+	+	Policy has strong links with this objective however it does not improve access to nature conservation sites.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	+	+	+	Policy seeks to protect habitats and trees. These indirectly improve water quality by reducing run-off and improving percolation thereby aiding water filtration through the ground. Policy does not necessarily reduce soil and air pollution.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	0	0	0	Relationship with this objective is not evident but it is important to note that a beautiful countryside provides leisure and recreational opportunities for people to visit and enjoy nature and have sense of place.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities?	x	x	x	No direct relationship.

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communities	4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?				
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	0	0	0	Policy protects the countryside and its habitats and landscapes, also encourages re-use of redundant buildings but does not support renewable energy production.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?	x	x	x	No relationship.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	0	0	0	Although this policy does not directly address the causes of climate change, it protects trees and habitats which reduce the risk of flooding and also absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere through photosynthesis thereby reducing its concentration in the atmosphere On the other hand leisure and tourist related developments in the countryside may lead to more people travelling by car to access the countryside and this leads to more carbon emissions. Policy has therefore been scored neutral for climate change

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15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	+	+	+	If sustainable modes of transport are not encouraged and developed to access the countryside, this could potentially be detrimental in future.
<p>Conclusions: The policy is strongest in objective 7: the built and natural environment because it meets nearly all the assessment criteria listed for this objective. It is strong in diversifying the rural economy and improving sense of place and well being of the Hartlepool community by increasing access to the natural environment. The policy will contribute to biodiversity, reduce water, air and soil pollution by protecting trees and habitats. The policy has no direct relationship with objectives 11 and 13. It is neutral on objectives 6, 10, 12 and 14.</p> <p>Recommendations: To make it stronger, this policy needs to be linked/cross referenced with policies on climate change, sustainable travel to reduce reliance on the car whilst accessing the countryside, green infrastructure, nature conservation, built heritage, heritage and conservation. The policy needs consistency in terminology; rural area, countryside and open countryside seem to be used interchangeably. The preamble and policy titles also need to be consistent.</p>					

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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	+	+	+	<p>There is the potential for some limited job creation but it is unlikely that the skills will be wide ranging.</p> <p>Likelihood of providing rural jobs close to those who live in the rural area is a positive for the economy.</p> <p>Possibility of allowing a home linked to a business may encourage new rural businesses if there is a likelihood the business owner or workers can live next to the business.</p>
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major 	x	x	x	

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to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	<p>employers from local sources?</p> <p>3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education?</p>				
<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<p>1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities?</p> <p>2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles?</p> <p>3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside?</p> <p>4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation?</p> <p>5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities?</p>	+	+	+	There could be positive benefits to health if residents live within the countryside and choose to walk/cycle around their local area.
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<p>1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities?</p> <p>2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour?</p> <p>3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire?</p> <p>4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas?</p> <p>5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas?</p>	0	0	0	Policy has a link to the design policy, but specific reference should be made to safety and security just to ensure that features such as landscaping do not hamper natural surveillance.
<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<p>1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land?</p> <p>2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations?</p> <p>3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations?</p> <p>4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'?</p> <p>5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool?</p> <p>6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people?</p> <p>7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments?</p>	0	0	0	This policy relates to a certain type of dwelling and there is likely to be a limited number proposed and built over the plan period so it is not the aim of this policy to ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes. However this policy is neither positive nor negative when considering the SA objective, thus the neutral scoring.

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<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	0	0	0	<p>Positive benefits if people live and work on site. However given the lack of services and facilities in the rural area, residents are still likely to need to travel by car.</p>
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? Will it encourage high quality design? Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs? 	++	++	++	<p>New development could enhance the rural area, if it is designed as per the policy.</p> <p>This policy controls development in the rural area, allowing some but by controlling it the proliferation of rural houses in inappropriate locations can be avoided.</p> <p>Access to nature and possible historic assets can be improved, if people live in the rural area they can tap into what exists around them. Localised improvements could also increase access to surrounding GI.</p>

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8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	+	+	+	The policy has the potential to protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment if development is carried out in accordance with the policy.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	0	0	0	The policy is neither positive or negative but the assessors note the policy does have reference to flooding.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	x	x	x	
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?	x	x	x	
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	-	-	-	No reference in the policy that priorities re use of existing buildings, this could be added to make the policy more environmentally friendly. Development in the rural area, doe not reduce the demand for natural

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encourage the prudent use of natural resources.					resources, it will increase it as often homes are built on greenfield land. A link to the energy efficiency and climate change policy should be included.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	x	x	x	
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	0	0	0	Development in the rural area, does not reduce the demand for natural resources, it will increase it as often homes are built on greenfield land. Advisors note the reference to tackling flooding and the positive benefits that can be had. A link to the climate change policy should be included.
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	+	+	+	The policy will help deliver what people need now and in the future, assessors saw no overall reason why choices for future generations will be restricted.
<p>Conclusions: Policy is a proactive policy overall, it will allow some rural dwellings where they are deemed appropriate. In doing so the policy can prevent the proliferation of homes across the rural area.</p> <p>Recommendations: specific reference should be made to safety and security just to ensure that features such as landscaping do not hamper natural surveillance. No reference in the policy that priorities re use of existing buildings, this could be added to make the policy more environmentally friendly. A link to the energy efficiency and climate change policy should be included.</p>					

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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	+	+	+	Overall a marginally positive impact as it is likely to encourage a limited number of new start-up businesses and will help to diversify the local and, particularly, rural economies
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	X	X	X	
<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	+	+	+	Depending on the type of farm diversification enterprise there may be opportunities to improve and increase access to the countryside, and consequently, opportunities to promote a healthier lifestyle. The policy would benefit from cross references to policies on green infrastructure, health and play activity
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it create safer and cleaner communities? Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	X	X	X	Although neutral in relation to reducing crime etc and contributing to maintaining public areas, overall no specific relationship with safety and security objectives

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<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	X	X	X	
<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	0	0	0	There may be a marginally positive impact on reducing the need to travel, if a project is close to the urban area, overall the policy is considered to be neutral
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of 	+	+	+	The criteria proposed in the policy will ensure that development enhances landscape/countryside quality and character; could improve access to natural assets; encourages good design, and potentially will improve green infrastructure. However the policy would benefit from an appropriate statement that seeks to

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	archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?				ensure that development does not have a detrimental impact on the wider landscape and setting
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	+	+	+	Potential to improve access to nature conservation sites and improve/enhance ecological networks through habitat creation or enhancement. A reference to relevant policies on ecological networks and local sites would be beneficial
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	X	X	X	Although neutral in relation to most aspects of pollution and local flooding, overall no relationship on the majority of appraisal criteria
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	0	0	0	Depending on the type of activity the policy may have a marginally positive impact on improving access to leisure and recreational activities. However overall impact on this objective is neutral
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged?	0	0	0	No negative or positive impacts

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strong and inclusive communities	3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?				
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	+	+	+	Overall considered to be marginally positive as there may be opportunities for the use of renewable energy such as a wind turbine or solar panels, and through the reuse of existing buildings
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?	X	X	X	Likely to be neutral in dealing with waste in a sustainable manner, but overall no relationship
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	X	X	X	

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15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	0	0	0	
<p>Conclusions: Overall the policy is considered to have a marginally positive impact on sustainability objectives, particularly in relation to diversifying the rural economy (and meeting a key principle in the National Planning Policy Framework), enhancing opportunities for improved access to the countryside and natural environment and consequently more opportunities for better health, and potentially providing opportunities for habitat creation and enhancement.</p> <p>Recommendations: The policy should include cross references to other local plan policies on green infrastructure, improving health, play activity, ecological networks and local wildlife sites. Reference should also be made in the policy criteria to ensure that there will be no overall detriment to the wider landscape setting.</p>					

Policy being appraised: RUR4: Equestrian Development					
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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	+	+	+	Overall the policy will have a marginally positive impact on the range of sustainable jobs and diversifying both the local and rural economy. The positive nature of the policy means that there could be a significant contribution towards the creation of new business opportunities
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	X	X	X	Neutral in terms of the learning/ training criterion but no relationship overall.

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Residents.					
3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.	1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities?	0	+	+	Marginally positive in terms of providing more opportunities for a healthy lifestyle, increasing access to the countryside, and promoting the use of existing facilities. Main benefits are likely to be in the second half of the plan period.
4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.	1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas?	X	X	X	May be neutral in terms of crime, anti-social behaviour but no relationship overall
5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.	1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments?	X	X	X	

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<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	X	X	X	Two of the criteria were identified as marginally negative in that equestrian development could increase the need to travel. Such an increase in travel is unlikely to utilise sustainable modes of travel. However overall no relationship.
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs? 	0	0	0	<p>The criteria identified in the policy should ensure that the policy is at least neutral in terms of impact on the built and natural environment. There may be opportunities to encourage good design, particularly if existing buildings can be re-used.</p> <p>While the provision of safe equine routes is a desirable objective it is likely to be difficult to achieve in practical terms on land not in the ownership or under control of the developer. The policy should acknowledge that equine routes are only likely to be provided within the confines of the development site.</p>

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8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	X	X	X	Overall no relationship and may have a slightly negative impact on habitats and protected species if these are close to horse-riding routes.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	X	X	X	
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	X	X	X	No relationship overall although marginally positive in terms of improving access to leisure and recreational activities.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?	X	X	X	It is acknowledged that equestrian development can provide helpful facilities for disabled and disadvantaged groups, particularly for children. The policy could consider encouraging developments that are able to offer such a facility.
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	X	X	X	

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encourage the prudent use of natural resources.					
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	+	+	+	Marginally positive on the basis that establishments will deal with waste sustainably and on site
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	X	X	X	
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	0	0	0	
<p>Conclusions: Some aspects of equestrian development will provide opportunities to contribute to sustainable development, including diversification of the rural economy, better opportunities for access to the natural environment. However in most cases there is a neutral impact or no specific relationship. Equestrian developments could have a negative impact on sustainable travel and some natural habitats.</p> <p>Recommendations: Consider encouraging developments that provide facilities for disadvantaged/disable groups, and recognise that safe equine routes are likely only to be practical on land under the control of the developer.</p>					

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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	+	+	+	The policy will provide opportunities for new businesses and the creation of sustainable jobs. Rural tourism projects will also help to diversify the local and rural economies.
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	X	X	X	
<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	+	+	+	Marginally positive overall as the policy will provide good opportunities to increase access to the countryside, and promote the use of existing facilities. Both of these aspects can lead to opportunities for healthier lifestyles.
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it create safer and cleaner communities? Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	X	X	X	

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<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	X	X	X	
<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	0	0	0	<p>Most developments within the rural area are unlikely to be accessible by public transport and could lead to an increase in the use of private transport. There should however be potential to link developments to the footpath and cycle networks. Overall the policy is considered to be neutral</p>
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of 	+	+	+	<p>Response to many of the criteria depends on the type of tourism project proposed. However overall the policy should be marginally positive as there should be opportunities to enhance the local character and distinctiveness, enhance the character and setting of historic assets, and provide an attractive environment.</p>

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	archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?				Sustainable tourism projects can also integrate well with the Borough's green infrastructure network. The policy criteria should ensure high standards of development in appropriate locations but consideration should be given to including in criterion d) a statement to ensure that projects are not detrimental to the wider landscape and its setting
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	0	0	0	Neutral overall but there may be opportunities for projects to create new or enhance existing habitat and therefore link to the ecological network. Cross reference should be made to the Plan's ecological network policy
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	X	X	X	
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	+	+	+	The policy should significantly increase opportunities for improving access to culture, leisure and recreational activities.. Other criteria are mainly neutral therefore marginally positive overall.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged?	X	X	X	

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strong and inclusive communities	3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?				
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	+	+	+	Marginally positive on the basis that there are opportunities to provide energy efficient buildings and use renewable energy technologies. A reference to sustainable construction could be made as part of the policy criteria.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?	0	0	0	
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	X	X	X	

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<p>15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations</p>	<p>1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations?</p>	0	0	0	
<p>Conclusions: Overall the policy should contribute positively to a number of aspects of sustainable development, in particular through increasing opportunities for access to the countryside, and improving access to culture, leisure and recreational activities. The policy should also help to create employment and diversify the rural economy.</p>					
<p>Recommendations: The policy should ensure tourism developments do not have a detrimental impact on the wider landscape and landscape setting. It is also suggested that the policy should include a cross reference to the ecological networks and refer to the use of sustainable construction methods where possible.</p>					

RETAIL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	+	+	+	<p>The aim of the policy is to improve and secure the viability and vitality of town and local centres. It is considered that the policy does achieve this through setting out a sequential preference for main town centre uses and the thresholds for development proposals. The policy may also facilitate the formation of new businesses and contribute to diversification of the local economy.</p>
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	X	X	X	
<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	+	+	+	<p>The clustering of health and health related facilities in the town centre and local centres, which are accessible by a range of transport modes, will improve access overall and in turn offer opportunities for healthier lifestyles. Greater use of existing facilities should also be helped by the policy.</p>
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 	X	X	X	

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	5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas?				
5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.	1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments?	X	X	X	
6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.	1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change?	+	+	+	Town centres and local centres generally have good accessibility by public transport, walking and cycling routes, as well as by private car. For people without a car concentrating services and facilities in the town and local centres allows good accessibility. While the clustering of retail, leisure and other services within the town and local centres is likely to lead to an increase in car use this is balanced by the accessibility of those centres by other sustainable modes of transport..
7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's	1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character	+	+	+	This policy is designed to ensure the vitality and viability of town and local centres. Such vitality will contribute to the environmental quality of centres including for example fewer vacant units and unsightly

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rural, urban and historic environment.	<p>and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest?</p> <p>4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets?</p> <p>5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space?</p> <p>6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable?</p> <p>7. Will it encourage high quality design?</p> <p>8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments?</p> <p>9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?</p>				<p>premises.</p> <p>Successful implementation of the policy will help to protect the countryside, particularly the fringes of urban areas, by preventing the development of out of town retail and leisure centres.</p> <p>The policy will have a positive impact on improving accessibility to cultural and other assets and will contribute to an attractive and sustainable physical environment.</p>
<p>8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.</p>	<p>1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool?</p> <p>2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites?</p> <p>3. Will it protect habitats and priority species?</p> <p>4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.</p>	X	X	X	
<p>9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.</p>	<p>1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources?</p> <p>2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality?</p> <p>3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution?</p> <p>4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters?</p> <p>5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences?</p> <p>6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?</p>	X	X	X	

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<p>10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion? 	+	+	+	<p>The sequential approach for main town centre uses will improve the accessibility of key services and will also ensure access to associated jobs by a variety of means of transport. Providing sufficient retail facilities for local people is a key aim of the policy, and a vibrant town or local centre can help to promote a sense of place.</p>
<p>11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement? 	0	0	0	<p>Easily accessible services and facilities should help disadvantaged sections of the community, but considered to be neutral overall.</p>
<p>12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources? 	0	0	0	<p>There may be opportunities to minimise energy use and utilise renewable energy sources through the clustering of uses. However most types of development will use natural resources so the policy is considered to be neutral overall,</p>
<p>13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	0	0	0	<p>Neutral overall – the clustering of facilities may facilitate methods of dealing with waste in a sustainable manner but there will be an increase in the generation of commercial waste.</p>

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14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	X	X	X	No relationship overall but there is likely to be a negative impact on the use of natural resources.
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations?	+	+	+	The policy is designed to meet the needs of all sections of the community both now and into the future.
Conclusions: This policy will make a positive contribution towards achieving sustainable development. The sequential approach will help to ensure that retail, culture, leisure and other key services are in locations accessible by a variety of means of transport. It will contribute to the vitality and viability of centres and in turn contribute to environmental quality through reducing instances of vacant and unsightly buildings.					
Recommendations: None.					

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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation?	+	+	+	The aim of the policy is to improve and maintain the vitality and viability of the town centre. A vibrant and successful town centre will encourage new businesses and help to diversify the local economy.
2. Education and Skills. To enable all	1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and	+	+	+	Education and training centres are identified in the policy as appropriate

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children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education?				uses in the town centre. The success of existing further education establishments in the town centre and plans for future expansion will be supported through the policy.
3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.	1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities?	+	+	+	Health related facilities are an appropriate use in the town centre, and will be easily accessible.
4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.	1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas?	+	+	+	A vibrant town centre will contribute to a feeling of safety and security with plenty of people around and fewer empty premises. Image and perception are important elements of safety and security, and the design of developments is important. There is scope all the elements of the town centre as a whole and improve connectivity between them for example by minimising the extent of vacant frontages, expanses of car parking, and the need to cross busy roads. All these elements contribute to perceptions of safety and the policy should include a stronger emphasis on the need to improve the appearance and function of the town centre as a whole. There are also opportunities to reduce the risk of crime by, for example restricting the

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					number and location of A4 (drinking establishments) and A5 (hot food takeaways) uses.
<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	+	+	+	<p>The policy identifies residential uses as appropriate in the town centre. The policy can have a positive impact on the objective of securing decent, good quality homes by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowing residential uses in areas that are marginal or unsuitable for retail or other commercial uses • Helping to create sustainable communities in association with other types of use e.g. in the Church St area where residential can support business and workspace uses • Providing facilities for vulnerable people and those that need support • Encouraging good design as part of the overall ambition to raise quality standards for the town centre

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<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	+	+	+	<p>Accessibility of services to most sections of the local community is a positive element of the policy. Connectivity/circulation within and around the town centre should be an important consideration – both the physical connection and route, and the visual appearance of routes across the town centre. It is recommended that the policy should include reference to the need to address connectivity in and around the town centre as part of its role as the primary retail and commercial centre of Hartlepool,</p>
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, non-designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs? 	+	+	+	<p>A vibrant town centre will contribute to the environmental quality and character of the townscape and streetscape. The connectivity issues within the town centre referred to in the objective above is important – users and visitors to the town centre should be encouraged to move around by the attractiveness of the different elements of the centre. It is also important to try to create a sense of arrival in the town centre, and much can be achieved through quality design and appropriate landscaping. References within the policy to character, appearance, function and amenity will contribute to ensuring that the physical environment is attractive and sustainable</p>

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8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	X	X	X	
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	X	X	X	
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	+	+	+	Implementation of the policy will improve accessibility of services and facilities, including retail, culture and leisure. Providing sufficient retail facilities is a key element of the policy.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?	0	+	+	Over time as the vitality and quality of the town centre improves then opportunities for community engagement should increase, leading to better community cohesion.
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	0	0	0	There may be opportunities to minimise energy use and/or use renewable energy sources as the town centre evolves, but there is also likely to be greater use of natural resources from new development - therefore neutral overall

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prudent use of natural resources.					
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	0	0	0	Neutral overall – the clustering of facilities may facilitate methods of dealing with waste in a sustainable manner but there will be an increase in the generation of commercial waste.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	X	X	X	No relationship overall but there is likely to be a negative impact on the use of natural resources.
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	+	+	+	Town centres have been meeting the needs of successive generations for many years, and this policy is designed to ensure that this continues.
<p>Conclusions: This policy will provide a number of significant sustainability benefits, including good accessibility for most of Hartlepool’s population to key services and facilities by a variety of means of transport. The policy presents opportunities for improving the quality of the town centre and catering for different needs over time.</p> <p>Recommendations: The policy should be strengthened by stressing the need to improve connectivity for users within the town centre and between the different elements of the town centre. This includes not only providing safe and obvious routes but also providing visually attractive focal points that encourage movement. At the same time the policy could usefully stress the relationship between image and perception of the town and feelings of safety and security. The policy should recognise that the achievement of an attractive town centre can alter image and perceptions and improve safety. Creating a sense of arrival in the town centre is important and this should be stressed as part of the policy. The policy should also recognise that some uses such as drinking establishments and hot food takeaways may not be appropriate in some parts of the town centre due to concerns over safety and security.</p>					

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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	++	++	++	The policy seeks to support the start up of new businesses within this sector along with environmental improvements which would mean the area is more attractive to companies looking to set up a business.
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	++	++	++	Linkages between the college and these new start up businesses are likely to develop and will have a positive impact on students considering going to college where they can see a real likelihood of obtaining a job in the area.
<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	+	+	+	The policy supports improvements to the public realm within the I&S quarter which is likely to encourage more people to walk to work.
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it create safer and cleaner communities? Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	+	+	+	Through encouraging development within the area this is likely to lead to less vacant buildings and therefore reduce the anti-social activities associated with them. Improvements to the public realm will also help.

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<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	x	x	x	No relationship.
<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	++	++	++	<p>The area the policy relates to is in close proximity to the public transport interchange and adjacent to the town centre and is therefore in an accessible area by a means of transport.</p> <p>The improvements to the public realm may also result in improvements to pedestrian linkages.</p>
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of 	++	++	++	<p>The policy seeks to protect the Church Street Conservation Area from inappropriate development. Public realm improvements may also help to enhance the quality and distinctiveness of the streetscape.</p>

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	archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?				
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	x	x	x	No relationship.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	+	+	+	The proposed innovation and skills quarter is in a central location meaning accessibility is improved and pollution is reduced.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	++	++	++	The policy will improve access to jobs, could result in elements of retail associated with the sector and will help to create a vibrant sector within a central location. The improvements to public realm could help with social cohesion.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities?	++	++	++	The policy should help to tackle worklessness and reduce deprivation within this area of the town. Community ownership could also be encouraged

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communities	4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?				through improvements to the public realm.	
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	+	+	+	The proposed innovation and skills quarter is in a central location meaning accessibility is improved and pollution is reduced / less demand for natural resources to access jobs.	
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?	-	-	-	The successful development of the I&S quarter would result in the generation of significantly more commercial waste which will need to be dealt with. The central location, less than a mile from the recycling centre helps to ensure this impact is not worse.	
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	0	0	0	The central location well served by public transport and cycling and walking routes is balanced against the additional business activity in the area and ongoing energy requirements to run the businesses.	
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations?	++	++	++	It is considered the economic benefits of the policy and the environmental benefits will be beneficial to both existing and future generations.	

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Conclusions: It is considered that the policy is very positive and sustainable policy and scores well against the range of criteria. The policy will be important in the future regeneration of that area.					
Recommendations: Slight change to wording of text suggested – grammatical only.					

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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation?	++	++	++	Apart from encouraging inward investment and diversifying the rural area, this policy should have a positive impact on all the other criteria. It should be significantly beneficial in helping to diversify the local economy.
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education?	+	+	+	The policy specifies education and training centres as an appropriate use for this area. Therefore marginally positive overall.
3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.	1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities?	X	X	X	
4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social	1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and	+	+	+	The policy will be implemented in conjunction with appropriate design policies, including Secure by Design. A positive approach, including re-

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behaviour.	keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas?				use of vacant buildings, will contribute towards safer and cleaner communities and help to maintain and keep clean public space.
5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.	1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments?				Housing is an appropriate use in this area and there is potential to contribute positively on most of the appraisal criteria.
6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.	1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change?				The close proximity of this area to the town centre and its easy access by public transport mean that the policy will contribute positively to minimising transport barriers, helping to reduce the need to travel and distance travelled, and help to maximise use of the existing transport network.
7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness	1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside.				Marginally positive overall as the policy clearly considers affect of proposals on the character and appearance of the area, could potentially lead to the re-use/improvement

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of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.	3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?				of a listed building which is currently vacant, and seeks to re-use existing vacant buildings and the functionality of the area.
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	X	X	X	
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	X	X	X	

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<p>10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion? 	+	+	+	<p>The uses specified within the policy include – education and training centre which will improve access to jobs; shops which will meet the needs of local residents; various culture and leisure facilities which will improve opportunities for access by local residents and others. The policy makes reference to character and design which will contribute to creating a sense of place and promoting social cohesion.</p>
<p>11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement? 	+	+	+	<p>The inclusion of education and training facilities will help to tackle worklessness, while other leisure and cultural uses can help contribute towards social inclusion and community cohesion. Involvement of the local community in proposals will help to create a sense of ownership.</p>
<p>12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources? 	0	0	0	<p>There is potential for new or re-used building to incorporate energy efficiency measures. However new development is likely to increase the demand for natural resources. Therefore neutral overall.</p>

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13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	X	X	X	Generally no direct relationship although new development will increase the amount of commercial waste. Reference should be made in the Local Plan (not this specific policy) to the waste principles contained in the Tees Valley Joint Minerals and Waste DPD.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? Will it reduce the risk of flooding? Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	X	X	X	Overall no direct relationship, although there is a potentially negative impact regarding CO ₂ emissions as a number of uses specified in the policy (such as restaurants, cinemas, leisure facilities) could lead to an increase in use of the private car.
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	+	+	+	Marginally positive as it could lead to increased employment opportunities and will promote the re-use of vacant and derelict buildings
<p>Conclusions: Overall the policy will make a positive contribution towards sustainable development. Its proximity to the town centre means new development is easily accessible by sustainable modes of transport. There should be opportunities to improve and re-use existing buildings, and there are opportunities to involve the local community and help to create a sense of ownership and place.</p> <p>Recommendations: The Local Plan (not this specific policy) should ensure that the principles of waste disposal, recovery etc are seen as a cross-cutting theme throughout the Plan. . The Local Plan (not this specific policy) should ensure that the principles of waste disposal, recovery etc are seen as a cross-cutting theme throughout the Plan.</p>					

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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	++	++	++	<p>Apart from encouraging inward investment and diversifying the rural area, this policy should have a positive impact on all the other criteria. It should be significantly beneficial in helping to diversify the local economy. Overall marginally positive.</p>
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	+	+	+	<p>The policy specifies education and training centres as an appropriate use for this area. Therefore marginally positive overall.</p>
<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	X	X	X	
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it create safer and cleaner communities? Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	+	+	+	<p>The policy will be implemented in conjunction with appropriate design policies, including Secure by Design. A positive approach, including re-use of vacant buildings, will contribute towards safer and cleaner communities and help to maintain and keep clean public space. However a note of caution – hot food takeaways and drinking establishments are identified in the policy as appropriate uses. These</p>

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					may have implications on safety if they lead to an increase in anti-social behaviour
5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	+	+	+	Housing is an appropriate use in this area and there is potential to contribute positively on most of the appraisal criteria.
6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	+	+	+	The close proximity of this area to the town centre and its easy access by public transport mean that the policy will contribute positively to minimising transport barriers, helping to reduce the need to travel and distance travelled, and help to maximise use of the existing transport network
7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated 	+	+	+	A significant part of this edge of centre area is a conservation area, and it also contains a listed building. While the conservation area status is mentioned in a bullet point in the policy it is suggested that the conservation should be

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and historic environment.	<p>Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest?</p> <p>4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets?</p> <p>5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space?</p> <p>6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable?</p> <p>7. Will it encourage high quality design?</p> <p>8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments?</p> <p>9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?</p>				<p>referred to at the start of the policy statement. There should also be a cross-reference to the conservation area policy in the Local Plan. It is also suggested that the penultimate bullet point should state 'protecting and enhancing the conservation area designation' rather than respecting. It may also be appropriate to refer to the listed building and its setting.</p> <p>As well as connectivity to the town centre the policy could also refer to improving connectivity towards the Burn Valley green wedge with the aim of creating a continuous green infrastructure link from Burn Valley through the town centre towards the marina.</p> <p>The policy should also seek to protect and enhance existing green space in the area.</p>
<p>8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.</p>	<p>1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool?</p> <p>2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites?</p> <p>3. Will it protect habitats and priority species?</p> <p>4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.</p>	X	X	X	
<p>9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.</p>	<p>1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources?</p> <p>2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality?</p> <p>3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution?</p> <p>4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters?</p> <p>5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences?</p> <p>6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?</p>	X	X	X	

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10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? Will it promote social cohesion? 	+	+	+	The proposed acceptable uses within the area will contribute towards improving access to jobs and key services, providing retail facilities and culture and leisure activities. The emphasis on character and design should also help create a sense of place and community cohesion.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? Will it increase community cohesion? Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement? 	+	+	+	The inclusion of education and training facilities will help to tackle worklessness, while other leisure and cultural uses can help contribute towards social inclusion and community cohesion. Involvement of the local community in proposals will help to create a sense of ownership.
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? Will it reduce demand for natural resources? Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources? 	0	0	0	There is potential for new or re-used building to incorporate energy efficiency measures. However new development is likely to increase the demand for natural resources. Therefore neutral overall.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	X	X	X	Generally no direct relationship although new development will increase the amount of commercial waste. Reference should be made in the Local Plan (not this specific policy) to the waste principles contained in the Tees Valley Joint Minerals and Waste DPD.

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14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	X	X	X	Overall no direct relationship, although there is a potentially negative impact regarding CO ₂ emissions as a number of uses specified in the policy (such as restaurants, cinemas, leisure facilities) could lead to an increase in use of the private car.
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations?	+	+	+	Marginally positive as it could lead to increased employment opportunities and will promote the re-use of vacant and derelict buildings
<p>Conclusions: The policy will make a positive contribution to sustainable development. The uses proposed within the area will help to improve access to jobs and training, and the range of retail, cultural and leisure facilities have the potential to expand to meet the needs of the local community. Emphasis on design and character should assist in creating a sense of place and encourage community ownership.</p> <p>Recommendations: The policy should acknowledge at the outset the conservation area status and amend the relevant bullet point to state 'protecting and enhancing the conservation area designation'. Also include reference to the listed building and its setting. Protection and enhancement of existing green space should be included along with the potential for creating a GI link south towards Burn Valley. The Local Plan (not this specific policy) should ensure that the principles of waste disposal, recovery etc are seen as a cross-cutting theme throughout the Plan.</p>					

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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of	+	+	+	Apart from encouraging inward investment and diversifying the rural area, this policy should have a positive impact on all the other criteria. However in view of its location cut off from the town centre by

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	town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation?				the A689 it is considered that opportunities for economic development will be limited.
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education?	+	+	+	The policy specifies education and training centres as an appropriate use for this area. Therefore marginally positive overall.
3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.	1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities?	X	X	X	
4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.	1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas?	+	+	+	The policy will be implemented in conjunction with appropriate design policies, including Secure by Design. A positive approach, including re-use of vacant buildings, will contribute towards safer and cleaner communities and help to maintain and keep clean public space.

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<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	X	X	X	
<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	+	+	+	The close proximity of this area to the town centre and its easy access by public transport mean that the policy will contribute positively to minimising transport barriers, helping to reduce the need to travel and distance travelled, and help to maximise use of the existing transport network. However compared to some of the edge of town centre sites the A689 does present a significant barrier and the policy could usefully refer to the need to improve in particular pedestrian links and crossings.
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled 	+	+	+	Appropriate references to design and green infrastructure should ensure that the policy contributes to enhancement of the built environment. However in view of proximity of the area to the A689 which is a main approach to the town centre the policy could be strengthened by

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	<p>ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest?</p> <p>4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets?</p> <p>5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space?</p> <p>6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable?</p> <p>7. Will it encourage high quality design?</p> <p>8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments?</p> <p>9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?</p>				further emphasising the need for high quality landscaping and design.
<p>8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.</p>	<p>1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool?</p> <p>2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites?</p> <p>3. Will it protect habitats and priority species?</p> <p>4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.</p>	X	X	X	
<p>9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.</p>	<p>1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources?</p> <p>2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality?</p> <p>3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution?</p> <p>4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters?</p> <p>5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences?</p> <p>6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?</p>	X	X	X	
<p>10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.</p>	<p>1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs?</p> <p>2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people?</p> <p>3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities?</p> <p>4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place?</p> <p>5. Will it promote social cohesion?</p>	+	+	+	The proposed acceptable uses within the area will contribute towards improving access to jobs and key services, providing retail facilities and culture and leisure activities. The emphasis on character and design should also help create a sense of place and community cohesion
<p>11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation-</p>	<p>1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness?</p> <p>2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are</p>	+	+	+	The inclusion of education and training facilities will help to tackle worklessness, while other

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To promote strong and inclusive communities	<p>disadvantaged?</p> <p>3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities?</p> <p>4. Will it increase community cohesion?</p> <p>5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?</p>				leisure and cultural uses can help contribute towards social inclusion and community cohesion. Involvement of the local community in proposals will help to create a sense of ownership.
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	<p>1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land?</p> <p>2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations?</p> <p>3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources?</p> <p>4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?</p>	0	0	0	There is potential for new or re-used building to incorporate energy efficiency measures. However new development is likely to increase the demand for natural resources. Therefore neutral overall.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<p>1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste?</p> <p>2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible?</p> <p>3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials?</p> <p>4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner?</p> <p>5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?</p>	X	X	X	Generally no direct relationship although new development will increase the amount of commercial waste. Reference should be made in the Local Plan (not this specific policy) to the waste principles contained in the Tees Valley Joint Minerals and Waste DPD.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<p>1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources?</p> <p>2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions?</p> <p>3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change?</p> <p>4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development?</p> <p>5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach?</p> <p>6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding?</p> <p>7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?</p>	X	X	X	Overall no direct relationship, although there is a potentially negative impact regarding CO ₂ emissions as a number of uses specified in the policy (such as restaurants, cinemas, leisure facilities) could lead to an increase in use of the private car.

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15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	+	+	+	Marginally positive as it could lead to increased employment opportunities and will promote the re-use of vacant and derelict buildings
<p>Conclusions: As with the other edge of centre policies this policy will make a contribution towards sustainable development, however opportunities may be limited due to the A689 forming a significant barrier with the town centre.</p> <p>Recommendations: As the A689 is a major approach road to the town centre the policy should include strengthened references to the need for high quality design and landscaping. The policy should also specify the need for improved connections/crossing with the town centre. The Local Plan (not this specific policy) should ensure that the principles of waste disposal, recovery etc are seen as a cross-cutting theme throughout the Plan.</p>					

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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	++	++	++	Apart from encouraging inward investment and diversifying the rural area, this policy should have a positive impact on all the other criteria. It should be significantly beneficial in helping to diversify the local economy.
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	0	0	0	Education is not listed among the uses appropriate for this area. Given the proposed new college development on part of the area should education use (D1) be included?

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<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	X	X	X	
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it create safer and cleaner communities? Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	+	+	+	<p>The policy will be implemented in conjunction with appropriate design policies, including Secure by Design. A positive approach, including re-use of vacant buildings, will contribute towards safer and cleaner communities and help to maintain and keep clean public space. However a note of caution – hot food takeaways and drinking establishments are identified in the policy as appropriate uses. These may have implications on safety if they lead to an increase in anti-social behaviour</p>
<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	+	+	+	<p>Housing, and particularly residential accommodation linked to the college, is an appropriate use in this area and there is potential to contribute positively on most of the appraisal criteria.</p>

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<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	+	+	+	<p>Marginally positive overall due to the area's proximity to the railway station and the transport interchange.</p>
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs? 	+	+	+	<p>While the policy does include references to the need for good design and impact of development on character and appearance of the surrounding area it could be strengthened so that development does not adversely affect the character and setting of the adjoining Church Street Conservation Area and any nearby listed buildings.</p> <p>Providing good quality pedestrian/cycle links to the town centre and marina is important given the proximity of educational establishments.</p>

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8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	X	X	X	
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	X	X	X	
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	+	+	+	The uses acceptable in the area will contribute to enhanced opportunities for access to leisure and cultural activities. This in turn can help to sustain a diverse community and develop a sense of place. It is noted that hot food takeaways and drinking establishments are included in the list of acceptable uses. Given the role of the nearby Church St for such uses it is queried whether these uses, particularly hot food takeaways are appropriate or necessary in this area.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?	+	+	+	The inclusion of education and training facilities will help to tackle worklessness, while other leisure and cultural uses can help contribute towards social inclusion and community cohesion. Involvement of the local community in proposals will help to create a sense of ownership.

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12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources? 	0	0	0	There is potential for new or re-used building to incorporate energy efficiency measures. However new development is likely to increase the demand for natural resources. Therefore neutral overall.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	X	X	X	Generally no direct relationship although new development will increase the amount of commercial waste. Reference should be made in the Local Plan (not this specific policy) to the waste principles contained in the Tees Valley Joint Minerals and Waste DPD.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	X	X	X	Overall no direct relationship, although there is a potentially negative impact regarding CO ₂ emissions as a number of uses specified in the policy (such as restaurants, cinemas, leisure facilities) could lead to an increase in use of the private car.
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	+	+	+	Marginally positive as it could lead to increased employment opportunities and will promote the re-use of vacant and derelict buildings

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<p>Conclusions: Overall the policy will make a positive contribution towards sustainable development. Its proximity to the town centre, railway station and transport interchange means new development is easily accessible by sustainable modes of transport. There should be opportunities to improve and re-use existing buildings, and there are opportunities to involve the local community and help to create a sense of ownership and place.</p> <p>Recommendations: Consideration should be given to including education as a suitable land use within the area; refer to the need for development to take into account the character of the adjoining Church Street Conservation Area and nearby listed buildings; the desirability of including hot food takeaways (and possibly drinking establishments) in view of the proximity of Church Street. . The Local Plan (not this specific policy) should ensure that the principles of waste disposal, recovery etc are seen as a cross-cutting theme throughout the Plan.</p>					

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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	++	++	++	This policy significantly contributes to the economy and the associated leisure uses will diversify the economy
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	+	+	+	Sporting facilities, if maintained at Millhouse enables sporting skills for the community

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<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	+	+	+	<p>Provided sporting and leisure facilities at Millhouse are kept running, this will give opportunities for physical activity leading to healthier lifestyles and well being.</p> <p>Also the policy seeks to promote cycle links and improving connectivity to the town centre thereby encouraging more physical activity by walking r cycling into town instead of using the private car</p>
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it create safer and cleaner communities? Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	+	+	+	<p>This will depend on design of new developments and since pubs and drinking facilities will not be permitted by this policy, safety and security will be promoted</p>
<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	+	+	+	<p>Policy will improve housing only on condition that residential development takes place on the site</p>

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<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	+	+	+	Improving cycle links and connectivity of Millhouse to the town centre will help develop a sustainable transport system near main services
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs? 	+	+	+	The policy ensures high quality of design of new developments thereby improving the built environment

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8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	x	x	x	No relationship.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	x	x	x	No relationship.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	++	++	++	Sport and recreation development tends to bring the community together thereby promoting social cohesion. The policy will contribute to sustainable lifestyles by means of encouraging physical activity and sustainable forms of transport
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?	+	+	+	Policy gives opportunities for people to meet and get together .
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	0	0	0	Policy will use resources in erecting any new buildings but also recycle Millhouse.

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prudent use of natural resources.					
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	-	-	-	New developments will increase waste
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? Will it reduce the risk of flooding? Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	+	+	+	Policy will minimise emissions through encouraging cycling and walking and reducing reliance on the private car
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	+	+	+	Policy creates opportunities for employment hence ensures futurity
<p>Conclusions: This policy is strongest on the economy/liveability & place. It is strong on most other objectives but neutral on energy efficiency and natural resources. The policy is silent on waste regardless that new and existing developments generate waste. It has no relationship with biodiversity and water/air/soil pollution objectives.</p> <p>Recommendations: The policy will be stronger if it is linked with waste policies and cross referenced with other relevant policies in the Local Plan. The policy preamble needs to give brief explanation why A1 uses will not be allowed in this edge of town centre.</p>					

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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	++	++	++	This policy significantly contributes to the economy and the associated leisure uses will diversify the economy
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	x	x	x	No relationship
<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	0	0	0	There is a link through leisure but not strong enough to achieve the health objective
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it create safer and cleaner communities? Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	+	+	+	This will depend on design of new developments and also policy does not allow drinking establishments

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<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	+	+	+	Policy supports housing
<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	+	+	+	Policy facilitates safe parking facilities
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated 	+	+	+	The policy ensures high quality of design of new developments thereby improving the built environment

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	heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?				
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	x	x	x	No relationship
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	x	x	x	No relationship
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	++	++	++	The policy provides sufficient retail facilities for local people
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged?	+	+	+	Policy gives opportunities for people to meet whilst shopping

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strong and inclusive communities	3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?				
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	0	0	0	Policy will use resources in erecting any new buildings but will also recycle existing buildings through change of use for instance
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?	-	-	-	New developments will increase waste
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	0	0	0	Although policy does not address causes of climate change it will encourage recycling of buildings through change of use thereby encouraging prudent use of the land natural resource

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15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations?	+	+	+	Policy creates opportunities for employment hence ensures futurity
Conclusions: This policy is strongest on the economy/liveability & place. It is strong most other objectives but neutral on health, energy efficiency & natural resources and climate change. The policy is silent on waste regardless that new and existing developments generate waste. It has no relationship with biodiversity and water/air/soil pollution objectives.					
Recommendations: The policy will be stronger if it is linked with waste policies and cross referenced with other relevant polices in the Local Plan.					

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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation?	++	++	++	This policy significantly contributes to the economy and the associated leisure uses will diversify the economy
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education?	+	+	+	D1 use in policy could potentially be for education

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<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	x	x	x	No relationship
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it create safer and cleaner communities? Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	+	+	+	This will depend on design of new developments and also policy does not allow drinking establishments
<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	+	+	+	Policy supports housing

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<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	+	+	+	Policy facilitates safe parking facilities
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs? 	+	+	+	The policy ensures high quality of design of new developments thereby improving the built environment

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8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	x	x	x	No relationship
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	x	x	x	No relationship
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	++	++	++	The policy provides sufficient retail facilities for local people.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?	+	+	+	Policy gives opportunities for people to meet whilst shopping and creates jobs.
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	0	0	0	Policy will use resources in erecting any new buildings but will also recycle existing buildings through change of use for instance.

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prudent use of natural resources.					
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	-	-	-	New developments will increase waste.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? Will it reduce the risk of flooding? Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	0	0	0	Although policy does not address causes of climate change it will encourage recycling of buildings through change of use thereby encouraging prudent use of the land natural resource.
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	+	+	+	Policy creates opportunities for employment hence ensures futurity.

Conclusions: This policy is strongest on the economy/liveability & place. It is strong on most other objectives but neutral on health, energy efficiency & natural resources and climate change. The policy is silent on waste regardless that new and existing developments generate waste. It has no relationship with biodiversity and water/air/soil pollution objectives.

Recommendations: The policy will be stronger if it is linked with waste policies and cross referenced with other relevant polices in the Local Plan.

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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	++	++	++	This policy significantly contributes to the economy and the associated leisure uses will diversify the economy
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	x	x	x	No relationship
<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	x	x	x	No relationship
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it create safer and cleaner communities? Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	+	+	+	This will depend on design of new developments and also policy does not allow drinking establishments

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<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	+	+	+	Policy supports housing
<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	+	+	+	Policy facilitates safe parking facilities
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of 	+	+	+	The policy ensures high quality of design of new developments thereby improving the built environment

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	archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?				
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	x	x	x	No relationship
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	x	x	x	No relationship
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	++	++	++	The policy provides sufficient retail facilities for local people
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities?	+	+	+	Policy gives opportunities for people to meet whilst shopping and creates jobs

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communities	4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?				
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	0	0	0	Policy will use resources in erecting any new buildings but will also recycle existing buildings through change of use for instance
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?	-	-	-	New developments will increase waste
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	0	0	0	Although policy does not address causes of climate change it will encourage recycling of buildings through change of use thereby encouraging prudent use of the land natural resource
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations?	+	+	+	Policy creates opportunities for employment hence ensures futurity

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Appraisers: Matthew King, Jane Tindall and Rob Smith					
Appraised: 17 th March 2016					
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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	++	++	++	The policy is positive in terms of providing jobs and economic benefit and to help the Marina develop. The link to RC1 however is crucial to ensure it does not take business away from the town centre.
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	x	x	x	No relationship.
<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	x	x	x	No relationship.
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it create safer and cleaner communities? Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 	x	x	x	No relationship.

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community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.	3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas?				
5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.	1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments?	+	+	+	The Marina R&L Policy does allow residential within the area, all of which would be on previously developed land and would be beneficial if delivered as part of a wider mixed use development.
6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.	1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change?	+	+	+	The area is well located adjacent to the public transport interchange. The policy links to the Green Infrastructure Policy which is important in improving the links from the Marina back towards the town centre.
7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local	1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the	+	+	+	The policy crucially seeks to protect the water bodies at the Marina from development. This is important for the townscape/street scape in this area. The policy

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distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.	<p>countryside.</p> <p>3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest?</p> <p>4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets?</p> <p>5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space?</p> <p>6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable?</p> <p>7. Will it encourage high quality design?</p> <p>8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments?</p> <p>9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?</p>				also includes criteria to ensure developments do not impact on the character, appearance, function or amenity of existing buildings.
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	<p>1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool?</p> <p>2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites?</p> <p>3. Will it protect habitats and priority species?</p> <p>4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.</p>	-	-	-	There are local ecological designations to the east along the coast – this may become SPA as early as next year – it is considered a link to the ecological policy would be useful to guard against harm.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	<p>1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources?</p> <p>2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality?</p> <p>3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution?</p> <p>4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters?</p> <p>5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences?</p> <p>6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?</p>	+	+	+	It is positive the policy seeks to protect the water bodies at the Marina which are crucial to the area.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	<p>1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs?</p> <p>2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people?</p> <p>3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities?</p> <p>4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place?</p> <p>5. Will it promote social cohesion?</p>	++	++	++	The policy will lead to the creation of additional jobs in the sectors supported by the policy. It will create additional non-food retail that can't be located in the town centre as well as a range of other tourist uses which increases access to cultural facilities.

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11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?	+	+	+	The policy will help in tackling worklessness and will help to create a mixed use community within the area.
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	0	0	0	Whilst the area is in a central location, adjacent to the town centre and the transport interchange which will help to ensure the developments are in a sustainable location, the building and ongoing operation of an expanded Marina will have natural resource implications.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?	-	-	-	The expansion of uses in the Marina R&L Park will create additional waste which will need to be dealt with.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	-	-	-	Additional visitors to the area associated with the expansion of the Marina R&L park along with the ongoing operation of the businesses will lead to an increase in emissions which will impact on climate change. This is minimised by the location, adjacent to the town centre and transport interchange.

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15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	++	++	++	The ongoing development within the Marina will be extremely positive both for the local economy and visitor economy and will provide a range of jobs and activities in this central location.
<p>Conclusions The policy is extremely positive from an economic and social viewpoint. A proposed addition to the policy is suggested to improve the policy in environmental terms.</p> <p>Recommendations - It is considered a link to the ecological policy would be useful to guard against harm.</p>					

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Appraisers: Matthew King, Jane Tindall and Rob Smith					
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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	++	++	++	The policy is positive in terms of providing jobs and economic benefit and to help the area develop. The link to RC1 however is crucial to ensure it does not take business away from the town centre.
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	x	x	x	No relationship

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<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	x	x	x	No relationship
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	x	x	x	No relationship
<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	x	x	x	No relationship

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<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	+	+	+	<p>The area is well located in close proximity to the public transport interchange and bus stops on Marina Way. The policy links to the Green Infrastructure Policy which is important in improving the links from the Marina back towards the town centre.</p>
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs? 	+	+	+	<p>The policy includes criteria to ensure developments do not impact on the character, appearance, function or amenity of existing buildings. This is important in protecting the streetscene going forward in a prominent location.</p>

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8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	x	x	x	No relationship
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	-	-	-	As the area has free car parking it encourages users to use their car – often this is because they may be buying bulky goods which are difficult to transport on public transport – this car use does however impact on atmospheric pollution and could impact on air quality.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	+	+	+	The area will provide a range of jobs and employment and will improve access to retail facilities for residents and visitors helping to add to the offer within the Marina area of Hartlepool.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?	x	x	x	No relationship
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	-	-	-	As the area has free car parking it encourages users to use their car – often this is because they may be buying bulky goods which are difficult to transport on public transport – this car use does however increase the use of natural resources.

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prudent use of natural resources.					
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	-	-	-	Additional businesses within the area will lead to an increase in waste generation.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	-	-	-	<p>Additional visitors to the area associated with the expansion of the R&L park along with the ongoing operation of the businesses will lead to an increase in emissions which will impact on climate change.</p> <p>This is minimised by the location, adjacent to the town centre and transport interchange.</p>
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	+	+	+	It is considered that the policy will help to guide the design and type of retail developments in the R&L park in a positive way and will help to provide jobs over the plan period.
<p>Conclusions The policy is strong economically. Socially it is relatively neutral and environmentally there are some slight negative implications of the policy which are minimised by its location near to the public transport interchange.</p> <p>Recommendations There are no recommended changes to the policy.</p>					

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To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 				to significant inward investment and jobs into the area and will help to diversify the local economy.
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	+	+	+	The policy permits the development of education and training centres within the area.
3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	x	x	x	No relationship
4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	x	x	x	No relationship

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<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	+	+	+	As the policy promotes a mixed use area, including residential it will assist in providing housing on brownfield sites within a central area within Hartlepool. Links to the design policies and planning obligations policies will help to ensure both the quality of the dwellings is high as well as the environment surrounding the dwellings.
<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	+	+	+	The area is well located in close proximity to the public transport interchange and bus stops on Marina Way. The policy links to the Green Infrastructure Policy which is important in improving the links from the Marina back towards the town centre.
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of 	+	+	+	<p>The policy is positive in that it seeks to protect the character, appearance, function and amenity of the property, any adjacent properties and the surrounding area. It also links to the design policy and requires signage to be of high quality.</p> <p>A reference to the</p>

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	archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?				adjacent Church Street conservation area and ensuring developments do not impact negatively on the heritage assets would strengthen the policy.
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	x	x	x	No relationship
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	-	-	-	As the area has free car parking it encourages users to use their car which could lead to an increase in atmospheric pollution and thus impact on air quality. This impact is minimised by the area being located near to the public transport interchange which should encourage people to use public transport.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	++	++	++	The area will provide a range of jobs and employment and will improve access to retail and other leisure and tourist facilities for residents and visitors helping to add to the offer within the Marina area of Hartlepool. New housing on Trincomalee Wharf should help to bring more vibrancy to the area.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged?	x	x	x	No relationship

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strong and inclusive communities	3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?				
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?				The development of the area will lead to the use of natural resources both in terms of the construction of new buildings and related infrastructure and also in terms of the ongoing running costs of the operation and from people travelling to use the facilities. The impact is reduced by the central location adjacent to the public transport interchange and with foot and cycles linkages which the policy seeks to improve through contributions.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?				Additional businesses and residential properties within the area will lead to an increase in waste generation. The area is only a mile or so from the waste transfer station so will be dealt with close to source.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	0	0	0	Additional visitors to the area along with new residents along with the ongoing operation of the businesses and residential units will lead to an increase in emissions which will impact on climate change. This is balanced by the location, adjacent to the town centre and transport interchange along with the environmental improvements which the policy seeks.

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<p>15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	++	++	++	The policy should be highly beneficial to existing and future generations by helping to realise the development of this vacant brownfield area for a mix of uses including new homes, businesses and leisure opportunities providing jobs and a boost to the economy whilst also improving the vibrancy of the area.
<p>Conclusions The policy scores well from both an economic and a social point of view. Although there are some slight negative impacts these are minimised by the central location of the proposal.</p> <p>Recommendations - A reference to the adjacent Church Street conservation area and ensuring developments do not impact negatively on the heritage assets would strengthen the policy.</p>					

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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	++	++	++	The policy is positive in terms of providing jobs and economic benefit, the link to RC1 however is crucial to ensure it does not take business away from the town centre.
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	x	x	x	No relationship.

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<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	x	x	x	No relationship.
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	+	+	+	The policy links to the design policy which should help to ensure that secure by design is adhered to.
<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	x	x	x	No relationship.

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<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs? 	+	+	+	<p>The policy would help to ensure retail parks do not start to develop outside of the urban limits and further investment within Tees Bay would help to revitalise the existing shops and create a more attractive and modern environment.</p>

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9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding? 	-	-	-	Given the slightly less sustainable location of Tees Bay of the town centre and edge of centre travel to the shops at Tees Bay is likely to increase pollution from cars travelling to the area.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? Will it promote social cohesion? 	+	+	+	The policy is likely to lead to additional jobs and opportunities for activities in the retail and leisure sectors.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? Will it increase community cohesion? Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement? 	x	x	x	No relationship.
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? Will it reduce demand for natural resources? Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources? 	-	-	-	Given the slightly less sustainable location of Tees Bay of the town centre and edge of centre travel to the shops at Tees Bay is likely to increase use of natural resources to travel to the area.

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13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	-	-	-	Additional businesses will create additional waste which will need to be dealt with.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? Will it reduce the risk of flooding? Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	-	-	-	The additional pollution created through travel to the location will impact on CO ₂ emissions and therefore will have a detrimental impact on climate change.
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	0	0	0	Whilst economically and socially the policy has some positive impacts in terms of new jobs, access to leisure activities etc, these are balanced against the slight negative impacts in terms of the less sustainable location. This illustrates why this location is last on the sequential test.
<p>Conclusions: Whilst economically and socially the policy has some positive impacts in terms of new jobs, access to leisure activities etc, these are balanced against the slight negative impacts in terms of the less sustainable location. This illustrates why this location is last on the sequential test.</p> <p>Recommendations: No changes proposed.</p>					

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1. Economy. To encourage	1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of	+	+	+	This policy, which aims to diversify, support and

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strong, diverse and stable economy.	inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation?				protect local centres, has the potential to have a positive impact on the local community and economy. The policy is specific to local centres and protects against inappropriate development.
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education?	0	0	0	The policy has the potential to increase facilities if community facilities are provided at local centres. Discussion regarding whether D1 only relates to Community Facilities or would other uses within Use Class D1 be acceptable? D1 includes the provision of education and libraries amongst others.
3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.	1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities?	+	+	+	The policy supports the provision of a diverse range of services and facilities within local centres, therefore within closer proximity to residential areas. This has the potential to have an impact on reducing the need for car travel for certain goods and services. Encouraging a range of development at local centres will increase use of local centres. There is the potential to have a positive impact on health if people have the option to walk to meet their daily service needs.
4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.	1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime	0	0	0	There is the potential for the policy to indirectly increase rubbish/litter within the area, depending on the nature of shops and services. There is also the potential for an increase in anti-social behaviour (real or

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	and allow communities to safely access all areas?				perceived) as people often congregate in such areas, however to counter balance this, if there are more services available at a local centre there is the potential that such areas become better used and natural surveillance increases. It is about ensuring the right mix of daytime and night-time uses, market forces often determine this. If there are less void units within a local centre, this can create a more positive perception of an area.
5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	+	+	+	<p>The policy supports the use of upper floors as residential in local centres. This promotes sustainable development within these local centres.</p> <p>New development through the provision of planning obligations may improve linkages between such developments and local centres through investment in walking / cycling routes. This is supported by the policy which cross references to the Planning Obligations Policy.</p>

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<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	+	+	+	<p>The policy refers to transport and connectivity from local centres into surrounding areas. Improving this connectivity encourages walking/cycling. Provision of a range of services within communities may reduce transport barriers for some people in accessing these. The policy refers directly to enhancing cycle provision.</p>
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs? 	+	+	+	<p>The policy refers to improving the character of the area through good design; the local environment, heritage and the Shop Front SPD.</p>

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8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? Will it protect habitats and priority species? Will it improve or enhance ecological networks. 	x	x	x	No relationship identified.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding? 	x	x	x	No relationship identified.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? Will it promote social cohesion? 	++	++	++	The policy promotes local centres as spaces which have a key role within the local community. They have the potential to encourage and increase social interaction and activities and give an identity / sense of place to an area.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? Will it increase community cohesion? Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement? 	++	++	++	The policy supports development of local centres, if new businesses / facilities open in local centres this could offer access to jobs within the locality. If local centres are well used, this has the potential to encourage community ownership of these spaces.
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? Will it reduce demand for natural resources? Will it encourage the prudent and 	+	+	+	There is the potential that this policy could impact upon energy efficiency and natural resources; this is if more people access services locally reducing the need for transport.

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production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	efficient use of natural resources?				
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	-	-	-	New development has the potential to create additional commercial waste. This is a concern with A5 uses. The policy could be strengthened by cross-referencing to the hot food takeaway policy.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	0	0	0	Provision of local facilities/services has the potential to reduce the need to travel.
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	++	++	++	The policy will support the development of additional facilities/services; this increases choices for residents in localities.
Conclusions: Overall the policy is a strong positive policy, which will encourage sustainable development.					
Recommendations: The following recommendations were made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross reference with Hot Food Takeaway policy. • The preamble needs to be checked as some of the local centres are missing / incorrect. • Clarification on the listing of D1 uses in the policy, is this just Community Facilities or should it be all D1 uses? • Third paragraph in policy should read "...impact upon the Town Centre or the character..." • Fifth paragraph in the policy – should it be "in the vicinity of the local centre"? 					

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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	++	++	++	It will help to support the establishment of a range of uses which together form the night time economy, creating a large number of associated jobs over the plan period.
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	x	x	x	No relationship.
<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	-	-	-	<p>The types of businesses that this policy support generally have links to impact on health ie drinking, takeaways etc.</p> <p>Suggestion that policy makes reference to liaison with Public Health team to minimise negative impact.</p>
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it create safer and cleaner communities? Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	0	0	0	Although these types of uses are associated with anti-social behaviour and disruption, this policy will help to ensure that these late night uses are located within this area and therefore assists with the management and policing of these incidents.

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<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	x	x	x	No relationship.
<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	+	+	+	It helps support the location of new development in a location that minimises the need to travel – the public transport interchange is located within the area.
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of 	+	+	+	The policy links to the heritage policy and seeks to protect and enhance the Church Street Conservation Area through permitting only appropriate development.

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	archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?				
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	x	x	x	No relationship.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	0	0	0	Through locating these late night uses within one area it helps to protect predominantly residential areas from late night noise disruption. The policy will however result in noise pollution within the Church Street area late on an evening which is likely to impact on the residents living within this area.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	+	+	+	It will improve access to jobs within the sector, will improve access to culture, leisure and recreational facilities and will diversify the offer within the locality.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially	x	x	x	No relationship.

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inclusive communities	<p>inclusive communities?</p> <p>4. Will it increase community cohesion?</p> <p>5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?</p>				
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	<p>1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land?</p> <p>2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations?</p> <p>3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources?</p> <p>4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?</p>	0	0	0	Through linking with design and climate change policies it will help to ensure building design will be energy efficient however, additional businesses will obviously increase demand for natural resources during their operation.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<p>1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste?</p> <p>2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible?</p> <p>3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials?</p> <p>4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner?</p> <p>5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?</p>	-	-	-	It will generate commercial waste and the uses are generally associated with increases in littering within the vicinity.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<p>1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources?</p> <p>2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions?</p> <p>3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change?</p> <p>4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development?</p> <p>5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach?</p> <p>6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding?</p> <p>7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?</p>	0	0	0	Whilst in a sustainable location, well served by public transport, the late night uses policy will encourage the creation of new businesses which are likely to lead to additional emissions through the operation of the business.
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<p>1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations?</p> <p>2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations?</p>	++	++	++	It will help to create a late night uses zone which is an important element of the economy which will serve future generations and will minimise impact on residential areas.

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Conclusions: This policy scored very well in terms of its economic and social impacts, however it was more balanced in terms of environmental issues.					
Recommendations: Suggestion that policy makes reference to liaison with Public Health team to minimise negative impact.					

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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation?	+	+	+	There is the potential for new businesses and inward investment to be supported by the policy. By limiting the number of hot food takeaways there is the potential for other daytime uses to go into units. The policy has the potential to provide new jobs, however there is no guarantee on the quality or sustainability of these jobs. The policy may prevent investment and if the only interest is from A5 businesses there is the potential that this policy could increase the prevalence of void units in an area. On a larger scale, limiting accessibility to hot food takeaways could indirectly have a cost saving to the NHS and in turn reduce levels of deprivation in an area.
	2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and	1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education?	+	+	+

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skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.					
3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.	1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities?	++	++	++	The policy preamble refers to working with existing takeaways to provide guidance on healthier options – this is not reflected in the policy. The policy does directly refer to addressing health inequalities. There are strong links between takeaway prevalence, obesity and levels of deprivation.
4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.	1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas?	+	+	++	There is the potential that the policy could have a positive impact on ASB. Takeaways often contribute to the night-time economy which can create a number of issues, areas are deserted in the day (if only night-time businesses operate), such businesses can be a magnet for people 'hanging around' and can attract ASB and increase litter. This can make people feel vulnerable about accessing such areas. Limiting prevalence of such businesses has the potential to positively impact upon the cleanliness and approachability of an area if they are replaced with suitable businesses. This policy will not improve the current situation in the short term but there is the potential that it won't worsen it further. There is the potential that there can be a positive impact over the long term. Is there a risk that closing takeaway outlets could move ASB to other

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					locations?
5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.	1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments?	X	X	X	No relationship identified.
6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.	1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change?	X	X	X	No relationship identified.
7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.	1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled	+	+	+	There is the potential the policy will improve streetscapes, a shift to a daytime economy will encourage more daytime users of the area. There is the potential that this will impact positively upon heritage assets in certain areas. Suggested that the policy is cross-referenced with the Shop

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	<p>ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest?</p> <p>4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets?</p> <p>5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space?</p> <p>6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable?</p> <p>7. Will it encourage high quality design?</p> <p>8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments?</p> <p>9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?</p>				Front SPD.
<p>8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.</p>	<p>1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool?</p> <p>2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites?</p> <p>3. Will it protect habitats and priority species?</p> <p>4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.</p>	X	X	X	No relationship identified.
<p>9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.</p>	<p>1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources?</p> <p>2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality?</p> <p>3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution?</p> <p>4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters?</p> <p>5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences?</p> <p>6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?</p>	X	X	X	No direct relationship identified, however it was discussed that there could be noise associated to ASB linked to takeaways.
<p>10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.</p>	<p>1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs?</p> <p>2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people?</p> <p>3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities?</p> <p>4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place?</p> <p>5. Will it promote social cohesion?</p>	+	+	+	There is the possibility of an indirect link to having a positive impact on liveability. There is the potential of more job opportunities within localities if offer diversifies. There is the potential that the policy will have a positive impact on 'sense of place' and the perception of an area, in addition there is the potential to have an positive impact on social cohesion.

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<p>11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? Will it increase community cohesion? Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement? 	+	+	+	<p>The policy has the potential to contribute towards this objective positively if health and wellbeing are improved. Many deprivation indicators are health related. The impacts associated with reducing the prevalence of hot food takeaways has the potential to contribute towards a more cohesive community.</p>
<p>12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? Will it reduce demand for natural resources? Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources? 	X	X	X	<p>No relationship identified.</p>
<p>13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	0	0	0	<p>There is the possibility that further development could create additional waste, however the policy seeks to limit takeaways and is therefore neutral. A reduction in prevalence of takeaway outlets could reduce the potential for litter resulting from ASB.</p>
<p>14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? Will it reduce the risk of flooding? Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	X	X	X	<p>No relationship identified.</p>

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15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	+	+	++	The policy will potentially restrict the development of further takeaways in certain areas, however it was noted that most businesses deliver direct to homes and therefore impact on food choices is limited. The aim of the policy is to improve health of future generations and have a positive impact on health inequalities.
<p>Conclusions: This is a restrictive policy, which could limit development of the local economy at a localised level. However the benefits in reducing hot food takeaways have benefits for the day-time economy, prevent associated anti-social behaviour and contribute positively to long term health objectives and behaviours and will have a positive impact on the future of Hartlepool.</p> <p>Recommendations: Look at wording of the policy to ensure all local centres / areas are correct. The policy uses the term 'no more' under the town centre section, it would be a benefit to include a figure to future-proof the policy.</p>					

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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	0	0	0	There is the potential that the policy will support the establishment of new companies; however the policy does limit where companies can locate. The specific purpose of the policy is to protect the town centre. The policy does not encourage sustainable development of the economy but does look to stabilise the existing economy and where businesses are located.
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	x	x	x	No relationship identified.

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maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.					
3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	x	x	x	No relationship identified.
4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	x	x	x	No relationship identified.
5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	x	x	x	No relationship identified.

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<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	x	x	x	No relationship identified.
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs? 	+	+	+	The policy aims to protect town centre uses, directing them towards to town centre. This could have a positive impact on the redevelopment of vacant buildings in the town centre. The reuse of existing premises and use of town centre areas should be more sustainable due to connectivity and accessibility. The policy aims to protect the urban characteristics of the town centre.

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8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? Will it protect habitats and priority species? Will it improve or enhance ecological networks. 	x	x	x	No relationship identified.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding? 	x	x	x	No relationship identified.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? Will it promote social cohesion? 	++	++	++	The policy relates directly to supporting, protecting and enhancing the town centre by ensuring town centre uses are not permitted in less sustainable industrial land, such an approach prevents against potential erosion of the town centre.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? Will it increase community cohesion? Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement? 	x	x	x	No relationship identified.
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? Will it reduce demand for natural resources? Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources? 	x	x	x	No relationship identified.

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prudent use of natural resources.					
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	x	x	x	No relationship identified.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	x	x	x	No relationship identified.
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	+	+	+	The policy aims to preserve both industrial and town centre areas, encouraging sustainable development by ensuring that appropriate uses are directed to appropriate areas.
Conclusions: Overall the policy is a strong positive policy, protecting both industrial areas and town centre areas and there relevant uses.					
Recommendations: None					

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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse	1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies?	+	+	+	The policy supports business use in the home

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and stable economy.	2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation?				which has a direct link to employment and the economy. This policy has the potential to have a positive impact on both the local and rural economy. The policy also has the potential to link to link to reducing levels of deprivation as people may be moving into employment by establishing home businesses.
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education?	x	x	x	No relationship identified.
3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.	1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities?	x	x	x	No relationship identified.
4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.	1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas?	x	x	x	No relationship identified.

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<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	x	x	x	No relationship identified.
<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	x	x	x	No relationship identified.
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of 	x	x	x	No relationship identified.

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	archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?				
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	x	x	x	No relationship identified.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	x	x	x	No relationship identified.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	x	x	x	No relationship identified.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities?	x	x	x	No direct relationship identified as the nature of policy supports business from home which is more isolated than businesses within urban centres.

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communities	4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?				
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	+	+	+	The policy supports the efficient use of developed space if being used for both living and working. Also has the potential to reduce transport requirements.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?	x	x	x	No relationship identified.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	0	0	0	There is the potential that this will contribute towards a reduction in

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15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	+	+	+	The policy will not have any detrimental impacts upon future generations, it offers further choice by supporting the home to be flexible accommodating employment where appropriate. As the policy protects against significant alterations to the home therefore protecting future choices.
<p>Conclusions: Overall the policy is positive supporting the flexible use of homes to promote sustainable development.</p> <p>Recommendations: The wording of the policy is slightly repetitive; it is recommended that the final sentence of the policy is looked at. It was suggested that reference to car repairs is removed from the preamble as this is often the subject of complaints, as is dog walking. Suggested the inclusion of other examples as well as child minding.</p>					

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Assessors: Helen Philip Timmins and Peter Nixon					
Assessed: 8 th April 2016					
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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	+	+	+	The aim of the policy is top protect the existing retail and commercial areas along with the residential areas within the borough. The policy seeks toe ensure commercial development is located within appropriate locations such as the town centre.
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	x	x	x	

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<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	x	x	x	
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it create safer and cleaner communities? Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	x	x	x	Policy should be linked to the safety and security policy.
<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	x	x	x	No overall relationship between the policy and the SA objective, however assessors note that one aim of the policy is to protect existing residential areas.

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<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	x	x	x		
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs? 	+	+	+	<p>The policy should have a positive impact upon existing residential areas as it should, ensure commercial activity is focused in areas where it is more suited, i.e. in areas with car parking, services and natural surveillance.</p> <p>The policy seeks to ensure that if an application is approved it must be of an acceptable design.</p> <p>This policy could be cross referenced with the planning obligations policy.</p>	

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8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? Will it protect habitats and priority species? Will it improve or enhance ecological networks. 	x	x	x		
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding? 	x	x	x		
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? Will it promote social cohesion? 	+	+	+	The policy seeks to sustain liveable places, ensuring that residential areas remain pleasant areas and do not become areas for the focus of commercial activity.	
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? Will it increase community cohesion? Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement? 	x	x	x		
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? Will it reduce demand for natural resources? Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources? 	x	x	x	This policy should be cross referenced with the energy efficiency policy.	

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encourage the prudent use of natural resources.					
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	x	x	x	
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	x	x	x	
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	+	+	+	The assessors consider that the policy will be a benefit to e existing and future generations as it will protect the residential areas. The plan as a whole allocated areas for employment and commercial activity so this policy sis not seen as a barrier to economic growth.
Conclusions: The policy will ensure commercial areas remain for that purpose and that residential areas remain pleasant areas to live and do not be come dominated by commercial activity.					
Recommendations: Reference to the safety and security and planning obligations policy.					

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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	++	++	++	This policy is a positive policy which seeks to allow appropriate inward investment development in tourism and other related recreational and leisure developments in key locations around Hartlepool.
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	+	+	+	It is considered that this policy will result in the development of further catering and hospitality businesses – as a result of strong markets in these areas, the college has developed opportunities for training in these areas and the continued development of these will continue to benefit the colleges.
<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	++	++	++	The policy supports the development of leisure facilities across the borough which will have strong long term health benefits.
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	+	+	+	May help to create clean public areas. Good quality design of the leisure facilities will help to minimise the fear of crime.

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<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	x	x	x	No relationship
<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	+	+	+	<p>The policy directs major leisure developments to locations well served by public transport.</p> <p>The policy is also likely to lead to an improvement in the provision of walkways and GI links.</p>
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of 	+	+	+	<p>The development of well designed new facilities will help to add to the quality of the townscape in key visitor locations around the town.</p> <p>It also seeks to protect the historic environment from inappropriate development which would be detrimental to the area.</p>

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	archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?				
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	++	++	++	The policy will help to improve access to nature conservation sites whilst still protecting designated areas and seeks to support green tourism in a way which minimises disturbance.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	+	+	+	The policy highlights the high quality water quality at Seaton Carew.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	++	++	++	The policy will ensure access to good quality leisure and recreational facilities along with access to related jobs in the sector.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities?	x	x	x	No relationship

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communities	4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?				
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	x	x	x	No relationship
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?	-	-	-	Increased tourist and leisure activity in these areas will lead to additional waste and chance of littering etc.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	-	-	-	The development of major leisure and tourist developments will see additional emissions which will have an impact on climate change.
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations?	++	++	++	The policy supports the development of a range of uses covering the leisure and tourism sectors leading to the creation of new jobs.

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Conclusions: The policy is very positive both socially and economically and is balanced environmentally.					
Recommendations: There are no recommended changes to the policy.					

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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation?	++	++	++	This policy is a positive policy which seeks to allow appropriate inward investment development in tourism and other related recreational and leisure development at the Marina. The policy also supports a range of other uses all of which will support the economy.
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education?	x	x	x	No relationship
3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.	1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities?	+	+	+	The policy supports a range of uses at the Marina and could lead to opportunities for healthier lifestyles and open air recreation.
4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.	1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas?	x	x	x	No relationship

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	5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas?				
5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.	1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments?	+	+	+	The policy allows for residential development within the Marina which may help to utilise brownfield land and will help to ensure residents have access to a choice of types of homes in a sustainable location near to the railway station and the public transport interchange and also in vicinity to the town centre and facilities in and around the area.
6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.	1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change?	++	++	++	The policy supports development in an area which minimises the need to travel, and given the proximity to the railway station and interchange may encourage more sustainable forms of travel. It also encourages improvements to the cycle and foot networks within the area.
7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic	1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings,	+	+	+	Development of the under-used and vacant sites the policy supports will have a positive impact on the townscape at the Marina. The policy links to other policies including heritage and will therefore help to

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environment.	<p>historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest?</p> <p>4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets?</p> <p>5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space?</p> <p>6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable?</p> <p>7. Will it encourage high quality design?</p> <p>8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments?</p> <p>9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?</p>				avoid an negative impact on the listed buildings within the area or on the adjacent Church Street Conservation area.
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	<p>1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool?</p> <p>2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites?</p> <p>3. Will it protect habitats and priority species?</p> <p>4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.</p>	-	-	-	There is a chance that development within the Marina could impact on the protected SPA/SSSI area to the east. Reference to impact on that and mitigation may strengthen policy.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	<p>1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources?</p> <p>2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality?</p> <p>3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution?</p> <p>4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters?</p> <p>5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences?</p> <p>6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?</p>	0	0	0	<p>Increased visitor activity within the area may lead to additional littering which could in turn cause water pollution.</p> <p>Positive though that the policy seeks to protect the water bodies from development.</p>
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	<p>1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs?</p> <p>2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people?</p> <p>3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities?</p> <p>4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place?</p> <p>5. Will it promote social cohesion?</p>	++	++	++	The policy supports the development of a range of uses covering different sectors, all of which would lead to the creation of new jobs. It will lead to new retail to serve the local area and would support the development of recreational and leisure facilities.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation-	<p>1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness?</p> <p>2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are</p>	x	x	x	No relationship

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To promote strong and inclusive communities	<p>disadvantaged?</p> <p>3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities?</p> <p>4. Will it increase community cohesion?</p> <p>5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?</p>				
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	<p>1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land?</p> <p>2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations?</p> <p>3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources?</p> <p>4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?</p>	-	-	-	<p>Both the development of new buildings and facilities and the ongoing use of these will lead to an increase in the use of natural resources.</p> <p>A cross reference to the design and climate change policies will help to minimise this impact.</p>
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<p>1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste?</p> <p>2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible?</p> <p>3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials?</p> <p>4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner?</p> <p>5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?</p>	-	-	-	<p>Both the development of new buildings and facilities and the ongoing use of these will lead to an increase in the amount of waste generated.</p>
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<p>1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources?</p> <p>2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions?</p> <p>3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change?</p> <p>4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development?</p> <p>5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach?</p> <p>6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding?</p> <p>7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?</p>	-	-	-	<p>Both the development of new buildings and facilities and the ongoing use of these will lead to an increase in the use of natural resources and emissions which will impact on Climate Change.</p> <p>A cross reference to the design and climate change policies will help to minimise this impact.</p>

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15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	++	++	++	The policy supports the ongoing development of the marina which will be a crucial element in the future economic success of Hartlepool and will provide a range of jobs and recreational activities which current and future generations will benefit from.
<p>Conclusions: The policy scores well on both economically and socially. Although there are slight environmental impacts, some of these can be reduced by a cross ref to the climate change and design policies.</p> <p>Recommendations: It is suggested that educational uses are added to acceptable uses. The Policy also needs to link to environmental policies to ensure that developments will not impact on nearby environmental designations.</p>					

Policy being appraised: LT3 Development of Seaton Carew Appraisers: Matthew King, Harland Deer and Richard Harrison. Appraised: 17 th March 2016					
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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	++	++	++	This policy is a positive policy which seeks to allow appropriate tourism and recreation development in Seaton Carew. Quality design which takes account of the conservation area will help to ensure the resort remains visually attractive.
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	x	x	x	No relationship

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<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	++	++	++	The policy supports opportunities for developments which will promote healthier lifestyles and further developments for developments at the park and at the sports domes.
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it create safer and cleaner communities? Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	x	x	x	No relationship
<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	x	x	x	No relationship

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<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	0	0	0	<p>Whilst it is a location that is served by public transport and has good foot and cycle path links to it, the policy is supportive of further development which supports Seaton Carew as a seaside resort which will in turn generate additional trips to it, many of which will be by car which will impact on air quality and transport emissions.</p>
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs? 	++	++	++	<p>The policy seeks to approve development where it respects the character of the conservation area.</p> <p>It will also lead to improvements to the park in terms of future development to add to the attractions.</p>

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8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	-	-	-	The policy will lead to the creation of new attractions within Seaton Carew which in turn will lead to more people visiting which could put pressure on areas of ecological importance. Policy should reference need to protect those areas.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	-	-	-	Additional visitors could lead to additional littering etc which could in turn lead to additional pressures controlling the water quality. Policy should reference protection of water bodies.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	+	+	+	The policy will lead to additional development and new jobs occurring in Seaton Carew, will lead to additional commercial, recreational and tourist facilities all of which will benefit residents and will help to create and sustain a sense of place.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?	x	X	x	No relationship
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources?	-	-	-	The development of Seaton Carew and ongoing operation of facilities will create an additional demand for natural resources.

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energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?				
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?	-	-	-	Additional businesses and tourist facilities will in turn lead to an increase in waste generated.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	-	-	-	Improvements to the attractions and facilities at Seaton Carew associated with a seaside resort will lead to additional visitors which in turn leads to an increase in CO ₂ emissions and will lead to use of natural resources.
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations?	++	++	++	Overall it is considered that despite some negative environmental issues the economic and social benefits of the policy will be very positive to current and future generations.
Conclusions: The policy does have some slight negative impacts associated with additional visitors to the area, however these are outweighed by the very positive impacts in both social and economic terms.					
Recommendations: Recommended that the policy should make reference to the need to protect areas of ecological value and also reference for the need to protect the quality of water bodies.					

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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	++	++	++	<p>Attracting and providing for visitors can have many benefits upon the economy, new businesses may open and existing ones may expand. Assessors assume this policy links to urban and rural locations and therefore the benefits can spread throughout the borough. Some job creation may occur although the range is limited.</p> <p>There are likely to be marginal improvements to economic deprivation linked to possible job creation.</p>
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	x	x	x	
<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	0	0	0	<p>The policy has the potential to promote healthier lifestyle especially if accommodation is located in the rural area and visitors choose to interact with the area.</p> <p>The policy could be improved by linking to the GI policy and planning obligation policy, to ensure that new hotels etc provide green links so that visitors have the option to travel by sustainable modes.</p>
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 	x	x	x	

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	5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas?				
5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.	1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments?	x	x	x	
6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.	1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change?	+	+	+	Central locations have been prioritised for areas of accommodation development; these areas are often the most sustainable locations thus reducing the need to travel. Policy makes reference to utilising public transport systems. Improvements could be made by linking this policy to the GI policy and planning obligations policy.
7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic	1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings,	+	+	+	Policy links to high quality design. Policy will not stop urban development encroaching into the countryside, although urban locations are prioritised for tourist accommodation, and often rural

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environment.	<p>historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest?</p> <p>4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets?</p> <p>5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space?</p> <p>6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable?</p> <p>7. Will it encourage high quality design?</p> <p>8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments?</p> <p>9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?</p>				<p>accommodation can be sympathetic to the rural area and thus not always classed as urban development. Policy requires development to be sympathetic.</p> <p>Assessors question why the coastal environment is given specific reference and consider that reference should be made to the whole environment not just coastal.</p> <p>Policy could be linked to the GI policy and planning obligation policy to ensure that developed are aware they have to provide more than just accommodation, improve links must also be considered.</p>
<p>8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.</p>	<p>1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool?</p> <p>2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites?</p> <p>3. Will it protect habitats and priority species?</p> <p>4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.</p>	0	0	0	<p>The policy will not enhance biodiversity but it does seek to protect it.</p> <p>This policy could be linked to the ecology policy which seeks to improve biodiversity as does the NPPF or the wording could be strengthened to set out that biodiversity should be improved.</p>
<p>9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.</p>	<p>1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources?</p> <p>2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality?</p> <p>3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution?</p> <p>4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters?</p> <p>5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences?</p> <p>6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?</p>	x	x	x	

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10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion? 	x	x	x	
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement? 	x	x	x	
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources? 	0	0	0	The policy does prioritise sustainable locations such as the Town Centre, The Headland and Seaton Carew. But the policy does not draw specific reference to energy efficiency or the production of renewable energy. This policy could be linked to the energy efficiency policy and the climate change policy and reference would be made that measures to reduce the business carbon footprint will be encouraged, especially those in rural locations.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	x	x	x	

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<p>14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	0	0	0	<p>Policy does priorities development in sustainable locations which is positive as it can help reduce the need to travel by car. The policy does not specifically help mitigate against climate change and the assessors consider that the policy could be improved or linked to the climate changer and energy efficiency policy to encourage efforts that mitigate against climate change such as additional planting and landscaping etc.</p> <p>A possible suggestion is that development within the rural area will be encouraged to assist in mitigating against the climate impact through measures such as landscaping, tree planting, use of materials i.e permeable paving and SuDS where appropriate.</p>
<p>15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	+	+	+	<p>The policy should allow the tourist accommodation offer to enhance within the borough which can benefit existing and future generations. Assessors could not envisage any negative impacts for future generations when considering the policy.</p>

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<p>Conclusions: overall the policy is positive, it will help improve the tourist accommodation offer across the borough, the criteria within the policy should help ensure that development is sympathetic to its surroundings. Recommendations set out below could improve the policy further.</p> <p>Recommendations: Assessors assume this policy relates to urban and rural areas, the information in the brackets in the first paragraph could be amended to include reference to rural locations. Improvements could be made by linking this policy to the GI policy and planning obligations policy. Assessors question why the coastal environment is given specific reference and consider that reference should be made to the whole environment not just coastal. This policy could be linked to the ecology policy which seeks to improve biodiversity as does the NPPF or the wording could be strengthened to set out that biodiversity should be improved. This policy could be linked to the energy efficiency policy and the climate change policy and reference would be made that measures to reduce the business carbon footprint will be encouraged, especially those in rural locations.</p>					

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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	++	++	++	<p>Policy will have significant benefits for the economy in the urban and rural area and could lead to the creation of many new businesses and a range of jobs. The town centre could be improved if visitor numbers to the borough increase and thus the additional money spent within the borough could have positive knock on effects and reduce economic deprivation particularly through local job creation.</p>
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	x	x	x	

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<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	0	0	0	<p>Locating caravan sites within the rural area could allow for a healthier lifestyle.</p> <p>The policy could be improved by linking to the GI policy and the planning obligations policy to ensure that play and open space features are incorporated on site. If the recommendations are implemented then the policy would achieve score more positively.</p>
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	x	x	x	
<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	x	x	x	

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<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	0	0	0	<p>The policy draws reference to accommodating traffic but not improving it.</p> <p>Travel by car is likely as often caravan sites are within the rural area and thus there is a likely need to travel by car. Some visitors may choose to explore the area and facilities on foot.</p>
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? Will it encourage high quality design? Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs? 	+	+	+	<p>Policy seeks additional landscaping with development which should in turn assist in enhancing the quality of the countryside.</p> <p>No link established with regards to heritage, but one is not essential to make this policy fit for purpose.</p> <p>To improve the policy, reference could be made to improving links and providing facilities and by making direct reference to the design, GI and planning obligations policies.</p>

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8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	0	0	0	Policy is neutral when compared with the SA objective. The policy could be improved by linking to the natural environment and ecology policies along with the planning obligations policy.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	x	x	x	
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	x	x	x	
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?	x	x	x	
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	x	x	x	No relationship, however the policy could have more positive impacts if linked to the climate change and energy efficiency policy.

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prudent use of natural resources.					
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	x	x	x	
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	x	x	x	No relationship, however the policy could have more positive impacts if linked to the climate change, design and energy efficiency policies.
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	+	+	+	It is anticipated that the policy will allow the tourism offer in Hartlepool to expand but in doing so the assessors saw no reason why there would be a negative impact upon future generations.
Conclusions: Overall the policy is positive where it is expected to be and will assist in providing an appropriate network of tourist accommodation across the borough.					
Recommendations: The policy could be improved to ensure that development brings additional benefits such as green links and/or play facilities on site. Cross reference should be made to the design, climate change, energy efficiency, GI, ecology and planning obligations policies.					

Policy being appraised: LT6 Business Tourism, Events and Conferencing					
Appraisers: Fiona Stanforth, Helen Heward and Sarah Scarr					
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1. Economy.	1. Will it encourage and support the	+	+	+	The policy will encourage,

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To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation?				support and strengthen the local economy of Hartlepool. Development of new facilities will provide opportunities for new and existing businesses. The policy enables development of the economy.
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education?	+	+	+	The policy will encourage and support the development of business tourism, events and conferencing facilities. This will provide opportunities for training and learning as it will provide additional venues to deliver training and learning. There is also the scope of developing facilities attached to and linked to educational establishments; this has the potential to increase awareness to training and education opportunities available across the town.
3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.	1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities?	0	0	0	Whilst overall the policy remains neutral, there may be opportunities to link to health if facilities developed provide space for health related events e.g road shows, awareness raising conferences etc. There may be a negligible link between development of such facilities providing jobs which has the potential to reduce poverty and health inequalities.
4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.	1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas?	X	X	X	No relationship identified.

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	5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas?				
5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.	1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments?	X	X	X	No relationship identified.
6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.	1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change?	+	+	+	The policy supports the development of new business tourism, events and conferencing facilities, if successful these could strengthen the case to develop a wider sustainable transport network. The impact on transport would be dependent on where in the borough such development would be and the proximity to the transport network.
7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic	1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings,	X	X	X	Whilst there is no direct relationship identified, impact would depend on where development is located, e.g. if the development was in the town centre the requirement for high quality design could have a positive impact on the townscape.

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environment.	<p>historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest?</p> <p>4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets?</p> <p>5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space?</p> <p>6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable?</p> <p>7. Will it encourage high quality design?</p> <p>8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments?</p> <p>9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?</p>				
<p>8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.</p>	<p>1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool?</p> <p>2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites?</p> <p>3. Will it protect habitats and priority species?</p> <p>4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.</p>	X	X	X	No relationship identified.
<p>9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.</p>	<p>1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources?</p> <p>2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality?</p> <p>3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution?</p> <p>4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters?</p> <p>5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences?</p> <p>6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?</p>	X	X	X	No relationship identified.

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<p>10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion? 	0	+	+	The policy supports the development of facilities and therefore will encourage usage of a diverse range of facilities providing more options for residents and businesses. This helps to create a more sustainable town if there are a greater range of facilities, reducing the need to travel. Accessibility will be increased if located in the town centre or marina.
<p>11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement? 	0	0	0	The policy will have a neutral impact as this will be largely dependent on the location and use of the development. The development of facilities will provide additional space to host events, this could include training and social events which could increase participation and engagements and improve cohesion, although these are indirect impacts.
<p>12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources? 	X	X	X	No relationship identified.

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13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	X	X	X	Whilst no direct relationship is identified, there is the possibility that such development could increase waste.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	X	X	X	No relationship identified.
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	+	++	++	This policy contributes positively towards ensuring the choices on future generations are not limited. It will provide additional facilities, increasing choice within the borough.
<p>Conclusions: Overall this is a positive policy which will support the diversification of the offer of this type of facilities. It will have a positive impact on the local economy and increase opportunities for employment, skills and training.</p> <p>Recommendations: Policy preamble to be updated to remove <i>'established a reputation for having'</i> from the first paragraph.</p>					

THE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	++	++	++	<p>The policy seeks to protect and enhance all heritage assets which will include bringing buildings back into use and providing more opportunities for economic use. This has potential to encourage new start up businesses and improve the viability and vitality of the town centre and local centres. Proposals for the Church St area in particular will have positive benefits on the local economy</p>
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	+	+	+	<p>There is a continuing need for skills associated with conservation and heritage work. The policy could encourage appropriate training to be provided through educational establishments</p>
<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	+	+	+	<p>Overall the policy is seen as positive as it will encourage local people to use/visit heritage assets such as Ward Jackson Park (which is a designated Historic Park & Garden) as well as green spaces associated with heritage assets in rural and other areas.</p>
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access 	+	+	+	<p>The policy will encourage the reuse of buildings which will have a positive impact on safety, and will also help to create safer and cleaner communities, and help with the maintenance of those areas</p>

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	all areas?				
5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.	1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments?				Overall positive as the policy could encourage the provision of new housing as part of the restoration and enhancement of heritage assets
6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.	1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change?	X	X	X	Overall no relationship but it should be noted that the policy could encourage more uses and people living within the town centre which in turn could reduce the need to travel and encourage more sustainable modes of transport
7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.	1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled	++	++	++	The main aim of the policy is to preserve, protect and enhance heritage assets which will also have a positive impact on the wider townscapes and streetscapes of Hartlepool Interpretation is specifically mentioned as

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	<p>ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest?</p> <p>4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets?</p> <p>5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space?</p> <p>6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable?</p> <p>7. Will it encourage high quality design?</p> <p>8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments?</p> <p>9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?</p>				<p>part of the Archaeology section of the policy and it may also be helpful to refer to interpretation as an element within the remainder of the policy</p> <p>The policy should implicitly encourage high quality design but it may be beneficial to refer to the need for good design, particularly where new developments may affect the setting of a heritage asset</p>
<p>8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.</p>	<p>1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool?</p> <p>2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites?</p> <p>3. Will it protect habitats and priority species?</p> <p>4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.</p>	+	+	+	<p>Overall positive on the basis that heritage assets include parks and other open space which may have nature conservation interest. The policy should have a positive impact on improving access to such areas as well as the potential for linear links and walks between sites</p>
<p>9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.</p>	<p>1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources?</p> <p>2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality?</p> <p>3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution?</p> <p>4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters?</p> <p>5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences?</p> <p>6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?</p>	X	X	X	<p>No relationship overall although it can be noted that the Town Wall is part of the Headland coastal defence and prevents flooding of nearby properties</p>

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10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? Will it promote social cohesion? 	++	++	++	The policy should make a significant contribution to creating liveable places, as well as improving the cultural 'offer' and access to that offer. Many archaeological and heritage projects have strong community involvement which helps to promote community cohesion and a sense of place
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? Will it increase community cohesion? Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement? 	+	+	+	As for the objective above there are good opportunities for community participation and engagement, and there is potential for job creation through training and the use of appropriate skills
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? Will it reduce demand for natural resources? Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources? 	+	+	+	There is embedded energy efficiency in the use of an existing building and there will be less use of new materials, helping to reduce demand for natural resources
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	X	X	X	Overall no relationship although there may be opportunities to recycle some materials during heritage projects

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14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	+	+	+	Heritage projects will take a sustainable approach to flood risk management, and potentially encourage prudent use of natural resources
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations?	+	+	+	Overall positive although the presence of some heritage assets could be seen as having an adverse impact on some types of future development. Overall however it was considered that there are more positive opportunities and outcomes
<p>Conclusions: The policy will make a positive contribution to sustainable development, particularly in enhancing Hartlepool's local distinctiveness and historic environment, helping to create a sense of place, improving access to cultural facilities, encouraging community engagement, and helping to diversify the local economy.</p> <p>Recommendations: Consideration should be given to including a reference to interpretation within the main part of the policy, and including a more positive statement on the need for good design in associated with work affecting heritage assets. Consideration could also be given towards having the archaeology section of the policy as a separate, standalone policy. It is also suggested that the policy should clarify, for the avoidance of doubt, that heritage assets include Scheduled Monuments and Historic Parks and Gardens as these are not specifically referred to in this or other heritage policies.</p>					

HE2: Archaeology
Policy inserted as a standalone policy following sustainability appraisal (SA) of HE1: Heritage Assets. See recommendations of SA. This has an impact on the numbering of subsequent policies in the Historic Environment Chapter.

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1. Economy.	1. Will it encourage and support the	+	+	+	The enhancement of

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To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	<p>establishment and development of inward investment companies?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 				conservation area will have a positive impact on job creation and investment. A good example is the Townscape Heritage Initiative scheme which has helped to boost the local economy through job creation and investment.
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	+	+	+	There is a continuing need for skills associated with conservation and heritage work. The policy could encourage appropriate training to be provided through educational establishments.
<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	+	+	+	The policy will contribute to opportunities for healthier lifestyles through improving access to green spaces and public areas. An example is the walkway improvements at Seaton Carew which have linked up parks and other area of open space.
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it create safer and cleaner communities? Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	+	+	+	Positive overall as the policy will contribute to creating better quality public spaces, which are kept in good order, therefore leading to cleaner communities and less anti-social behaviour and fear of crime.

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<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	+	+	+	<p>Conservation areas can create desirable and sought after areas. The policy will also ensure good design including the protection and enhancement of open space.</p>
<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	0	0	0	<p>Neutral overall although potentially positive impacts on reducing the need for travel through encouraging the reuse of buildings, bringing more people into an area and therefore increasing use of existing facilities.</p>
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of 	++	++	++	<p>The policy will have a positive impact on most of the appraisal criteria, including helping to prevent encroachment in the countryside through the desire to provide a more rural setting for the village conservation areas.</p> <p>Consideration should be given to including a</p>

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	archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?				reference to interpretation of conservation areas and referring to the importance of open space in maintaining the integrity of conservation areas.
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	+	+	+	Positive overall because of presence of parks and other green space within conservation areas which can play an important role in their own right as well as contributing to a wider ecological network
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	X	X	X	No relationship overall although it can be noted that the Town Wall is part of the Headland coastal defence and prevents flooding of nearby properties.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	+	+	+	Conservation areas will make a positive contribution to creating a liveable place. The policy will also contribute to improving access to culture and leisure and promoting a sense of place
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities?	+	+	+	The policy will have a positive impact on community cohesion and promoting participation and engagement.

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communities	4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?				
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	+	+	+	Positive as there will be opportunities for efficient use of buildings and land, and reducing the use of natural resources through the reuse of existing buildings.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?	X	X	X	
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	+	+	+	Conservation area projects will take a sustainable approach to flood risk management, and potentially encourage prudent use of natural resources.
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations?	+	+	+	

Policy being appraised: HE3 Conservation Areas Appraisers: Malcolm Steele, Peter Rowe and Leigh Taylor Appraised: 11 th April 2016					
Sustainability appraisal objectives	Appraisal criteria	Timescale			Commentary/ explanation
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Conclusions: The policy will contribute to a number of elements of sustainable development particularly in relationship to improving and enhancing the quality of the built environment.					
Recommendations: Consideration should be given to including a reference to the importance of providing interpretation of conservation areas and their features, and also to including a stronger reference to the importance of open space in maintaining the character and setting of conservation areas.					

Policy being appraised: HE4 Listed Buildings and Structures Appraisers: Malcolm Steele, Peter Rowe, Leigh Taylor Appraised: 11 th April 2016					
Sustainability appraisal objectives	Appraisal criteria	Timescale			Commentary/ explanation
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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation?	0	0	0	Neutral overall but it should be noted that individual buildings can contribute to economic diversification and collectively on the vitality and viability of town centres.
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education?	+	+	+	There is a continuing need for skills associated with conservation and heritage work. The policy could encourage appropriate training to be provided through educational establishments.
3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.	1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities?	0	0	0	Neutral overall although it can be noted that some listed buildings are an attraction that can encourage people to get out and visit.
4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner	1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour?	+	+	+	Positive on the basis that the policy will help to make buildings safer and encourage safer and

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Appraisers: Malcolm Steele, Peter Rowe, Leigh Taylor					
Appraised: 11 th April 2016					
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community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.	3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas?				cleaner areas.
5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.	1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments?				The reuse of previously developed land and buildings is an integral part of the policy and reuse can include the provision of residential accommodation e.g. Morrison Hall. Some listed buildings also provide for the need of vulnerable people such as hospitals and almshouses.
6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.	1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change?				
7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local	1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the				The policy will make a strong positive contribution towards protecting and enhancing listed buildings, as well as improving the wider townscape and

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distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.	<p>countryside.</p> <p>3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest?</p> <p>4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets?</p> <p>5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space?</p> <p>6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable?</p> <p>7. Will it encourage high quality design?</p> <p>8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments?</p> <p>9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?</p>				streetscape.
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	<p>1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool?</p> <p>2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites?</p> <p>3. Will it protect habitats and priority species?</p> <p>4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.</p>	X	X	X	No relationship although individual properties may house bat populations or come with larger gardens that have some nature conservation interest.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	<p>1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources?</p> <p>2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality?</p> <p>3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution?</p> <p>4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters?</p> <p>5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences?</p> <p>6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?</p>	X	X	X	No relationship although noted that the Town Wall is a listed structure providing coastal and flood defences.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	<p>1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs?</p> <p>2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people?</p> <p>3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities?</p> <p>4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place?</p> <p>5. Will it promote social cohesion?</p>	+	+	+	There will be opportunities for improving access to cultural facilities and delivering a sense of place.

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<p>11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? Will it increase community cohesion? Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement? 	+	+	+	The policy will have a positive impact on community cohesion and promoting participation and engagement.
<p>12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? Will it reduce demand for natural resources? Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources? 	+	+	+	Positive as there will be opportunities for efficient use of buildings and land, and reducing the use of natural resources through the reuse of existing buildings. There should also be reduced demand for natural resources.
<p>13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	X	X	X	
<p>14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? Will it reduce the risk of flooding? Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	0	0	0	Neutral although listed building projects will normally adopt a positive approach to flood risk management.

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15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	+	+	+	
Conclusions: The policy will make a positive contribution to the protection and enhancement of listed buildings, and a similarly positive impact on the wider environmental quality of Hartlepool.					
Recommendations: None.					

Policy being appraised: HE5 Locally Listed Buildings and Structures					
Appraisers: Malcolm Steele, Peter Rowe and Leigh Taylor					
Appraised: 11 th April 2016					
Sustainability appraisal objectives	Appraisal criteria	Timescale			Commentary/ explanation
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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	0	0	0	Neutral overall but it should be noted that individual buildings can contribute to economic diversification and collectively on the vitality and viability of town centres.
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	+	+	+	There is a continuing need for skills associated with conservation and heritage work. The policy could encourage appropriate training to be provided through educational establishments.

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<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	0	0	0	Neutral overall although it can be noted that some listed buildings are an attraction that can encourage people to get out and visit.
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	+	+	+	Positive on the basis that the policy will help to make buildings safer and encourage safer and cleaner areas.
<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	+	+	+	The reuse of previously developed land and buildings is an integral part of the policy and reuse can include the provision of residential accommodation e.g. Morrison Hall. Some listed buildings also provide for the need of vulnerable people such as hospitals and almshouses.

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<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	0	0	0	
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs? 	++	++	++	<p>The policy will make a strong positive contribution towards protecting and enhancing listed buildings, as well as improving the wider townscape and streetscape.</p>

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8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	X	X	X	No relationship although individual properties may house bat populations or come with larger gardens that have some nature conservation interest.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	X	X	X	
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	+	+	+	There will be opportunities for improving access to cultural facilities and delivering a sense of place.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?	+	+	+	The policy will have a positive impact on community cohesion and promoting participation and engagement.
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	+	+	+	Positive as there will be opportunities for efficient use of buildings and land, and reducing the use of natural resources through the reuse of existing buildings. There should also be reduced demand for natural resources.

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prudent use of natural resources.					
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	X	X	X	
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	0	0	0	Neutral although listed building projects will normally adopt a positive approach to flood risk management.
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	+	+	+	
Conclusions: The policy will make a positive contribution to the protection and enhancement of listed buildings, and a similarly positive impact on the wider environmental quality of Hartlepool.					
Recommendations: It is noted that this is the only heritage policy to refer to Article 4 Directions – are there other policies where reference to Article 4 Directions may be appropriate e.g. Conservation Areas?					

Policy being appraised: HE6 Historic Shopping Parades					
Appraisers: Malcolm Steele, Peter Rowe and Leigh Taylor					
Appraised: 11 th April 2016					
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1. Economy. To encourage	1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of	0	0	0	Neutral overall although

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strong, diverse and stable economy.	inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation?				there should be a positive impact on the viability and vitality of town and local centres.
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education?	+	+	+	There will be a demand for specialists in restoration, sign writing etc so the policy will support training and workforce skills.
3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.	1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? 2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? 3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? 4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? 5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities?	X	X	X	
4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.	1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities? 2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas?	+	+	+	There will be a positive contribution towards cleaner communities and maintaining and keeping clean public areas.

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<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	X	X	X	
<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	X	X	X	
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of 	++	++	++	The policy is designed to improve and enhance local distinctiveness, character, townscape and streetscape.

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	archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?				
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	X	X	X	
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	X	X	X	
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	+	+	+	The protection or reinstatement of traditional shop fronts will promote a sense of place and potentially retain and encourage retail facilities.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities?	0	0	0	

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Appraisers: Malcolm Steele, Peter Rowe and Leigh Taylor					
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communities	4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?				
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	+	+	+	There are potentially increased opportunities to use sustainable materials therefore reducing the use of natural resources.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?	X	X	X	
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	X	X	X	
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations?	X	X	X	

Policy being appraised: HE6 Historic Shopping Parades					
Appraisers: Malcolm Steele, Peter Rowe and Leigh Taylor					
Appraised: 11th April 2016					
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Conclusions: The policy, in combination with other heritage policies, makes a significant contribution to improving the local character and distinctiveness of Hartlepool.					
Recommendations: None.					

Policy being appraised: HE7 Heritage at Risk					
Appraisers: Malcolm Steele, Peter Rowe and Leigh Taylor					
Appraised: 11th April 2016					
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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	+	+	+	The policy states that the Council will positively support developments that will result in removing buildings from the at risk list. Taking the Church St area as an example, restoration work to remove properties from the at risk register will result in the creation of opportunities for new businesses and jobs.
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	+	+	+	There is a continuing need for skills associated with conservation and heritage work. The policy could encourage appropriate training to be provided through educational establishments.
3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	X	X	X	
4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it create safer and cleaner communities? Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 	+	+	+	Finding a viable use for buildings and making buildings and structures safe will have a positive

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community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.	3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas?				impact on creating a safer and cleaner community.
5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.	1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments?	+	+	+	There are clearly positive elements to the policy in terms of re-use of previously developed land and buildings and encouraging high quality design. However much does depend on the nature of particular projects and proposals.
6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.	1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change?	X	X	X	
7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local	1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the	++	++	++	The policy will make a strong positive contribution towards protecting and enhancing listed buildings, as well as improving the wider townscape and

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distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.	<p>countryside.</p> <p>3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest?</p> <p>4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets?</p> <p>5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space?</p> <p>6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable?</p> <p>7. Will it encourage high quality design?</p> <p>8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments?</p> <p>9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?</p>				streetscape.
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	<p>1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool?</p> <p>2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites?</p> <p>3. Will it protect habitats and priority species?</p> <p>4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.</p>	X	X	X	
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	<p>1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources?</p> <p>2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality?</p> <p>3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution?</p> <p>4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters?</p> <p>5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences?</p> <p>6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?</p>	X	X	X	
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	<p>1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs?</p> <p>2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people?</p> <p>3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities?</p> <p>4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place?</p> <p>5. Will it promote social cohesion?</p>	+	+	+	The policy will contribute positively to the creation of liveable places and promoting a sense of place.

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11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?	+	+	+	Potentially there should be opportunities to increase community engagement and participation, leading to improved community cohesion.
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	+	+	+	Positive as there will be opportunities for efficient use of buildings and land, and reducing the use of natural resources through the reuse of existing buildings. There should also be reduced demand for natural resources.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?	X	X	X	
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	X	X	X	

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15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations?	X	X	X	
Conclusions: The policy will make a positive contribution to the heritage assets of Hartlepool by helping to secure a long term future and viable use for buildings of significance that are at risk.					
Recommendations: None.					

THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Policy being appraised: NE1 Natural environment Appraisers: Helen Williams, Graham Megson and Steven Carter Appraised: 1 st April 2016					
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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 				<p>The policy will protect existing high value wild space and provide green space which will have wildlife but also health benefits. The policy is primarily concerned with protecting what exists rather than adding more.</p> <p>Healthier lifestyles should be promoted, the more green space the more healthy activities can occur outdoors.</p> <p>It is not the intention of the policy to provide additional access to these green spaces. Many of these wildlife sited are in private ownership with no or few access opportunities. Increased access can cause disturbance and damage. However, some wild space areas encourage public access (eg: Nat Nature Reserve, LNRs).</p> <p>Ensuring that these aesthetically pleasing areas are protected and maintained should help with mental wellbeing</p>
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	x	x	x	<p>Safety and security is not the aim of this policy, therefore there is no relationship with the policy and the SA objective. The safety and security policy will ensure development is designed to have regard to safety and security.</p>

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<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	+	+	+	<p>The provision of housing is not the aim of the policy therefore there is no overall relationship between the policy and the objective.</p> <p>Policy seeks to protect what exists within the borough so although the policy will not directly increase access to open space, it allows open spaces to flourish and other policies can ensure increased access.</p>
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it create safer and cleaner communities? Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	x	x	x	<p>No relationship.</p>
<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	x	x	x	<p>The policy will allow for the protection and maintenance of the key natural spaces within the borough and in doing so will ensure that there are numerous benefits that will assist in enhancing the quality and local distinctiveness of the borough.</p> <p>Discussion was had relating to opening up these sites, however it was considered that often having better access to these sites can cause problems. It is not for this policy to increase access, the GI and public rights of way policy can do that if appropriate.</p>

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<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	x	x	x	By protecting and enhancing the natural environment within the borough then the policy directly seeks to protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs? 	++	++	++	No relationship overall but the assessors note that protecting and enhancing natural areas within the borough could help with flood alleviation, eg: by retraining surface flood water for longer..

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8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	++	++	++	No relationship overall but the assessors note the possibilities linked to sense of place. Protecting natural environments that are unique to Hartlepool and/or that people relate to an area of Hartlepool can add to a sense of place.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	x	x	x	No relationship overall but appraisers note the limited link to community participation, as often community groups become involved in nature preservation projects etc and take on ownership.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	x	x	x	
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?	x	x	x	
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	x	x	x	Protecting and enhancing the natural environment will reduce some causes of climate change and therefore mitigate against climate increases. The natural environment performs the ecosystem service of being a carbon sink and does alleviate

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encourage the prudent use of natural resources.					flooding.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	x	x	x	The policy will protect and enhance parts of the borough that add significantly to the quality of life for existing generations and will maintain and protect the environment for future generations.
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	+	+	+	
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	+	+	+	
<p>Conclusions: Overall the policy is significantly positive where expected, and positive where expected. The policy is fit for purpose and will assist in bringing many benefits to the borough all linked to protecting and maintaining the natural environment.</p> <p>Recommendations: None.</p>					

Policy being appraised: NE2 Green Infrastructure					
Appraisers: Malcolm Steele, Zoe Rickelton, Richard Harlanderson					
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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	+	+	+	<p>There is evidence to show that there is a link between green infrastructure and decisions of companies to locate in a particular area. Green infrastructure can provide a context for inward investment, enhancing the image of an area. Poor perceptions can be a barrier and environmental improvements can improve perceptions. If green infrastructure can play a part in encouraging new investment this will lead to new businesses, more jobs and a diversified economy.</p>
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	+	+	+	<p>The many different elements of green infrastructure mean that there will be enhanced opportunities for education and learning. Schools and other educational establishments can get involved in the management of green space to use as an educational resource on the local environment and develop environmental related skills.</p>

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<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	++	++	++	<p>The positive links between green infrastructure and health & well-being have been well documented. Green infrastructure can provide opportunities for exercise, reducing stress levels leading to better mental health, and contribute to better air quality and therefore reduced incidence of respiratory illness. Better footpaths and cycleways associated with green infrastructure can enhance access opportunities.</p>
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it create safer and cleaner communities? Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	0	0	0	<p>Neutral overall as depends to a large extent on perceptions.</p>
<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	+	+	+	<p>If considered at the outset as an integral part of housing development green infrastructure can contribute positively to a number of aspects of successful housing including a high quality environment, adequate formal and informal open space, and encourage good design.</p>

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<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	+	+	+	<p>Green infrastructure can contribute to a sustainable transport system by potentially improving access to key services and facilities, providing alternatives to the use of the car through safe and attractive walking and cycling routes, encourage more use of existing facilities, and contribute to better air quality as a consequence of reduced car use.</p>
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs? 	++	++	++	<p>Green infrastructure is part of a mix of factors that contribute to the quality of the built and natural environment. A good quality, well-planned green infrastructure network will enhance the Borough's townscape and streetscape, enhance the character and setting of historic and cultural assets, provide enhanced opportunities for access to natural and built assets, and provide an attractive physical environment.</p> <p>The policy could benefit by stressing more strongly the relationship between high quality green space and the need for complementary good design, and also to stress the need for adequate multi-functional green space as part of new developments.</p>

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<p>8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? Will it protect habitats and priority species? Will it improve or enhance ecological networks. 	++	++	++	Investment in green infrastructure can lead to better management of land, supporting ecosystem services and biodiversity. Green infrastructure can help reverse habitat fragmentation and provide a range of habitats through which species can move.
<p>9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding? 	+	+	+	Green infrastructure can provide a number of positive benefits. It can facilitate the use of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) which can reduce the need for hard engineering and provide a natural solution to store water and reduce flood risk; trees and other plants can remove a wide range of air borne pollutants; Trees can also reduce the leaching of pollutants to ground water helping to reduce pollution in watercourses.
<p>10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? Will it promote social cohesion? 	+	+	+	Green infrastructure can improve access to leisure and recreational activities, although probably can only play a minor role in improving access to key services and jobs. Green infrastructure does have the potential to bring people together and achieve social cohesion e.g. community gardens and allotments can bring people together and improve attitudes.
<p>11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 	+	+	+	As for the above objective, green infrastructure can encourage community ownership and participation depending on the type of project

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communities	4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement?				being undertaken. However it is unlikely to have a strong link in tackling worklessness.
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	0	0	0	There may sometimes be instances where green infrastructure can contribute to energy efficiency in building or making efficient use of natural resources, overall the impact is considered to be neutral.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	1. Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? 2. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? 3. Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? 4. Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? 5. Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals?	X	X	X	
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO ₂ e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues?	+	++	++	Green infrastructure can benefit climate change adaptation and mitigation in a number of ways. Trees can have benefits for local climate regulation, including cooling and sheltering. Green space in urban areas can be effective in reducing surface temperatures. Green cover can also be effective in helping to reduce surface run off. Green infrastructure is now being implemented in many countries and a contribution by Hartlepool can go towards tackling global sustainability issues.

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15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	+	++	++	A well planned multi-functional green infrastructure network should be able to cater for changing needs and be responsive to different situations
<p>Conclusions: This policy provides a number of significant benefits towards achieving sustainable development, particularly in enhancing the quality of the built and natural environment, creating habitats and improving biodiversity, and helping to meet the challenges of climate change.</p> <p>Recommendations: Consideration should be given to strengthening the links between high quality green infrastructure and good design of new developments, and ensuring that sufficient green space is provided as part of new developments.</p>					

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1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? 2. Will it encourage new start business? 3. Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? 4. Will it diversify the local economy? 5. Will it diversify the rural economy? 6. Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? 7. Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	+	+	++	<p>The provision of and enhancement of green wedges will assist in making the overall Hartlepool environment more attractive which could attract investment and tourism.</p> <p>Some limited jobs may be created in maintenance and management, but there is not a significant link to diversify the economy and create a range of sustainable jobs.</p> <p>Green wedges can have benefits to physical and mental health and thus may reduce social deprivation.</p> <p>Benefits are likely to strengthen over time as the wedges become more established.</p>
2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of 	+	+	+	The provision of and enhancement of green wedges can assist in providing spaces for

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young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	<p>local contractors and other major employers from local sources?</p> <p>3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education?</p>				learning and development. There are links to better physical and mental health which in turn can improve levels of educational attainment.
<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<p>1. Will it improve access to public services and health facilities?</p> <p>2. Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles?</p> <p>3. Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside?</p> <p>4. Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation?</p> <p>5. Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities?</p>	+	+	++	<p>The provision of and enhancement of green wedges can assist in improving physical and mental health, the benefits are likely to increase as the wedges flourish and become more established.</p> <p>Recommendation – to ensure benefits are forthcoming from an early stage then the policy should set out that the green wedges should be developed from the early stages and not developed during the final years of construction.</p>
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<p>1. Will it create safer and cleaner communities?</p> <p>2. Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour?</p> <p>3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire?</p> <p>4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas?</p> <p>5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas?</p>	0	0	0	<p>Often areas of green space can be prone to crime and anti social behaviour if they are not maintained and managed effectively.</p> <p>Although the policy will not specifically increase crime levels etc. if the spaces are not designed properly then there could be negative impacts.</p> <p>Recommendation - To ensure this policy is more positive a cross reference to the safety and security policy should be made. Reference to maintaining and developing the green wedges should also be included within the policy.</p>

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<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	+	+	+	<p>This policy seeks to enhance and provide green wedges, it does not specifically relate to providing new homes. However the green wedges are in place to assist in making the new residential areas and existing residential areas more desirable, bringing green spaces into the urban area and creating a green link to the countryside.</p>
<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	+	+	++	<p>The improvement of and provision of green wedges can assist in providing sustainable forms of transport and reducing the need to travel by car.</p> <p>The benefits will increase over time, but the time frame will be dependant on when and how the wedges are developed. The sooner the wedges are improved and/or developed to improve active travel then the sooner the policy will score a ++ against the SA objective.</p>
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of 	+	+	++	<p>The enhancement of and provision of green wedges should assist in protecting and enhancing the borough's natural features.</p> <p>Due to the size of the wedges then additional land is required to build homes upon thus increasing the extent of urban development into the countryside.</p>

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	archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?				No significant link to heritage preservation etc. however it does depend on the proximity of heritage assets to green wedges, the wedges could in some instances protect a heritage feature i.e the green wedge to the north of Wynyard. The sooner the wedges are improved and/or developed then the sooner the policy will score a ++ against the SA objective.
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	+	+	++	Assessors consider that the policy lacks a positive introduction that would assist in setting of an aim of the Council, which is to protect, enhance and provide multifunctional green spaces. Drawing reference to this in the policy, not just the preamble will help create stronger links to the SA criteria.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	++	++	++	Three green wedges already exist and are already improving the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality, for example the Burn Valley green wedge has assisted with flood alleviation. Tree cover in all the wedges acts as a carbon sink thus assisting in improving air quality. The provision of additional wedges will further assist in meeting this SA objective.

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10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? Will it promote social cohesion? 	++	++	++	The enhancement of and additional green wedges will bring a multitude of benefits to residents, the wedges can provide links to services and facilities, they are a leisure destination in themselves. They assist with physical and mental health and they provide spaces for social interaction. The wedges will assist in ensuring Hartlepool is a desirable place to live.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? Will it increase community cohesion? Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement? 	x	x	x	No relationship but the assessors note that social deprivation could be improved and social cohesion could improve but overall there is not a strong enough link therefore overall when comparing the policy to the SA criteria there is deemed to be no relationship.
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? Will it reduce demand for natural resources? Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources? 	x	x	x	No relationship.
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	x	x	x	No relationship.

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14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? 2. Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? 3. Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? 4. Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? 5. Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? 6. Will it reduce the risk of flooding? 7. Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	++	++	++	The green wedges that exist already act as a carbon sink and as a form of flood alleviation so they are already meeting many aims of the SA objective. Adding three more wedges to the borough will assist in achieving these aims even further.
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	+	+	+	The enhancement of and provision of an additional three green wedges will bring many benefits to existing residents and visitors along with future generations. The wedges will not restrict future choices to any significant degree, it will not be allowable to build homes etc. on the wedges but there is sufficient land within the borough to allow home building for many more generations without the need to build on the green wedges.
<p>Conclusions: overall the policy does what it is intended to do and is positive where expected and will assist in making Hartlepool a better place to live, work and play. Some recommendations are to improve the policy are set out below, if the recommendations are made then assessors consider that the policy would score more positively.</p> <p>Recommendations: Put in a positive first line to the policy i.e. the borough Council will seek to protect, maintain and increase the number of green wedges within the borough so that they remain or can serve a multifunction of benefits to the borough. Link the new green wedges to the relevant housing policy i.e High Tunstall, Wynyard and SWE. Put in a link to the safety and security policy, specifically relating the design of the new wedges Add in a requirement to maintain the new green wedges and that the wedges should be developed in the short to medium term to get some of the benefits early on in the development.</p>					

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<p>1. Economy. To encourage strong, diverse and stable economy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage and support the establishment and development of inward investment companies? Will it encourage new start business? Will it provide a range of quality sustainable jobs? Will it diversify the local economy? Will it diversify the rural economy? Will it improve the viability and vitality of town and local centres? Will it reduce levels of deprivation? 	x	x	x	
<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	x	x	x	Overall no links but the assessors note the slight positive as ecological sites have opportunities for learning but this policy does not draw reference to it. If it provides a location for learning it can increase educational opportunities and overall attainment.
<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	+	+	+	Indirect health and wellbeing benefits as people may choose to get involved in green spaces and ecology which improves physical activity opportunities. Policy should assist in increasing appropriate access to the countryside as the networks develop. The policy does not promote interaction but it enables it. Indirect link to improving levels of social deprivation.
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it create safer and cleaner communities? Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	x	x	x	Networks are likely to run through the urban area where they are more accessible and an increase in people using the networks could increase crime/ fear of crime thus safety and security considerations are important. The safety and security policy would ensure new development

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					has regard to this. Not essential that the policy has the cross reference but it could to make developers aware of what is essential to consider i.e. ensuring that shrubs do not hamper visibility lines etc.
<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	+	+	+	<p>New development should improve and enhance the ecological networks which should increase access to open space within development especially where networks go through new housing areas. Previously developed land is often richer than Greenfield land for biodiversity and this policy could therefore discourage point 1.</p>

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<p>6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change? 	x	x	x	<p>If networks are not designed with public safety in mind and are not overlooked, then there could be an increase in crime and fear of crime. Safety and security policy covers this, but adding in the cross reference may be beneficial.</p> <p>Not all networks are continuous - some species will 'hop' between 'islands' of habitat but other animals will not as they require a fully connected link. HBC will aim to get a comprehensive link, but often there will be breaks so people may not use the networks for transport options.</p> <p>If people use the network it will reduce the need to travel by less sustainable methods.</p> <p>Overall no relationship but note that there may be increased cycling and walking opportunities along the network.</p>
<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. 3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? 4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? 5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? 	++	++	++	<p>The policy allows for numerous benefits especially if network runs through areas of new development.</p>

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	6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? 7. Will it encourage high quality design? 8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? 9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?				
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool? 2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites? 3. Will it protect habitats and priority species? 4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.	++	++	++	The policy should lead to an increase in the ecological network, which will significantly protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the borough.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources? 2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality? 3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution? 4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters? 5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences? 6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?	+	+	+	Ecological networks have a variety of habitats which allow the movement of wildlife. SUDS reduce water pollution. Developing ecological networks provides long-term wildlife benefits. The creation of ecology networks increases ecosystem services, (services provided by the natural environments i.e flood alleviation, carbon sink, air purifier.)
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	+	+	+	Possibly provide better recreation facilities. Sense of place and social cohesion could occur as local residents often get involved in nature conservation activities.
11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities	1. Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? 2. Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? 3. Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? 4. Will it increase community cohesion? 5. Will it create community ownership,	+	+	+	Sense of place and social cohesion could occur as local residents often get involved in nature conservation activities.

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	participation and engagement?				
12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? Will it reduce demand for natural resources? Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources? 	x	x	x	
13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	x	x	x	
14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? Will it reduce the risk of flooding? Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	+	+	+	The ecological network can offer many climate change mitigation benefits, such as acting as carbon sink and providing flood alleviation measures.
15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	+	+	+	The policy seeks to create an ecological network, the policy will allow for this without preventing the choices of future generations. Existing and future generations should benefit from the enhanced ecological network across the borough.

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<p>Conclusions: overall the policy will assist in creating a better ecological network across the borough which will bring a wide range of benefits to the borough. These include allowing wildlife to move through the wider countryside in response to changing climatic conditions and in providing ecosystem services. .</p> <p>Recommendations: Not essential that the policy is cross referenced with the safety and security policy, but it could to make developers aware of what is essential to consider i.e ensuring that structure planting etc. does not hamper 'natural' surveillance.</p>					

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<p>2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education? 	+	+	+	Subject to agreements being reached between pitch owners and local schools and education establishments
<p>3. Health. To improve the health and well-being of the Hartlepool community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve access to public services and health facilities? Will it provide opportunities to promote healthier lifestyles? Will it provide local play provision, parks and quality green space and increase access to the countryside? Will it promote the use of existing facilities and open-air recreation? Will it reduce poverty and health inequalities? 	+	+	+	Implementation of the policy will provide obvious benefits in terms of promoting healthier lifestyles, providing local play provision and promoting the use of existing facilities. It will not improve access to public services and health facilities.
<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it create safer and cleaner communities? Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? 	0	0	0	Neutral overall, although it should be noted that local football matches can create their own set of

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community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.	3. Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? 4. Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? 5. Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas?				problems, including anti-social behaviour compared with other types of grass sports.
5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.	1. Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? 2. Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? 3. Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? 4. Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? 5. Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? 6. Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? 7. Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments?	X	X	X	
6. Transport. To help develop high quality, integrated, accessible and safe transport system.	1. Will it reduce the transport barriers to accessing employment, education and training and health care? 2. Will it support the location of new development and provision of services that reduces the need to travel? 3. Will it reduce the incidence and severity of personal injury road crashes? 4. Will it increase personal safety and security whilst travelling? 5. Will it encourage more sustainable modes of travel, especially in urban areas? 6. Will it maintain, improve and make more efficient use of the existing transport network? 7. Will it control and maintain local air quality and seek to reduce transport emissions that contribute to climate change?	X	X	X	
7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local	1. Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? 2. Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the	+	+	+	Marginally positive – playing pitches form part of the green infrastructure network and can contribute to the overall landscape/townscape and environmental

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distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.	<p>countryside.</p> <p>3. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest?</p> <p>4. Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets?</p> <p>5. Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space?</p> <p>6. Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable?</p> <p>7. Will it encourage high quality design?</p> <p>8. Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments?</p> <p>9. Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs?</p>				quality. The policy also seeks to ensure that sufficient playing pitch space is provided to serve new developments.
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity. To protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment.	<p>1. Will it preserve or enhance the quality of Nature Conservation Sites within Hartlepool?</p> <p>2. Will it improve access to these nature conservation sites?</p> <p>3. Will it protect habitats and priority species?</p> <p>4. Will it improve or enhance ecological networks.</p>	0	0	0	Overall will not benefit or have a negative impact on biodiversity.
9. Water, Air and Soil Pollution. To improve and or retain the quality of watercourses, air quality and soil quality. To achieve sustainable use of water resources.	<p>1. Will it help to achieve sustainable use of water resources?</p> <p>2. Will it protect or improve and monitor local air quality?</p> <p>3. Will it minimise atmospheric, noise, land, soil and water pollution?</p> <p>4. Will it protect or improve the quality of controlled waters?</p> <p>5. Will it improve infrastructure such as coastal defences?</p> <p>6. Will it prevent and/or reduce the risk of local flooding?</p>	0	0	0	Neutral overall although there may be minor positive benefits in reducing flood risk as playing fields may be able to hold and store surface water for a time.
10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	<p>1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs?</p> <p>2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people?</p> <p>3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities?</p> <p>4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place?</p> <p>5. Will it promote social cohesion?</p>	+	+	+	The policy will improve access to recreational facilities and there will be opportunities for communities to be involved in management and running of facilities, helping to promote social cohesion

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<p>11. Equity, Diversity, Equality and Participation- To promote strong and inclusive communities</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote social inclusion and tackle worklessness? Will it help to reduce deprivation and ensure no group of people are disadvantaged? Will it encourage stronger socially inclusive communities? Will it increase community cohesion? Will it create community ownership, participation and engagement? 	+	+	+	The policy can lead to increased opportunities for involving local communities and improving participation.
<p>12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the prudent use of natural resources.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? Will it reduce demand for natural resources? Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources? 	X	X	X	
<p>13. Waste. To minimise the production of waste and to maximise opportunities for recycling.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it minimise the generation of household and commercial waste? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with as close to the source as feasible? Will it maximise the opportunities for recycling waste materials? Will it ensure that waste is dealt with in a sustainable manner? Does it make provision for an adequate supply of minerals? 	X	X	X	
<p>14. Climate Change. To address the causes of climate change and minimise emissions of greenhouse gasses.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it encourage prudent use of natural resources? Will it lead to a reduction in CO₂e emissions? Will it assist in mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change? Will it increase emphasis on the issue of climate change and global warming effects, such as rising sea levels and the impact of additional development? Will it ensure that flood management takes a sustainable approach? Will it reduce the risk of flooding? Will it tackle global sustainability issues? 	0	0	0	Overall neutral although as noted for objective 9 there is some potential to reduce flood risk through holding surface water.

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15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations?	+	+	+	The playing pitch policy, and the supporting playing pitch strategy, should be flexible enough to respond to changing needs and circumstances.
Conclusions: The playing pitch policy provides a number of sustainability benefits and meets the needs of a wide cross section of the Hartlepool community.					
Recommendations: None.					

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2. Education and Skills. To enable all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to maximise the education and skills levels of Hartlepool Residents.	1. Will it contribute to the development of new and improved education facilities? 2. Will it encourage lifelong learning and training to meet the workforce needs of local contractors and other major employers from local sources? 3. Will it increase the levels of attainment and participation in education?	x	x	x	

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<p>4. Safety and Security. To create safer and cleaner community, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it create safer and cleaner communities? Will it reduce crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour? Will it help to ensure residents are kept safe in the event of a fire? Will it contribute to maintaining and keeping clean public areas? Will it reduce the perception of crime and allow communities to safely access all areas? 	+	++	++	<p>If pockets of unsightly land that are prone to anti social behaviour are converted to garden or within commercial curtilage then there is a potential to create cleaner and safer environments.</p> <p>Policy should allow for improvements over time, as unsightly space is removed for better uses and compensation should see improvements elsewhere in the borough.</p>
<p>5. Housing. To ensure Hartlepool residents have access to decent, good quality, affordable homes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote the re-use of previously developed land? Will it help to ensure the balance of supply and demand in the housing stock is met in sustainable locations? Will it help to ensure that Hartlepool residents have access to a choice of good quality housing in sustainable communities across tenures that meets their needs and aspirations? Will it encourage improvements in homes to meet and exceed the 'decent homes standard'? Will it provide increased access to open space for residents within Hartlepool? Will it meet the housing needs of vulnerable people? Will it encourage high quality design and sufficient open space in new developments? 	+	+	+	<p>Policy only relates to green spaces.</p> <p>Often these areas of space are within the urban limits which are often deemed to be in sustainable locations.</p> <p>Policy does not specifically link to the provision of new homes, but if the land is used for home building for general market housing, affordable homes and or care homes then the policy allows for the positive link.</p> <p>Overall positive because of the typical location of spaces and the potential uses.</p>

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<p>7. Built and Natural Environment. To protect and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of Hartlepool's rural, urban and historic environment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will the plan enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the area's landscapes, open space, townscapes, streetscapes, countryside and coastline? Will it prevent urban development encroaching and/or occurring in the countryside. Will it enhance the quality, character and setting of Hartlepool's designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, historic parks, gardens, scheduled ancient monuments, none designated heritage assets and areas of archaeological interest? Will it enhance or increase access to these natural and cultural assets? Will it be of detriment to surrounding landscape and open space? Will it help to ensure that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable? Will it encourage high quality design? Will it provide sufficient open space in new developments? Will it improve Green Infrastructure within Hartlepool and adjacent Boroughs? 	+	+	+	Overall the policy is positive as it allows for often unsightly areas to be put to better use thus ensuring that the physical environment is attractive, responsive, flexible and sustainable.

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10. Liveability and Place. To create and sustain liveable places, promoting sustainable lifestyles and social cohesion.	1. Will it improve accessibility and quality of key services and facilities and improve access to jobs? 2. Will it provide sufficient retail facilities for local people? 3. Will it improve access to culture, leisure and recreational activities? 4. Will it create and sustain a vibrant and diverse community and promote a sense of place? 5. Will it promote social cohesion?	x	x	x	
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12. Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources. To minimise energy use and support renewable energy production and encourage the	1. Will it minimise energy use through sustainable, efficient and effective use of buildings and land? 2. Will it support or promote the increasing use of renewable energy resources in environmentally acceptable locations? 3. Will it reduce demand for natural resources? 4. Will it encourage the prudent and efficient use of natural resources?	+	+	+	Potential to use land more efficiently, as land may not serve a purpose at present, also land is often in sustainable locations and thus using this land first could prevent land being used beyond the urban limits.

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15. Futurity. To ensure that development that meets the needs of today should not restrict choices and opportunities for future generations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will its outcomes be detrimental to future generations? 2. Will it restrict the choices of future generations? 	0	0	0	<p>Policy has no real positive or negative on the future of the borough. It has the potential to put land into better use but as a whole it is considered neutral when read alongside the SA objective.</p>
<p>Conclusions Overall the policy relates to a specific aim, which is to allow underused, unsightly and/or unattractive land to be put to better use. The policy has positive relationships where it should but in many instances there is no relationship between the policy and the SA objectives. The lack of relationship is not negative and overall the policy still does what it should and should allow for benefits across the borough.</p> <p>Recommendations: add in a paragraph to state that in some instances a condition may be imposed that restricts built development.</p>					