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## 1 Introduction

This annex presents the matrices completed in the appraisal of the strategies and policies of the Submission Core Strategy. The mitigation measures and recommendations put forward by the consultants have been responded to by policy authors and an indication of how the final policy performs, following changes made by policy authors in response to mitigation and recommendations is given in the summary of the appraisal, at the end of each matrix.

## 2 Appraisal Matrices

The appraisal matrices are presented below. In line with the iterative nature of the assessment, and in order for recommendations to be taken on board in the draft Core Strategy (Publication Version), the appraisal was completed on an earlier officer-draft version of the draft Core Strategy (dated 27<sup>th</sup> September 2010). Some of the references (including page numbers, paragraphs and phraseology) that appear in the appraisal matrices will therefore not directly align to the Submission version of the Core Strategy. Please note that changes to the appraisal matrices made as a result of changes to the Draft Core strategy DPD are included in **red text** dated (March 2011). ENVIRON's response to further changes, to the Submission Draft dated August 2011, are marked with an underline. Changes made following review of the Bath Compensatory Storage study are in **highlighted text**.

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SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy ...	Short term	Med term	Vision and Objectives		Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
				Long term	Commentary		
Objective 1: Improve accessibility to community facilities and local services	<p>Help everyone access basic services easily, safely and affordably</p> <p>Increase access to and participation in community and cultural facilities and activities</p>	+	+	+	<p>The vision makes reference to realising the cultural and social potential of the district, providing opportunities for all and ensuring competitive and healthy urban centres. The vision also includes the cultural assets of Bath; the roles of Keynsham, Midsomer Norton and Radstock as service centres.</p> <p>Strategic objective 5 aims to improve city, town and local centres for social activity as places to entertainment, culture and shopping. Strategic objective 5 includes a bullet point 'protecting and enhancing the range of services and facilities provided in local, neighbourhood and village centres' and a bullet point improving pedestrian and cycle routes into and within town and city centres. Strategic objective 8 also includes a bullet point on promoting improved access to services especially for rural and more remote areas.</p>	<p><b>Recommendation:</b> The vision could be more specific in addressing this SA Objective by making reference within the first two paragraphs to people meeting their needs locally or having good access to community facilities and local services.</p>	<p>No change. Note objective 6 which includes reference to the timely provision of infrastructure (including services/facilities) in line with new development.</p>

SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy ...	Short term	Med term	Vision and Objectives		Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
				Long term	Commentary		
Objective 2: Improve the health and well-being of all communities	<p>Improve Health</p> <p>Reduce Health inequalities</p> <p>Promote healthy lifestyles, especially routine daily exercise</p>	++	++	++	<p>The vision makes reference to providing opportunities for all and achieving healthy centres. Healthy centres is a broad concept and this may relate to both vitality of businesses and air quality etc.</p> <p>Strategic objective 7 relates to health and wellbeing which addresses all of the SA appraisal questions.</p>		n/a
Objective 3: Meet identified needs for sufficient, high quality and affordable housing	<p>Help make suitable housing available and affordable for everyone</p>	++	++	++	<p>The vision refers to providing opportunities for all and providing new housing supported by necessary infrastructure and providing housing in ways that mitigates for climate change and adapts to unavoidable climatic changes.</p> <p>Strategic objective 6 relates to meeting housing needs including affordable housing and housing that meets the needs of the district's population.</p>		n/a

SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy ...	Short term	Med term	Vision and Objectives			Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
				Long term	Commentary			
					Strategic objective 3 includes ensuring high quality design.			
Objective 4: Promote stronger more vibrant and cohesive communities	Promote stronger more cohesive communities	+	+	+	<p>The vision includes reference to achieving flourishing urban and rural communities.</p> <p>Strategic objective 7 makes reference to encouraging social interaction in the context of facilitating more active modes of travel and designing high quality, safe and secure streets and spaces and also refers to reducing social inequalities across the district.</p> <p>The vision and strategic objectives contain some elements which work towards achieving cohesive communities but do not directly address community cohesion and therefore could be improved.</p>	<p><b>Recommendation:</b> the vision or objectives should make specific reference to achieving cohesive communities. This could be specifically in relation to new housing developments under strategic objective 6.</p>	No change. Not within the scope of the Core Strategy.	
Objective 5: Reduce anti-social behaviour,	Reduce crime and fear of crime	++	++	++	The vision makes reference to healthy town and city centres and improving the appearance of town centres such as		n/a	



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				Long term	Commentary			
crime and the fear of crime					Keynsham and Midsomer Norton. Strategic objective 5 also aims to improve the public realm within the city and town centres. Strategic objective 7 include designing high quality, safe and secure streets and spaces and promoting and delivering regeneration opportunities that can contribute to a reduction in the social inequalities across the district.			
Objective 6: Improve the availability and provision of training	Give everyone access to learning, training, skills and knowledge	+	+	+	<p>The vision makes reference to realising the economic, cultural and social potential of the district, providing opportunities for all.</p> <p>Strategic objective 4 includes a bullet point on improving educational facilities to help provide the skills that support knowledge based sectors. Neither the strategic objectives or the vision refer to addressing skills issues in Midsomer Norton and Radstock where there are recognised opportunities to improve skills of the local</p>	<p><b>Recommendation:</b> The second to last paragraph of the vision and strategic objective 4 should include improving skills in Midsomer Norton and Radstock with reference to improving local job opportunities and supporting the local economy through attracting new employers.</p>	Agree – Somer Valley vision amended to refer to improving skills and reference also added into strategic objective no. 3.	

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					workforce and thereby attract employers and therefore the vision and objectives could be improved.			
Objective 7: Ensure communities have access to a wide range of employment opportunities, paid or unpaid	Give everyone in the region access to satisfying work opportunities, paid or unpaid  Reduce poverty and income inequality  Provide a diverse range of employment opportunities in a variety of sectors	+	+	+	The vision makes reference to realising the economic, cultural and social potential of the district, providing opportunities for all. The latter paragraphs of the vision refer to the economies of the key settlements and the rural area.  Strategic objective 4 contains a number of objectives relating to encouraging economic development, diversification and prosperity. This includes enabling existing businesses to remain within the district and expand, supporting tourism, improving skills and capitalising on innovation opportunities associated with Higher Education and supporting business of varying sizes. The strategic objective 4 specifically encourages knowledge based	<b>Recommendations:</b> The recommendation in relation to SA Objective 6 also applies to this objective.  Strategic objective 4 should make reference to reducing income inequality in the district i.e. by providing space for employment growth in higher wage sectors rather than tourism which is traditionally a low wage sector.	The Core Strategy focuses on providing the necessary space to help facilitate economic prosperity/ diversification – this might lead to income inequalities being addressed (but may not) given the attractiveness of Bath, rather than other parts of the District, to higher value sectors. Reference could only be included in strategic objective 3 if it were supported by a clear policy approach – currently evidence is not available to support this.	

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					<p>sectors to the area.</p> <p>Strategic objective 7 refers to reducing social inequalities but does not mention poverty, unemployment or incomes. However, elements of the vision and objectives will provide job opportunities in better paid sectors (e.g. knowledge compared with tourism).</p> <p>The vision and objectives do not make reference to the reducing income inequality and due to the uneven opportunities within the district, it is considered that they could therefore be improved.</p>		
Objective 8: Enable local businesses to prosper	Increase the circulation of wealth within the local authority area	++	++	++	The vision includes creating new jobs in ways which mitigate the causes of climate change, adapt to unavoidable climatic changes and help the district to move towards a low carbon economy. The latter paragraphs of the vision refer to the economies of the key settlements and the rural area.		n/a
	Reduce vulnerability						

SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy ...	Short term	Med term	Vision and Objectives		Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
				Long term	Commentary		
	of the economy to climate change and harness opportunities arising				<p>Strategic objective 4 contains a number of objectives relating to encouraging economic development, diversification and prosperity. This includes enabling existing businesses to remain within the district and expand, supporting tourism, providing more office space in Bath, improving skills and capitalising on innovation opportunities associated with Higher Education and supporting business of varying sizes.</p> <p>Strategic objective 1 also supports the renewable energy sector.</p>		
Objective 9: Increase availability of local produce and materials	<p>Meet local needs locally</p> <p>Support local food producers</p>	+	+	+	<p>Strategic objective 1 supports the renewable energy sector in particular through community led schemes.</p> <p>Strategic objective 7 includes encouraging and facilitating</p>	<p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <p>The vision could be more specific in addressing this SA Objective by making reference within the first two paragraphs to meeting needs</p>	Partially agree – reference included in Vision. Objective 8 is about improving connectivity and suggested addition does not sit well within it.

SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy ...	Short term	Med term	Vision and Objectives			Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
				Long term	Commentary			
					<p>increased local food production.</p> <p>The vision and objective make no other references to meeting needs for materials or produce locally and therefore could be improved.</p>	<p>locally, especially with regards to materials and produce.</p> <p>A bullet point could be added to strategic objective 8 which encourages a reduction in distances travelled by meeting needs for materials and produce locally.</p>		
Objective 10: Ensure everyone has access to high quality and affordable public transport and promote cycling and walking	Make public transport, cycling and walking easier and more attractive	+	+	+	<p>The vision makes reference to investment in transport infrastructure in Bath, the cycle network in Radstock and improving provision of public transport in the rural areas.</p> <p>Strategic objective 8 deals with reducing the need and desire to travel by car and encourages the use of public transport, walking and cycling. It also includes ensuring that development is supported by</p>	<p><b>Recommendation:</b> Strategic objective 8 should refer to the provision of public transport that is affordable.</p>	The affordability of public transport is not an issue dealt with by the Core Strategy. It is addressed by the Joint Local Transport Plan (links between the Core Strategy and JLTP are made in the objective).	

SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy ...	Short term	Med term	Vision and Objectives		Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
				Long term	Commentary		
					<p>high quality transport infrastructure which helps to increase the attractiveness of public transport, walking and cycling.</p> <p>Neither the vision or strategic objectives refer to the affordability of public transport and therefore there is an opportunity for improvement.</p>		
Objective 11: Reduce the need and desire to travel by car	Reduce the need/desire to travel by car	++	++	++	<p>The vision makes reference to investment in transport infrastructure in Bath, the cycle network in Radstock and improving provision of public transport in the rural areas.</p> <p>Strategic objective 8 deals with reducing the need and desire to travel by car and encourages the use of public transport, walking and cycling. It also includes ensuring that development is supported by high quality transport infrastructure which helps to increase the attractiveness of public transport, walking and</p>		n/a

SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy ...	Short term	Med term	Vision and Objectives		Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
				Long term	Commentary		
					<p>cycling.</p> <p>Strategic objective 1 also includes reducing the need to travel by achieving closer alignment of new homes, jobs, infrastructure and essential services.</p>		
Objective 12: Protect and enhance local distinctiveness	<p>Protect and enhance landscape and townscape</p> <p>Value and protect diversity and local distinctiveness including rural ways of life</p>	++	++	++	<p>The vision includes a number of references to maintaining the distinctiveness of places within the district, maintaining and enhancing the areas attractiveness and unique heritage and ensuring that the district is a successful place where urban and rural communities flourish. The 'stunning built and natural environment' is also mentioned.</p> <p>Strategic objective 3 covers protecting and enhancing the district's natural built and cultural heritage. The bullet points refer to distinctiveness and ensuring that new development takes place within the environmental</p>		n/a

SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy ...	Short term	Med term	Vision and Objectives		Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
				Long term	Commentary		
					capacity of the district.		
Objective 13: Protect and enhance the district's historic, environmental and cultural assets	Maintain and enhance cultural and historical assets	++	++	++	<p>The vision includes a number of references to protecting and enhancing the district's cultural and historic assets including maintaining and enhancing the area's attractiveness and unique heritage and making reference to the 'stunning built and natural environment'. Specific references are also made to the heritage of certain places within the vision including Bath, Radstock and Keynsham.</p> <p>Strategic objective 3 covers protecting and enhancing the district's natural built and cultural heritage. The bullet points refer to helping to conserve and enhancing the character of built heritage, capitalising on the role of heritage in supporting place-making and regeneration, and ensuring that new development takes place within the environmental capacity of the district.</p>		n/a



SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy ...	Short term	Med term	Vision and Objectives		Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
				Long term	Commentary		
Objective 14: Encourage and protect habitats and biodiversity. (taking account of climate change)	Protect and enhance habitats and species (taking account of climate change)	+	+	+	<p>The vision includes reference to protecting and enhancing the natural environment of the district.</p> <p>Strategic objective 2 relates to delivering green infrastructure which should have an indirect benefit to biodiversity by providing migration routes, which are particularly important in the face of a changing climate. This strategic objective also refers to conserving, enhancing, restoring the diversity and resilience of the district's wildlife sites but does not mention the biodiversity of the district as a whole.</p>	<p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>The second bullet point under strategic objective 2 should be reworded to read: "helping to conserve, enhance and restore the diversity and resilience of species and habitats, especially the District's wildlife sites."</p>	Agree. The Submission Version of Core Strategy reflects this recommendation and now refers to species and habitats in the second bullet point.
Objective 15: Reduce land, water, air, light, noise pollution	Minimise land, water, air, light, noise pollution	?	?	?	<p>Pollution issues are not specifically mentioned within the vision and strategic objectives, however, they do refer to maintaining and improving the natural environment of the district.</p> <p>Strategic objective 1 includes</p>	<p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p>Strategic objective 1 should make reference to the need to avoid pollution relating to water, air, light and noise in relation to the protection of natural</p>	Agree – Submission Version of Core Strategy reflects this recommendation but reference is made under objective 2 (as more relevant than climate change related objective)

SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy ...	Short term	Med term	Vision and Objectives			Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
				Long term	Commentary			
					<p>the prudent use and reduced consumption of natural resources such as soils and water but this does not directly relate to the protection of these resources from pollution.</p> <p>Strategic objectives 1 and 8 also includes objectives to reduce car use and the need and desire to travel which should help to reduce or maintain air pollution from transport. The vision also includes investment in transport infrastructure in Bath where there are several AQMA. Air quality in Keynsham is not mentioned.</p> <p>The performance of the vision and objectives is therefore uncertain because it is not clear that avoiding pollution can be inferred from the high level reference to environmental quality within the vision</p>	resources.		
Objective 16:	Development that	++	++	++	Strategic objective 1 includes promoting sustainable and		n/a	

SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy ...	Short term	Med term	Vision and Objectives		Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
				Long term	Commentary		
Encourage sustainable construction	<p>demonstrate sustainable design and construction</p> <p>Minimise consumption and extraction of minerals</p>				<p>energy efficient design and construction and facilitating the prudent use and reduced consumption of undeveloped land, energy, water and minerals. The vision also makes reference to mitigating the causes of climate change, adapting to unavoidable climatic changes and moving towards a low carbon economy within the district.</p> <p>It is assumed that sustainable construction includes waste management.</p>		
Objective 17: Ensure the development of sustainable and/or local energy sources and energy infrastructure	<p>Reduce non-renewable energy consumption and 'greenhouse' emissions</p> <p>Promote sustainable energy generation</p>	++	++	++	<p>The vision makes reference to mitigating the causes of climate change, adapting to unavoidable climatic changes and moving towards a low carbon economy within the district and, specifically, local energy production within the southern part of the district.</p> <p>Strategic objective 1 includes encouraging and supporting the</p>		n/a

				Vision and Objectives			
SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy ...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
	and distribution				increased generation and use of renewable and low carbon energy, including through the delivery of community led schemes. It also includes promoting energy efficient design and reduced consumption of energy.		
Objective 18: Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account of climate change)	Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account of climate change)  Enable us to cope with hotter, drier summers (shade, ventilation, ground conditions etc.)	+	+	+	The vision makes reference to mitigating the causes of climate change and adapting to unavoidable climatic changes.  Strategic objective 1 includes a bullet point relating to shaping places so as to minimise vulnerability and provide resilience to impacts arising from climate change.  As flooding is such a significant issue in parts of the district, particularly Bath, it is recommended that planning to protect people and property from the risk of flooding is included within the vision.	<b>Recommendation:</b> Planning to protect people and property from the risk of flooding should be included within the vision.	Minor amendment made to strategic objective one to make reference to shaping places that minimise vulnerability to and are resilient to increased flood risk. This objective is also followed through in core policy framework and policy approach for Bath.

SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy ...	Short term	Med term	Vision and Objectives			Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
				Long term	Commentary			
Objective 19: Encourage careful and efficient use of natural resources	<p>Promote the conservation and wise use of land</p> <p>Keep water consumption within local carrying capacity limits (taking account of climate change)</p> <p>Minimise consumption and extraction of minerals</p>	++	++	++	<p>Strategic objective 1 includes promoting sustainable and energy efficient design and construction and facilitating the prudent use and reduced consumption of undeveloped land, energy, water and minerals.</p> <p>Strategic objective 3 also includes optimising the use of brownfield land in meeting housing and economic development needs and ensuring that development and growth take place within the environmental capacity of the district.</p>		n/a	
Objective 20: Promote waste management in accordance with the waste	Reduce waste not put to any use	-	-	-	<p>The vision and strategic objectives do not specifically refer to waste arisings or waste management.</p> <p>Strategic objective 1 includes promoting sustainable</p>	<p><b>Mitigation:</b> Sustainable waste management, reducing waste arisings and the waste hierarchy should be referred to</p>	Disagree – sustainable waste management, including reducing waste arising and the waste hierarchy is fully covered in the Joint Waste Core Strategy.	

SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy ...	Short term	Med term	Vision and Objectives			B&NES response:
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hierarchy (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle)					<p>construction and it is assumed that waste management is included in sustainable construction.</p> <p>It is considered that waste management has been omitted from the vision and objectives.</p>	within strategic objective 1.	

<b>Overall Commentary:</b>	<p>The vision and objectives generally perform well against the SA objectives. A number of potential significant positive effects have been identified in relation to the following SA Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objective 2: Improve the health and well-being of all communities;</li> <li>• Objective 3: Meet identified needs for sufficient, high quality and affordable housing;</li> <li>• Objective 5: Reduce anti-social behaviour, crime and the fear of crime;</li> <li>• Objective 8: Enable local businesses to prosper;</li> <li>• Objective 11: Reduce the need and desire to travel by car;</li> <li>• Objective 12: Protect and enhance local distinctiveness;</li> <li>• Objective 13: Protect and enhance the district’s historic, environmental and cultural assets;</li> <li>• Objective 16: Encourage sustainable construction;</li> <li>• Objective 17: Ensure the development of sustainable and/or local energy sources and energy infrastructure; and</li> <li>• Objective 19: Encourage careful and efficient use of natural resources</li> </ul> <p>An uncertain performance was recorded with regards to ‘Objective 15: Reduce land, water, air, light, noise pollution’ because it</p>
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is not clear that avoiding pollution can be inferred from the high level reference to environmental quality within the vision.

One potential minor negative effect has been identified as follows:

- Objective 20: Promote waste management accordance with the waste hierarchy (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle): It is considered that waste management has been omitted from the vision and objectives.

No potential cumulative negative or positive effects have been identified.

Mitigation is put forward to address the potential negative effects and the uncertain effect identified, as follows:

- Sustainable waste management, reducing waste arisings and the waste hierarchy should be referred to within strategic objective 1; and
- Strategic objective 1 should make reference to the need to avoid pollution relating to water, air, light and noise in relation to the protection of natural resources.

Recommendations have been put forward to improve the performance of the vision and objectives against the SA Objectives, as follows:

- The second bullet point under strategic objective 2 should be reworded to read: "helping to conserve, enhance and restore the diversity and resilience of species and habitats, especially the District's wildlife sites;
- The vision could be more specific in addressing this SA Objective by making reference within the first two paragraphs to people meeting their needs locally or having good access to community facilities and local services;
- The vision or objectives should make specific reference to achieving cohesive communities. This could be specifically in relation to new housing developments under strategic objective 6;
- The second to last paragraph of the vision and strategic objective 4 should include improving skills in Midsomer Norton and Radstock with reference to improving local job opportunities and supporting the local economy through attracting new employers;
- Strategic objective 4 should make reference to reducing income inequality in the district;
- The vision could be more specific in addressing this SA Objective by making reference within the first two paragraphs to meeting needs locally, especially with regards to materials and produce;
- A bullet point could be added to strategic objective 8 which encourages a reduction in distances travelled by meeting needs for materials and produce locally;
- Strategic objective 8 should refer to the provision of public transport that is affordable; and

- Planning to protect people and property from the risk of flooding should be included within the vision.

Since the vision and objectives were appraised, amendments have been made in response to the mitigation and recommendations put forward. A residual minor negative effect remains with regards to SA Objective 20: Promote waste management accordance with the waste hierarchy (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle): It is considered that waste management has been omitted from the vision and objectives and a minor negative. Mitigation has been taken on board as suggested for SA Objective 15: Reduce land, water, air, light, noise pollution and the performance with regards to this objective is now minor positive in the short, medium and long terms.

Changes made in response to the recommendations have generally improved the performance of the vision and objectives with regards to the SA Objectives.



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SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
Objective 1: Improve accessibility to community facilities and local services	<p>Help everyone access basic services easily, safely and affordably</p> <p>Increase access to and participation in community and cultural facilities and activities</p>	++	++	++	<p>The spatial strategy directs housing growth to existing settlements which contain services and facilities. Most new housing development will be in the main urban areas, which have the majority of higher order services and facilities, including access to public transport.</p> <p>The strategy for the Rural Areas will help increase access to local needs services and facilities through encouraging appropriate development to enable this.</p> <p>The strategy directs 800 new dwellings to the rural area and this development will be located at villages with a good range of local facilities and good public transport access. The spatial strategy will not directly address improving access to facilities and services in areas which experience barriers to accessing services and facilities identified in the baseline data.</p>		n/a
Objective 2: Improve the health and well-being of all communities	<p>Improve Health</p> <p>Reduce Health inequalities</p> <p>Promote healthy lifestyles,</p>	+	+	+	<p>The spatial strategy directs the majority of new housing and employment development to the main settlements which have healthcare facilities. By directing new development to existing main settlements, the strategy should encourage walking and cycling by locating new jobs and housing close to existing workforces, facilities and services. The strategy also makes reference to the need to encourage alternatives to car use.</p> <p>The spatial strategy may not help to reduce health inequalities but at the strategic level of this spatial</p>		n/a

					District Strategy		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
	especially routine daily exercise				strategy, it is difficult to see where there is an opportunity to address health inequalities. Other policies, such as the place-based policies, within the Core Strategy should help to address health inequalities, such as improving the quality of jobs and improving skills in the less affluent wards in the district.		
Objective 3: Meet identified needs for sufficient, high quality and affordable housing	Help make suitable housing available and affordable for everyone	+	+	+	<p>Affordability differs across the district.</p> <p>Development of the Spatial Strategy is explained in paras 1.17-1.24 which briefly sets out the context for the level of development proposed. A fuller explanation (with links to the relevant evidence) will be set out in a supporting Information Paper.</p> <p>Urban capacity studies in Bath have identified how much housing can be provided on brownfield land within the city and this has informed the housing growth number of 6,100 for Bath.</p> <p>Policy CP9 sets out the strategy for developing affordable housing for the district. This is underpinned by a Viability Study (see paras 6.71 – 6.72). As a lower amount of housing growth is proposed in this district strategy, compared with the previous housing growth options considered for the district strategy, less affordable housing could be delivered by this strategy compared to the previous options, however, this strategy is based on an evidence base predicting need</p>		n/a

					District Strategy		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
					and Policy CP9 aims to deliver a greater rate of affordable housing deliver than has been delivered in the district over previous years.		
Objective 4: Promote stronger more vibrant and cohesive communities	Promote stronger more cohesive communities	+	+	+	<p>It is assumed that the development proposed for the most sustainable villages will help support their vitality by supporting their facilities, such as schools, shops and pubs.</p> <p>By locating the majority of new housing and employment development close to the existing main settlements in the district, the spatial strategy should help to support strong, vibrant and cohesive communities. Development of the Spatial Strategy is explained in paras 1.17-1.24 which sets out the context for the level of development proposed. A fuller explanation (with links to the relevant evidence) will be set out in a supporting Information Paper.</p> <p>The apparent imbalance between housing and jobs results from the high level of residential commitments. The strategy for the Somer Valley seeks to ensure that any further residential development is only permitted if it brings economic benefits (employment development).</p>		n/a
Objective 5: Reduce anti-social behaviour,	Reduce crime and fear of crime	0	0	0	The spatial strategy itself will have a limited effect on crime and anti-social behaviour, however, the direction of growth to Keynsham and Bath may help to regenerate areas identified in the baseline as	<b>Recommendation</b> The design core policy will need to ensure that	Policy CP6 seeks to achieve high quality and

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crime and the fear of crime					experiencing the highest levels of recorded priority crime. However, overall, a neutral performance is recorded for this spatial strategy against this SA Objective.	designing out crime in new developments is a requirement of planning policy.	safe places. More detailed design guidance can be considered through the Placemaking DPD.
Objective 6: Improve the availability and provision of training	Give everyone access to learning, training, skills and knowledge	0	0	0	The spatial strategy does not deal specifically with the provision of training.	<p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>The provision of training and improving skills should be dealt with in the place-based policies, where skills levels have been identified in certain places (i.e. Midsomer Norton and Radstock).</p> <p>The spatial strategy should refer to the need to improve skills in the Somer Valley area in order to deliver growth in</p>	Policy DW1 refers to the need to ensure there is deliverable space to enable job growth in the Somer Valley area. This is expanded upon in Policy SV1. Para 4.13 identifies the need for improved education and training linking local businesses with key

SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	District Strategy	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
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						the local economy in that area.	training providers. The Vision and Strategic Objectives have also been amended to refer to improving skills in Midsomer Norton/Radstock.
Objective 7: Ensure communities have access to a wide range of employment opportunities, paid or unpaid	Give everyone in the region access to satisfying work opportunities, paid or unpaid  Reduce poverty and income	+/?	+/?	+/?	The spatial strategy refers to improving the quality of jobs as well as delivering growth in jobs numbers, without the need for expansion of settlements. .  The spatial strategy proposes the delivery of 7,500 new jobs based on a predicted increase in GVA of 1.6% up to 2026. This prediction is based on evidence provided within the B&NES Future Housing Growth Requirements to 2026: Stage 2 Report (Keith Woodhead, July 2010).  The spatial strategy directs jobs growth to the main	<b>Mitigation:</b> The spatial strategy should refer to the need to improve skills in the Somer Valley area in order to deliver growth in the local economy in that area.	Policy DW1 refers to the need to ensure there is deliverable space to enable job growth in the Somer Valley area. This is expanded upon in Policy SV1. Para

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SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
	inequality  Provide a diverse range of employment opportunities in a variety of sectors				settlements within the district, including in the Somer Valley, plus 100 new jobs in the rural area. Para 1.25 (Summary Spatial Strategy for B&NES) seeks to locate new development in the most sustainable locations and addresses the issue of outcommuting. This provides the context for the more detailed explanation in the based placed sections. A fuller explanation (with links to the relevant evidence) will be set out in a supporting Information Paper.		4.13 identifies the need for improved education and training linking local businesses with key training providers.  The Vision and Strategic Objectives have also been amended to refer to improving skills in Midsomer Norton/Radstock.
Objective 8: Enable local businesses to prosper	Increase the circulation of wealth within the local authority area	++	++	++	The spatial strategy does not provide the detail of the types of employment growth to be encouraged / accommodated within each area identified on the Spatial Strategy Key Diagram. This level of detail will need to be provided within the area based policies.		n/a

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SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
	Reduce vulnerability of the economy to climate change and harness opportunities arising				The strategy for economic development is addressed in each of the placed based sections, which includes an emphasis on retaining local businesses where possible. Further clarification of the sectors of employment and therefore, types of space to be provided are also set out in the place based sections.		
Objective 9: Increase availability of local produce and materials	Meet local needs locally  Support local food producers	+	+	+	It is assumed that most local food producers are located within the rural area. The need to support local food production is particularly recognised in the Rural Areas Strategy (see paras 5.36 – 5.38) .The strategies for the other place based sections focus principally on sustaining those economies whilst ensuring local needs are provided for.		n/a
Objective 10: Ensure everyone has access to high quality and affordable public transport and promote cycling and walking	Make public transport, cycling and walking easier and more attractive	+	+	+	The spatial strategy is dependent on the Bath package and the Greater Bristol bus network coming forward. Most new housing development will be in the main urban areas, which have the majority of higher order services and facilities, including access to public transport. By directing new development to existing main settlements, the strategy should encourage walking and cycling by locating new jobs and housing close to existing workforces, facilities and services. The strategy also makes reference to the need to encourage alternatives to car use.		n/a

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SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
					<p>The place based sections identify transport infrastructure improvements needed to support the strategy with an emphasis on sustainable means of transport.</p> <p>Policy SV1 sets out the proposed transport strategy for that area which should help address issues of congestion. The apparent imbalance between housing and jobs results from the high level of residential commitments. The strategy for the Somer Valley seeks to ensure that any further residential development is only permitted if it brings employment.</p>		
Objective 11: Reduce the need and desire to travel by car	Reduce the need/desire to travel by car	+	+	+	<p>The spatial strategy is dependent on the Bath package and the Greater Bristol bus network coming forward. Most new housing development will be in the main urban areas, which have the majority of higher order services and facilities, including access to public transport. By directing new development to existing main settlements, the strategy should encourage walking and cycling by locating new jobs and housing close to existing workforces, facilities and services. The strategy also makes reference to the need to encourage alternatives to car use.</p> <p>The apparent imbalance between housing and jobs results from the high level of residential commitments. The strategy for the Somer Valley seeks to ensure that</p>		n/a



SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	District Strategy	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
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					any further residential development is only permitted if it brings employment. This will help stem outcommuting and reduce the need to travel (see also comments above).		
Objective 12: Protect and enhance local distinctiveness	<p>Protect and enhance landscape and townscape</p> <p>Value and protect diversity and local distinctiveness including rural ways of life</p>	+	+	+	<p>The spatial strategy does not propose urban extensions into the green belt but does make allowance for some Greenfield development. The design and landscape core policies will need to ensure that any Greenfield development does not result in adverse impacts on landscape character.</p> <p>By prioritising brownfield development over Greenfield development, the spatial strategy will encourage the regeneration of brownfield sites and reduce the need to develop Greenfield land.</p> <p>The avoidance of urban extensions will help to maintain the distinctiveness of villages around the edges of the existing urban areas and will help to protect areas of high landscape value (the AONBs) and the surrounding landscapes of the main settlements within the district.</p> <p>Policy CP6 will help achieve the aim of protecting and enhancing local distinctiveness. This policy will be implemented in tandem with saved local plan policies that address these issues.</p>		n/a

SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	District Strategy	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
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Objective 13: Protect and enhance the district's historic, environmental and cultural assets	Maintain and enhance cultural and historical assets	++	++	++	<p>The district strategy prioritises the redevelopment of brownfield land in the main urban settlements over Greenfield land. This presents an opportunity to improve the setting of historic assets and conservation areas, as long as the design of development is suitably controlled and encouraged to do so. Under Policy CP6 all development will be expected to enhance the distinctive qualities and character of the district through high quality design. Policies in the Bath section also include significant guidance on urban design/place making principles that development proposals within the city should adhere to.</p> <p>The avoidance of urban extensions in the spatial strategy should reduce the risk of adversely affecting historic sites on the edges of the main urban areas, such as the Wansdyke, and reduces the risk of adversely affecting the World Heritage Site in Bath. However, the district strategy still makes allowance for Greenfield development and therefore suitable control of development will be required, through the core policies and the development management policies within the forthcoming Place Making DPD.</p>	<p><b>Recommendation</b> :</p> <p>The district strategy makes allowance for Greenfield development and therefore suitable control of development will be required, through the core policies and the development management policies within the forthcoming Place Making DPD.</p>	Policy DW1 promotes sustainable development through prioritising brownfield opportunities for new development to limit the need to build on greenfield land.
Objective 14: Encourage and protect habitats and	Protect and enhance habitats and species (taking	++	++	++	The spatial strategy focuses development in the main urban areas, prioritises brownfield development over Greenfield and does not propose any green belt urban extensions. The focus of new development mainly on brownfield land supports the achievement of this SA		n/a

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SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
biodiversity. (taking account of climate change)	account of climate change)				<p>Objective. However the development of Greenfield and brownfield sites could result in adverse effects to habitats and species.</p> <p>Policy CP6 seeks to protect and enhance biodiversity and ensure networks and restored/ created to facilitate migration through the built as well as natural environment. This also links with what Policy CP7 Green infrastructure is seeking to achieve.</p>		
Objective 15: Reduce land, water, air, light, noise pollution	Minimise land, water, air, light, noise pollution	-/+	-/+	-/+	<p>Although the growth proposed in Bath in the Spatial Strategy Key Diagram is dependent on the Bath package of transport measures, the growth proposed in Bath could exacerbate the existing poor air quality within much of the city. Similarly, growth in Keynsham could also exacerbate the air quality issue on the High Street.</p> <p>However, by directing development into the existing areas, to brownfield sites, the spatial strategy will maximise opportunities for new residents to access work, education, facilities and service via walking, cycling and public transport.</p> <p>The direction of 2,700 new dwellings, but only 1,000 new jobs to the Somer Valley may increase commuting between here and Bath (and possibly also Bristol), although the Odd Down Park and Ride and the</p>	<p><b>Mitigation:</b></p> <p>The Transport and Movement Core Policy needs to set out how the proposed development in the spatial strategy can be accommodated without exacerbating air quality issues and reducing the effectiveness of AQMA action plans. The area-based policies will need to identify if</p>	<p>Para 6.93 clarifies that AQMAs in B&amp;NES will be managed in accordance with PPS1 and PPS23.</p> <p>The place based sections identify transport infrastructure improvements needed to support the strategy with an emphasis</p>

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					<p>GreaterBristol bus network will help to mitigate increases in road traffic from entering Bath and exacerbating air quality issues.</p> <p>The avoidance of urban extensions within the district strategy should avoid the risk of introducing light and noise pollution into areas which previously did not suffer from this type of pollution.</p> <p>No water pollution issues are identified in relation to the district strategy.</p>	<p>any transport related infrastructure is needed in order to deliver the proposed growth in each area.</p> <p>The spatial strategy should provide more information on the reasoning behind the direction of new jobs to certain places and what it is hoped will be achieved (e.g. balance between jobs and homes, reducing commuting elsewhere for certain types of jobs).</p>	<p>on sustainable means of transport.</p> <p>Para 1.25 (Summary Spatial Strategy for B&amp;NES) seeks to locate new development in the most sustainable locations and addresses the issue of outcommuting. This provides the context for the more detailed explanation in the based placed sections. A fuller explanation (with links to</p>

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							the relevant evidence) of the District-wide strategy will also be set out in a supporting Information Paper.
Objective 16: Encourage sustainable construction	Development that demonstrates sustainable design and construction  Minimise consumption and extraction of minerals	0	0	0	The spatial strategy does not relate to the design of new development. The reuse of brownfield land that the spatial strategy prioritises may encourage the recycling of demolition materials, however, the overall performance of the spatial strategy against this SA Objective is considered to be neutral.	<b>Recommendation</b> : The Sustainable Construction Core Policy should encourage the reuse and recycling of demolition materials.	Policy CP2 requires applicants to demonstrate that waste and recycling during construction and in operation have been addressed as well as the type, lifecycle and source of materials to be used.
Objective 17: Ensure	Reduce non-renewable	?	?	?	The spatial strategy does not relate to renewable energy generation developments which are dealt with	<b>Mitigation:</b> The Core Strategy	The reduction of CO2

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SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
the development of sustainable and/or local energy sources and energy infrastructure	<p>energy consumption and 'greenhouse' emissions</p> <p>Promote sustainable energy generation and distribution</p>				<p>in the Renewable Energy Core Policy. However, the spatial strategy directs most new development in the direct to the existing urban areas, prioritising the redevelopment of brownfield land.</p> <p>The redevelopment of brownfield sites could potentially have less opportunities for decentralised renewable energy solutions / zero carbon design compared with large scale urban extensions. From 2016 all new dwellings will need to be zero carbon and townscape constraints may be a constraint on on-site energy generation in Bath. Therefore thought needs to be given to how CO2 emissions targets will be achieved in this spatial strategy, particularly in Bath, where townscape constraints exist.</p>	needs to address the how CO2 emissions targets will be achieved in this spatial strategy, particularly in Bath, where landscape and historic constraints exist. Ideally this should be addressed in the Spatial Strategy, with more detail provided within the area-based strategies, particularly in relation to the Bath Strategy.	emissions is addressed principally through Policies CP1 – CP4. Policy CP4, in particular, provides the context for area based solutions in respect of district heating. Reference is also in the place based policies (including Bath) to the opportunities for District-Heating and other energy reduction measures, including the retrofitting of

SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	District Strategy	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
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							historic buildings with micro-renewables and energy efficiency measures.
Objective 18: Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account of climate change)	Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account of climate change)  Enable us to cope with hotter, drier summers (shade, ventilation, ground conditions etc.)	0	0	0	<p>The spatial strategy directs housing growth to the existing main settlements in the district and prioritises brownfield land. Some brownfield land available for redevelopment, particularly in Bath, may be in areas at risk of flooding or could contribute to flooding through surface water runoff.</p> <p>Para 6.23 identifies surface water run off as a problem that needs to be addressed through Sustainable Drainage Systems. The proposed flooding policy will direct developers and others to the SFRA which in turn require the consideration of SUDS.</p> <p>Para 6.25 and the flood risk policy makes it clear that B&amp; NES will follow a sequential approach to flood risk management.</p> <p>These measure should help to offset and avoid flood risk issues and therefore the performance of the District Strategy is neutral.</p>		n/a

SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	District Strategy	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
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Objective 19: Encourage careful and efficient use of natural resources	<p>Promote the conservation and wise use of land</p> <p>Keep water consumption within local carrying capacity limits (taking account of climate change)</p> <p>Minimise consumption and extraction of minerals</p>	+	+	+	<p>The Spatial Strategy prioritises the redevelopment of brownfield land ahead of Greenfield land and avoids urban extensions, which supports the conservation and wise use of land.</p> <p>The growth proposed within the Spatial Strategy is likely to increase water demand and use of natural resources in construction.</p> <p>Policy CP2 expects applicants to demonstrate how water resources will be conserved and expects BREEAM excellent standards as a requirement by 2019 for non-residential development.</p> <p>Policy CP2 requires applicants to demonstrate that waste and recycling during construction and in operation have been addressed as well as the type, lifecycle and source of materials to be used.</p>		n/a
Objective 20: Promote waste management accordance with the	Reduce waste not put to any use	0	0	0	The spatial strategy proposes a modest amount of growth in the district between 2006 and 2026 which would result in construction waste. Policy CP2 requires applicants to demonstrate that waste and recycling during construction and in operation have been addressed as well as the type, lifecycle and source of materials to be used and this should help to avoid		n/a



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waste hierarchy (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle)					increased waste arisings in the district. The performance of the District Strategy is therefore considered to be neutral.		

**Overall Commentary:**

The Spatial Strategy has a mixed performance with regards to the SA Objectives.

A number of potential major positive effects have been identified in relation to the following SA Objectives:

- Objective 1: Improve accessibility to community facilities and local services;
- Objective 8: Enable local businesses to prosper;
- Objective 13: Protect and enhance the district's historic, environmental and cultural assets; and
- Objective 14: Encourage and protect habitats and biodiversity (taking account of climate change).

A potential major negative effect has been identified as follows:

- Objective 15: Reduce land, water, air, light, noise pollution: the growth proposed in Bath could exacerbate the existing poor air quality within much of the city. Similarly, growth in Keynsham could also exacerbate the air quality issue on the High Street.

Uncertain effects have been identified as follows:

- Objective 17: Ensure the development of sustainable and/or local energy sources and energy infrastructure: the redevelopment of brownfield sites could potentially have less opportunities for decentralised renewable energy solutions / zero carbon design compared with large scale urban extensions. From 2016 all new dwellings will need to be zero carbon and townscape constraints may be a constraint on on-site energy generation in Bath.

No potential cumulative effects have been identified.

Mitigation is put forward to address the potential negative effect and the uncertain effects identified, as follows:

- The spatial strategy should refer to the need to improve skills in the Somer Valley area in order to deliver growth in the local economy in that area;
- The Transport and Movement Core Policy needs to set out how the proposed development in the spatial strategy can be accommodated without exacerbating air quality issues and reducing the effectiveness of AQMA action plans. The area-based policies will need to identify if any transport related infrastructure is needed in order to deliver the proposed growth in each area;
- The spatial strategy should provide more information on the reasoning behind the direction of new jobs to certain places and what it is hoped will be achieved (e.g. balance between jobs and homes, reducing commuting elsewhere for certain types of jobs); and

- The Core Strategy needs to address the how CO<sub>2</sub> emissions targets will be achieved in this spatial strategy, particularly in Bath, where landscape and historic constraints exist. Ideally this should be addressed in the Spatial Strategy, with more detail provided within the area-based strategies, particularly in relation to the Bath Strategy.

Recommendations have also been put forward to improve the performance of the spatial strategy are as follows:

- The design core policy will need to ensure that designing out crime in new developments is a requirement of planning policy;
- The provision of training and improving skills should be dealt with in the place-based policies, where skills levels have been identified in certain places (i.e. Midsomer Norton and Radstock);
- The spatial strategy should refer to the need to improve skills in the Somer Valley area in order to deliver growth in the local economy in that area;
- The district strategy makes allowance for Greenfield development and therefore suitable control of development will be required through the core policies and the development management policies within the forthcoming Place Making DPD; and
- The Sustainable Construction Core Policy should encourage the reuse and recycling of demolition materials.

Since the District Strategy was appraised, a number of changes have been made to the Core Strategy which have addressed the mitigation measures and some of the recommendations. As a result, the performance against 'SA Objective 7: Ensure communities have access to a wide range of employment opportunities, paid or unpaid' is now minor positive in the short, medium and long terms. As a result of mitigation put in place with regards to 'SA Objective 15: Reduce land, water, air, light, noise pollution', the performance against this SA objective is considered to have improved but a residual effect of minor negative and minor positive in the short, medium and long terms remains. As a result of the development of Core Policies relating to energy, the performance of the District Strategy with regards to 'SA Objective 17: Ensure the development of sustainable and/or local energy sources and energy infrastructure' is now minor positive in the short, medium and long terms.

The response from BANES officers to recommendations made in the appraisal will generally improve the performance of the policy in relation to the following SA Objectives:

- Objective 5: Reduce anti-social behaviour, crime and the fear of crime;
- Objective 6: Improve the availability and provision of training;
- Objective 13: Protect and enhance the district's historic, environmental and cultural assets; and

- Objective 16: Encourage sustainable construction.

Note that the amendments to DW1 as a result of the changes to the submission draft have been assessed in a separate matrix – below. This includes information from the contingency sites assessment (Annex K).

SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Housing Contingency	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
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<p><u>Objective 1: Improve accessibility to community facilities and local services</u></p>	<p><u>Help everyone access basic services easily, safely and affordably</u></p> <p><u>Increase access to and participation in community and cultural facilities and activities</u></p>	=	=	=	<p><u>In general any development in Green Belt land will need the associated community facilities and local services. Green Belt land may be distant from existing facilities and as such may not deliver the required levels to residents.</u></p> <p><u>Hicks Gate: The Hicks Gate area has good access to Bristol facilities and services due to good public transport accessibility. However, the immediate area that this area would be an extension to consists of bulky retail, light industrial warehousing and distribution, this is not entirely compatible with residential development and the residential community here would be relatively isolated. This may prevent residents from accessing local community and cultural facilities easily as this would be likely to discourage potential new residents from walking beyond the site. This could have a minor negative effect as residents will still be able to access facilities in Bristol.</u></p>	<p><b>Mitigation:</b> <u>Development at Hicks Gate should be considered in association with the 'land at southeast Bristol' identified in the Bristol City Council Core Strategy (2011). These sites will be adjacent and as such, joined up development may ameliorate some negative effects and provide enhancements that would otherwise not be the case.</u></p>	
<p><u>Objective 2: Improve the health and well-being of all</u></p>	<p><u>Improve Health</u></p> <p><u>Reduce Health</u></p>	- / +	- / +	- / +	<p><b>Hicks Gate:</b> <u>Because of the location of the site, it may prove difficult to promote healthy lifestyles and improve health. The site may not encourage walking and cycling to access employment, services and facilities because the site is isolated from such facilities. Access to Keynsham may be</u></p>	<p><b>Mitigation:</b> <u>It will be important to ensure that adequate health facilities are available.</u> <u>Access to other areas of</u></p>	

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					Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
communities	<p><u>inequalities</u></p> <p><u>Promote healthy lifestyles, especially routine daily exercise</u></p>				<p><u>more appealing and a shorter distance to cycle. It is assumed that the site would be able to offer healthcare facilities if needed and open space and community facilities. A community hospital development at Hengrove Park might provide some health facilities but it is not within the remit of this plan.</u></p>	<p><u>Bristol and Keynsham should be investigated. Adequate community facilities need to be provided.</u></p>	
Objective 3: Meet identified needs for sufficient, high quality and affordable housing	<p><u>Help make suitable housing available and affordable for everyone</u></p>	++	++	++	<p><u>This policy provides assurance that if housing is not delivered at the rate anticipated in the Core Strategy on brownfield or green field sites, there is a contingency avenue for housing delivery in the identified areas of Green Belt. This policy should therefore have a positive effect on housing delivery in the medium to long-term.</u></p> <p><u>Hicks Gate: The site would help to provide affordable homes by providing a greater level of overall housing in the area and by meeting the requirements of Core Policy 9 – achieving 35% of affordable housing on site. The effect on the SA objective will be major positive.</u></p>	<p><u>Mitigation: Details of the affordable housing to be provided on the site will need to be clarified.</u></p>	
Objective 4: Promote	<p><u>Promote stronger</u></p>	=	=	=	<p><u>Hicks Gate: The surrounding land use consists of bulky retail, light industrial warehousing and</u></p>	<p><u>Mitigation: Investigation of access to other areas</u></p>	

SE/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Housing Contingency		
					Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
stronger more vibrant and cohesive communities	more cohesive communities				distribution, this is not entirely compatible with residential development and the residential community here would be relatively isolated. This may prevent the development of strong and cohesive communities that are well connected to other areas. This could have a minor negative effect as residents will still be able to access facilities in Bristol and Keynsham.	of Bristol and Keynsham should be investigated. Adequate community facilities need to be provided.  If this site is developed alongside the land to the southeast of Bristol this might provide a more holistic promotion of communities.	
Objective 5: Reduce anti-social behaviour, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce crime and fear of crime	±	±	±	<b>Hicks Gate:</b> The site should serve to reduce crime through general regeneration and provision of employment and facilities.		
Objective 6: Improve the availability and provision of training	Give everyone access to learning, training, skills and knowledge	±	±	±	<b>Hicks Gate:</b> In theory the site could provide some space for employment land which could help to increase skills in the area. However, without further details of the levels of employment land to be provided as part of this site this is not possible to assess. The location is more desirable as an employment location than	<b>Recommendation:</b> Details of the employment land to be provided on the site needs to be clarified.	

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					<u>Whitchurch. With these uncertainties the site could have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.</u>		
<u>Objective 7: Ensure communities have access to a wide range of employment opportunities , paid or unpaid</u>	<u>Give everyone in the region access to satisfying work opportunities, paid or unpaid</u> <u>Reduce poverty and income inequality</u>  <u>Provide a diverse range of employment opportunities in a variety of sectors</u>	±	±	±	<b>Hicks Gate:</b> <u>In theory the site could provide some space for employment land hiving access to employment and reduce poverty and income inequality. However, without further details of the levels of employment land to be provided as part of this site this is not possible to assess. With these uncertainties the site could have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.</u>	<b>Recommendation:</b> <u>Details of the employment land to be provided on the site needs to be clarified.</u>  <u>Links with land at southeast Bristol may have the potential to provide transport links, although the timing and viability are not certain.</u>	
<u>Objective 8: Enable local</u>	<u>Increase the circulation of</u>	?	?	?	<u>Assured housing delivery, if that is the outcome of this policy, and if that results in an increase in</u>	<u>As masterplanning for the site progresses,</u>	



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<u>businesses to prosper</u>	<u>wealth within the local authority area</u>  <u>Reduce vulnerability of the economy to climate change and harness opportunities arising</u>				<u>housing affordability, might attract job seekers that would otherwise have been prevented from living in the area, thus increasing skills depth and quantity.</u>  <b>Hicks Gate:</b> <u>The site would have the potential to contribute to the economic vitality and growth of the city of Bristol however this does not necessarily encourage local businesses to prosper.</u>  <u>In addition, there is no information available to suggest that the site will reduce vulnerability of the economy to climate change.</u>	<u>climate change adaptation measures should be highlighted.</u>  <u>Links to local businesses should be explored in the masterplanning of the site. Links with land to the southeast of Bristol should provide good links with BANES.</u>	
<u>Objective 9: Increase availability of local produce and materials</u>	<u>Meet local needs locally</u>  <u>Support local food producers</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>The site will have no effect on this objective.</u>		
<u>Objective 10: Ensure everyone has access to high</u>	<u>Make public transport, cycling and walking easier and</u>	<u>++ / -</u>	<u>++ / -</u>	<u>++ / -</u>	<u>New communities / development will need to ensure that it is adequately connected to public transport and that the correct transport provisions are made.</u>	<b>Mitigation:</b> <u>Access to other areas of Bristol and Keynsham should be investigated.</u> <u>Adequate community</u>	

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SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
<u>quality and affordable public transport and promote cycling and walking</u>	<u>more attractive</u>				<b>Hicks Gate:</b> <u>The Hicks Gate area could be well served by public transport into Bristol city centre and to Bath via public transport. It is located close to the Brislington park and ride. It is also on the route between Bath and Bristol. Walking and cycling may be more problematic because the immediate area that this area would be an extension to consists of bulky retail, light industrial warehousing and distribution.</u>	<u>facilities need to be provided.</u>	
<u>Objective 11: Reduce the need and desire to travel by car</u>	<u>Reduce the need/desire to travel by car</u>	±	±	±	<b>Hicks Gate:</b> <u>The Hicks Gate area could be well served by public transport into Bristol city centre. Development in this location could also ensure everyone has access to high quality and affordable public transport. It is located close to the Brislington park and ride. It is also on the route between Bath and Bristol. This area has the potential to be well served by public transport and does not appear to have the transport capacity issues that the Whitchurch site does. There may be a need for access points from the Bristol City Council side of the boundary. Depending on the nature of the transport strategy this could have a minor positive impact.</u>	<b>Mitigation:</b> <u>If this site comes forward a detailed transport strategy need to be prepared which should link in with the development sites identified within the Bristol core Strategy.</u>	
<u>Objective</u>	<u>Protect and</u>	--	--	--	<u>The release of Green Belt land may increase the</u>	<b>Mitigation:</b> <u>Careful</u>	

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12: Protect and enhance local distinctiveness	<p>enhance landscape and townscape</p> <p>Value and protect diversity and local distinctiveness including rural ways of life</p>				<p>potential for coalescence and a negative effect on landscape in an area with some landscape designations of significant value. However if developers are promoting sites in advance of any Green Belt Review, and until such time as the National Planning Policy Framework is adopted, PPG2 still holds, meaning that developers would need to demonstrate exceptional circumstances were they to be successful in releasing Green Belt land.</p> <p><b>Hicks Gate:</b> The Hicks Gate area has a critical role in the Bristol-Bath Green Belt maintaining the separation of the Keynsham and Bristol. Development at this location would significantly impact on this green belt gap. Effects on the landscape character could be difficult to mitigate particularly beyond the ridgeline where development would be more visually prominent to the wide area including Stockwood Vale. However, by keeping development back from the ridge-line the highest impact on the green belt can be avoided. Development on this scale would be less negative in terms of maintaining the principle of the green belt gap if development is kept back from the ridgeline, although the green belt impact remains.</p>	<p>master planning is needed to ensure that development is kept back from the ridge line. Effects on the landscape character could be difficult to mitigate as the development could result in the loss of attractive open landscapes. Further masterplanning is needed to ensure that development is planned in a way that minimises the loss of this landscape character. This includes keeping development at a low density, retaining hedges where possible to maintain green links through the site and developing planting to ensure that the development blends in with the surrounding countryside.</p>	

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					Development in some parts of the site could have a major negative effect on the distinctive undulating landscape and would urbanise a greenfield site having a major negative effect on the landscape character. Development near the Hick's Gate roundabout in particular could cause major negative effects on landscape.		
Objective 13: Protect and enhance the district's historic, environmental and cultural assets	Maintain and enhance cultural and historical assets	0	0	0	<b>Hicks Gate:</b> This option (the reduced capacity option from the original option assessed at the issues and options stage) does not appear to affect historic or cultural assets. Further studies may be needed to confirm this.	<b>Recommendation:</b> Further studies are required to ascertain the effect of this reduced capacity option on the historic environment.	
Objective 14: Encourage and protect habitats and biodiversity. (taking account of climate change)	Protect and enhance habitats and species (taking account of climate change)	0	0	0	Green Belt is not a biodiversity designation <i>per se</i> . However, erosion of Green Belt may lead to impacts on habitat connectivity and overall loss of biodiversity potential. However, this depends on the quality of the Green Belt biodiversity and any design specific biodiversity enhancement at project level.  The significance of this effect will be affected by the location of any release and any species /	<b>Recommendation:</b> Further studies are required to ascertain the effect of the reduced capacity option on ecological assets.	

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					<p><u>habitats of note which are present.</u></p> <p><b>Hicks Gate:</b> <u>This option (the reduced capacity option from the original option assessed at the issues and options stage) does not appear to affect ecological assets.</u></p>		
<p><u>Objective 15: Reduce land, water, air, light, noise pollution</u></p>	<p><u>Minimise land, water, air, light, noise pollution</u></p>	--	--	--	<p><u>If the developed land is further away from existing transport nodes then there may be an increase in pollutants through commuting and commuters. This would need to be factored into the consideration of which element of Green Belt to be released and into the detailed design of the development.</u></p> <p><b>Hicks Gate:</b> <u>Hicks Gate: The site may cause additional pressure on the A4 corridor. This would be associated with greater air and noise pollution from increased vehicles on this route. Any development has the potential to cause water pollution and land contamination. However, this is minimised with modern construction practices.</u></p> <p><u>The A4 splits the site and acts as a strong physical barrier. This could also cause potential issues with air quality and noise pollution. The surrounding land use consists of bulky retail, light</u></p>	<p><b>Mitigation:</b> <u>Further studies are needed to ascertain the visual impact of the site (including in terms of light pollution) and the impact of the development on the local transport system (and air and noise pollution). Mitigation measures may be necessary at the master planning stage.</u></p>	

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					industrial warehousing and distribution, this is not entirely compatible with residential development and the residential community here would be relatively isolated.			
Objective 16: Encourage sustainable construction	Development that demonstrates sustainable design and construction  Minimise consumption and extraction of minerals	±	±	±	<b>Hicks Gate:</b> All development within the District will need to adhere to policies in the LDF related to sustainable design and construction. This should lead to a minor positive effect on the SA objective.  A Renewable Energy Study undertaken for the site has not identified any site specific opportunities. However, if developed there is the potential to provide district heating schemes.			
Objective 17: Ensure the development of sustainable and/or local energy sources and	Reduce non-renewable energy consumption and 'greenhouse' emissions	±	±	±	As with Air Quality, the performance under this objective will be dependent on the nature and design of any release of Green Belt and development plans. There is however the potential for increased car travel to increase GHG emissions.  <b>Hicks Gate:</b> All development within the District			

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					Commentary		
<u>energy infrastructure</u>	<u>Promote sustainable energy generation and distribution</u>				<u>will need to adhere to policies in the LDF related to sustainable design and construction and energy generation. This should lead to a minor positive effect on the SA objective.</u>		
<u>Objective 18: Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account of climate change)</u>	<u>Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account of climate change)</u>  <u>Enable us to cope with hotter, drier summers (shade, ventilation, ground conditions etc.)</u>	=	=	=	<b>Hicks Gate:</b> <u>The majority of the site is Flood Zone 1 but small parts where the site adjoins the River Avon (the north part of the site) and the north east of the Hick Gate roundabout are at higher risk of flooding (Flood Zones 2/3). This would have a negative effect on the SA objective depending on the location of development and the mitigation measures included. However, the vast majority of the site is outside of areas of flood risk in flood zone 1.</u>  <u>The site does not include any specific measures that would help to cope with hotter, drier summers.</u>	<b>Recommendation:</b> <u>The sequential approach should be taken within the site. The site specific Sequential Test should be applied to direct development to the appropriate area.</u>  <u>As masterplanning for the site progresses, climate change adaptation measures should be highlighted.</u>	
<u>Objective</u>	<u>Promote the</u>	=	=	=	<b>Hicks Gate:</b> <u>The site introduces development on</u>	<u>The effect on the green</u>	

SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Housing Contingency	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
					Commentary		
19: <u>Encourage careful and efficient use of natural resources</u>	<p><u>conservation and wise use of land</u></p> <p><u>Keep water consumption within local carrying capacity limits (taking account of climate change)</u></p> <p><u>Minimise consumption and extraction of minerals</u></p>				<p><u>the green belt so cannot be considered as conserving land.</u></p> <p><u>The site does not include any specific measures that will help to keep water consumption within local carrying capacity limits or to minimise consumption and extraction of minerals.</u></p> <p><u>Adherence to the LDF sustainable construction policies will help ensure that water and natural resource (including mineral) consumption is reduced.</u></p>	<u>belt cannot be mitigated.</u>	
Objective 20: <u>Promote waste management accordance with the waste</u>	<u>Reduce waste not put to any use</u>	±	±	±	<p><b>Hicks Gate:</b> <u>The site does not include any specific measures that will help to reduce waste. However, modern construction practices are much less wasteful in recent years so the effect should be positive.</u></p>		



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					Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
<u>hierarchy</u> (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle)							

**Overall Commentary:**

Major positive effects have been identified with regards to Objective 3: Meet identified needs for sufficient, high quality and affordable housing and there is also the potential for a major positive effect for Objective 10: Ensure everyone has access to high quality and affordable public transport and promote cycling and walking. The Hicks Gate area could be well served by public transport into Bristol city centre. It is located close to the Brislington park and ride. It is also on the route between Bath and Bristol. The site could have a major positive effect on the SA objective as long as adequate public transport access can be secured.

Major negative effects have been identified with regards to Objective 12: Protect and enhance local distinctiveness and Objective 15: Reduce land, water, air, light, noise pollution. Development in some parts of the site could have a major negative effect on the distinctive undulating landscape and would urbanise a greenfield site having a major negative effect on the landscape character. However, in terms of green belt separation this option (if development is kept back from the ridge line) could go ahead and still maintain the principle of the green belt gap – although the green belt impact remains. The site could also have a major negative impact on transport and pollution. The site may cause pressure on the A4/36 due to growth associated with the River/Lower Bristol Road corridor. This would be associated with greater air and noise pollution from increased vehicles on this route. The A4 splits the site and acts as a strong physical barrier. This could also cause potential issues with air quality and noise pollution. The inclusion of the area as a contingency for Bristol means that more sustainable form of development would be more likely depending on how and when the two contingency sites come forward.

The site will have an uncertain effect on local businesses and a neutral effect on protecting heritage and biodiversity assuming the site will not significantly affect any heritage or ecological assets (although further studies may be needed to confirm this).

No potential cumulative effects have been identified.

The site could have a minor negative effect on improving health and improving accessibility to community facilities and local services and promoting stronger more vibrant and cohesive communities as the surrounding land use consists of bulky retail, light industrial warehousing and distribution, this is not entirely compatible with residential development and the residential community here would be relatively isolated. This may prevent residents from accessing community and cultural facilities easily and prevent the development of strong and cohesive communities that are well connected to other areas. The site could also have a minor negative effect on encouraging walking and cycling because of its location next to retail and distribution uses, which would be likely to discourage potential new residents from walking beyond the site. The site could also have potential negative effects on flooding and climate change adaptation as small parts where the site adjoins the Avon (the north part of the site) are at higher risk of flooding (Flood Zones 2/3) and there are some other parts of the site with flood risk. However, the vast majority of the site is outside of areas of flood risk in flood zone 1. The site also has a minor negative effect on encouraging careful use of land as the site introduces development on the green belt so cannot be considered as conserving land. The release of Green Belt land may increase the potential for coalescence and a negative effect on landscape in an area with landscape designations of significant value. However if developers are promoting sites in advance of any Green Belt Review, and until such time as the National Planning Policy Framework is adopted, PPG2 still holds, meaning that developers would need to demonstrate exceptional circumstances were they to be successful in releasing Green Belt land.

The site could have minor positive effects on improving the health and well-being of all communities (as long as adequate healthcare is provided), reducing crime and fear of crime, improving the availability and provision of training and ensuring access to employment opportunities. However,

these effects are dependent on the level of community services and employment land to be provided on site. Without further details it is not possible to be certain that these effects will be realised. The site will also have minor positive effects on promoting sustainable waste management, encouraging sustainable construction and ensuring the development of sustainable and / or local energy sources. However, this is because every site within the plan needs to adhere to the LDF development control policies rather than any pro-active measures being put forward specifically for this site. The site will could also have a minor positive effect on reducing the need to travel by car as the site could be well served by public transport into Bristol city centre and Bath.

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Objective 1: Improve accessibility to community facilities and local services	<p>Help everyone access basic services easily, safely and affordably</p> <p>Increase access to and participation in community and cultural facilities and activities</p>	+	+/-	+/-	<p>3,500 new dwellings will be constructed within the Bath Western Riverside area, with a further, <u>2,800</u> elsewhere in the city, <u>1,300</u> of these new dwellings on surplus MoD sites.</p> <p>The majority of new housing proposed for Bath is directed to the Central Area and Western Corridor. These areas are well placed to access the services facilities and open spaces of the city centre and its environs by walking, cycling and if necessary public transport.</p> <p>The Bath strategy identifies that there is significant potential for residential development on peripheral MoD sites at Foxhill and Ensleigh. These are less well located with regard to the city centre, local centres and other services/facilities. Paragraph 2.19 notes that, "The Placemaking DPD will consider the capacity and prospects for these sites in more detail, including measures to enable</p>	<p>Mitigation:</p> <p>The Bath Strategy (and/or accompanying Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP)) should identify that the redevelopment of the MoD Ensleigh and MoD Foxhill sites will need to be delivered with sustainable transport access to the city centre and local centres.</p> <p>Building on the identification of district/ local centres in the Core Strategy, the Placemaking DPD should set out more specific policies for enhancing specific local centres where a need / opportunity has been identified.</p>	<p>Reference made at para 2.19</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>No strategic deficiency identified. No reference made.</p> <p>Reference made at para 2.24 and within IDP</p> <p>No strategic deficiency identified.</p> <p>Reference to key opportunity made at made at 2.25</p>

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					<p>sustainable travel to the city centre and the impact of redevelopment on surrounding neighbourhoods”.</p> <p>However, it is considered that the Bath Strategy should identify the need to address sustainable transport access to the city centre and local centres. This is reflected in the significance score as a minor negative effect in the medium and long terms, as the MoD sites are not expected to become vacant in the short term.</p> <p>The Bath Strategy sets out challenges and risks including a lack of provision of some facilities and services, such as allotments and local shopping areas. Mention is made of the varying quality of these centres and scope for change. This will enable developments to contribute towards opportunities for improvement which have been identified.</p> <p>The Core Policies of the Core</p>	<p>The Bath Strategy (and/or accompanying IDP) should refer to the need to improve the network of health centres if a strategic deficiency has been identified.</p> <p>The Bath Strategy (and/or accompanying IDP) should refer to the need to improve various aspects of the green infrastructure network if a strategic deficiency or opportunity has been identified. Allotments are currently mentioned.</p>	

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					Strategy seek to ensure the provision of essential infrastructure including primary healthcare, primary and secondary education. No specific reference is made in the Bath strategy to these aspects aside from para 2.20 which considers the Royal United Hospital. The Core Policies also seek to protect, conserve and enhance the green infrastructure network.		
Objective 2: Improve the health and well-being of all communities	<p>Improve health</p> <p>Reduce health inequalities</p> <p>Promote healthy lifestyles, especially routine daily exercise</p>	+/-	+/-	+/-	<p>The Bath Strategy makes reference to the planned investment in the Royal United Hospital site at Combe Park and acknowledges that it is a major sub-regional healthcare facility. There is discussion relating to local centres but access to health clinics or centres is not mentioned and therefore this is recorded as an uncertain effect. The provision of health clinics or centres could be something that developers could be asked to contribute to.</p> <p>The Bath Strategy identifies allotment provision is lacking in several parts of the city, with a view to negotiating allotment provision</p>	<p>Mitigation:</p> <p>The provision of health clinics or centres could be something that developers could be asked to contribute to. The Bath Strategy (and/or accompanying IDP) should refer to the need to improve the network of health centres if a strategic deficiency has been identified.</p> <p>The Bath Strategy should identify air quality as a key distinctive issue to be</p>	<p>No strategic deficiency identified. No reference made.</p> <p>Air quality now mentioned at key issue IX. Reference also made at 6.93 to air quality in Bath.</p> <p>Relevant references made throughout the Bath Chapter and supported by CP7 on GI.</p>

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					<p>with developers as and when opportunities arise. Allotments can contribute to healthy lifestyles.</p> <p>The Bath Strategy also makes reference to leisure facilities, particularly those with opportunities for improvements. The Bath Strategy also makes reference to a new leisure centre in the city centre in connection with a new sports stadium.</p> <p>The majority of new housing proposed for Bath is directed to the river corridor and will be well placed to access the services facilities and open spaces of the city centre and its environs by walking and cycling.</p> <p>Although the growth proposed in Bath is dependent on the Bath Package of transport measures, the Bath Package was developed to address pre-Core Strategy issues. The extent which the Bath Package will improve air quality in the context of increased activity within the river</p>	<p>addressed as part of the delivery of development with regards to avoiding increasing air pollution. A Core Policy or Development Management Policy may be needed or should be saved from the existing LP – referring to PPS23.</p> <p>The Bath Strategy (and/or accompanying IDP) should refer to the need to improve various aspects of the green infrastructure network if a strategic deficiency or opportunity has been identified. Allotments are currently mentioned.</p>	

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					corridor is uncertain and air quality could worsen. <u>Given the submission draft changes, the potential for negative impacts is increased albeit not certain.</u>		
Objective 3: Meet identified needs for sufficient, high quality and affordable housing	Help make suitable housing available and affordable for everyone	0	0	0	<p>The Bath strategy refers to affordable housing as a key issue under key issue (v).</p> <p>The District-wide Strategy and Affordable Housing Core Policy deal with affordable housing as it affects Bath. The Affordable Housing Core Policy allows for a higher proportion of affordable housing to be requested where the scheme market values are significantly above the district average. A neutral score is therefore awarded for the Bath Strategy chapter.</p> <p>The Bath Strategy enables the provision of over 3,000 new purpose-built student bed spaces at the University of Bath – Claverton Down and Bath Spa University – Newton Park in order to address the accommodation needs associated</p>		n/a



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					with growth at the University campuses. It is unlikely that the increased bed spaces will transfer more than a modest number of students from private rented accommodation to the campuses but it could halt the 'studentification' of specific areas within the city.		
Objective 4: Promote stronger more vibrant and cohesive communities	Promote stronger more cohesive communities	+	+	+	The Bath Strategy includes the redevelopment of brownfield land, either that is underused at Bath Western Riverside or is expected to become vacant will become when the MoD move. The redevelopment of these sites should contribute to achieving stronger, vibrant and more cohesive communities within the parts of Bath where these sites are located.  Economic and employment opportunities (SA Objective 6) will be important in addressing some of the cities more deprived areas. The strategy performs well in this regard.		n/a
Objective 5: Reduce anti-social behaviour, crime and	Reduce crime and fear of crime	-	-	-	The Bath Strategy does not address antisocial behaviour or other crime-related issues.	Mitigation: The Bath Strategy should make reference to identified crime	Reference will not be made as no locally specific planning policies can be identified

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the fear of crime					As this has been identified as an issue in the Central Zone, the Bath Strategy should make reference to crime and antisocial behaviour, the need to ensure that new development designs out crime and the need to address anti-social behaviour within the central area.	issues in the central zone. The Central Zone, the Bath Strategy should consider whether any locally specific planning policies could be adopted to address these issues. If not reference should be made in the relevant core policy to PPS1 and 'Safer Places – The Planning System and Crime Prevention'.	that would significantly address the issues. Reference made to PPS 1 and 'Safer Places' at 6.27 of High Quality design section of Core Policies section
Objective 6: Improve the availability and provision of training	Give everyone access to learning, training, skills and knowledge	+/?	+/?	+/?	The Bath Strategy includes the provision of new purpose-built student bed spaces at the University of Bath – Calverton Down and Bath Spa University – Newton Park in order to meet the accommodation needs associated with growth at the University campuses. It also seeks to enable these institutions to develop their teaching and research space.		
Objective 7: Ensure	Give everyone in	++	++	++	The Bath Strategy plans for 5,700		n/a

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communities have access to a wide range of employment opportunities, paid or unpaid	<p>the region access to satisfying work opportunities, paid or unpaid</p> <p>Reduce poverty and income inequality</p> <p>Provide a diverse range of employment opportunities in a variety of sectors</p>				<p>new jobs over the plan period.</p> <p>New employment provision will be primarily made in the Central Area (see Policy B1), where an expanded city centre is planned. The provision of office space should help to promote more knowledge-based and higher earning jobs within Bath.</p> <p>To sustain a mixed economy to support Bath's multi skilled workforce a level of protection is afforded to industrial land in the Newbridge Riverside area. This has the potential to cater for displaced users from elsewhere in the river corridor where significant regeneration is proposed.</p> <p>The Newbridge and Riverside areas are identified as a contingency for employment development, if supply for new 'town centre' employment generating uses cannot keep pace with demand.</p> <p>The potential to explore a mixed use</p>		

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					redevelopment of MoD Foxhill and Ashleigh is identified.		
Objective 8: Enable local businesses to prosper	<p>Increase the circulation of wealth within the local authority area</p> <p>Reduce vulnerability of the economy to climate change and harness opportunities arising</p>	+	+	+	<p>The Central Area Strategic Policy seeks to increase the provision of modern office space within the City Centre in line with forecasts of demand. A level of protection is also given to existing core industrial areas.</p> <p>A level of protection is also afforded to industrial land in the Newbridge Riverside area. This has the potential to cater for displaced users from elsewhere in the river corridor where significant regeneration is proposed and also continues to provide industrial employment land for existing businesses.</p> <p>The Strategy does not specifically make reference to taking advantage of climate change, e.g. through encouraging any specific types of sectors, such as green businesses, to locate in Bath.</p>	<p>Recommendation: The Bath Strategy should consider whether it is likely to encourage green sectors to locate within the city and if there are any specific policies that are required.</p>	<p>Disagree with recommendation. It is for the Economic Strategy to consider this and for the Core Strategy to respond to the built environment implications i.e. specific workspace provision.</p> <p>The Policy for the Central area enables the location and growth of a number of office based green sectors.</p> <p>The Policy for Newbridge riverside retains land for more industrial green sectors.</p>

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					Some of the areas identified for redevelopment within Bath are located within areas at risk of flooding, however, the Key Infrastructure and Delivery matters section of the Bath Strategy sets out the proposed flood risk management solution for these areas.		
Objective 9: Increase availability of local produce and materials	Meet local needs locally Support local food producers	+	+	+	<p>The Bath Strategy supports the use of spaces within the City Centre for festivals, markets and events.</p> <p>The Bath Strategy does not necessarily support the provision of processing facilities for local food suppliers, however, the desired location for such facilities is not known and they may not be within Bath.</p> <p>The Bath Strategy gives support to independent retailers and local shops.</p>		n/a
Objective 10: Ensure everyone	Make public transport, cycling and	+	+ /-	+ /-	The majority of new housing proposed for Bath is directed to the Central Area and Western Corridor.	Mitigation: The Bath Strategy (and/or accompanying	Reference made at para 2.19

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has access to high quality and affordable public transport and promote cycling and walking	walking easier and more attractive				<p>These areas are well placed to access the services facilities and open spaces of the city centre and its environs by walking, cycling and if necessary public transport.</p> <p>The Bath strategy identifies that there is significant potential for residential development on peripheral MoD sites at Foxhill and Ensleigh. These are less well located with regard to the city centre, local centres and other service/facilities. Paragraph 2.19 notes that, "The Placemaking DPD will consider the capacity and prospects for these sites in more detail, including measures to enable sustainable travel to the city centre and the impact of redevelopment on surrounding neighbourhoods".</p> <p>However, it is considered that the Bath Strategy should identify the need to address sustainable transport access to the city centre and local centres This is reflected in the significance score as a minor negative effect in the medium and</p>	Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP)) should identify that the redevelopment of the MoD Ensleigh and MoD Foxhill sites will need to be delivered with sustainable transport access to the city centre and local centres.	

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					<p>long terms, as the MoD sites are not expected to become vacant in the short term.</p> <p>The Bath Strategy aims to improve the public realm and pedestrian accessibility of the central area and includes a number of references to cycle paths in relation to the neighbourhoods, including the Two Tunnel path between the south of Bath and Radstock. The Two Tunnels walking and cycling route can link MoD Foxhill and the wider Combe Down area to the River Corridor.</p>		
Objective 11: Reduce the need and desire to travel by car	Reduce the need/desire to travel by car	+	+/-	+/-	<p>The Bath Strategy locates most new employment development to the central parts of Bath which have good walking and cycling access to the facilities and services available in the centre, plus access to public transport.</p> <p>As identified above, the potential redevelopment sites of MoD Ensleigh and, to a lesser degree,</p>	<p>Mitigation:</p> <p>The Bath Strategy (and/or accompanying Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP)) should identify that the redevelopment of the MoD Ensleigh and MoD Foxhill sites will need to be delivered with sustainable</p>	Reference made at para 2.19

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					MoD Foxhill are relatively remote from the City Centre and sustainable transport provision, e.g. frequent and reliable bus services will be needed to ensure that new residents of these sites have an alternative to the private car for trips to the centre and other parts of the city. Access within walking distance to local facilities should also be provided.	transport access to the city centre and local centres.	
Objective 12: Protect and enhance local distinctiveness	Protect and enhance landscape and townscape Value and protect diversity and local distinctiveness including rural ways of life	++	++	++	<p>The vision for Bath refers to exceptional design quality, creating a unique sense of place and securing its landscape assets.</p> <p>The Bath Strategy includes several measures aimed at improving the appearance and use of underused brownfield sites and poorly designed sites within the centre. The Central Area Strategic Policy includes Placemaking Principles to enhance the city's public realm, and the provision of a mix of uses which complement the character and function of the core area.</p> <p>The redevelopment of the three</p>		n/a



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					<p>MoD sites within the city also present opportunities to create well-designed new residential led developments.</p> <p>The Delivery Headlines state that there will be no development in the green belt around Bath or the Cotswolds AONB. These measures should help to protect the landscape around Bath and the setting of the World Heritage Site within the city.</p>		
Objective 13: Protect and enhance the district's historic, environmental and cultural assets	Maintain and enhance cultural and historical assets	++	++	++	<p>The vision for Bath refers to securing the historic and cultural assets of the city. The Bath Vision Statement also refers to the valued heritage of areas of the city which are outside of the central, Georgian, zone.</p> <p>The Placemaking Principles of the Central Area Strategic Policy include reinforcing the cultural identity of the city, enhancing the city's public realm and having new buildings which respect the historic character in terms of height, scale and</p>		n/a

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					<p>massing.</p> <p>Policy B5 specifically protects the World Heritage Site and its setting. This policy will not permit development which would harm the Outstanding Universal Value of the City of Bath World Heritage Site, including its authenticity and integrity, or which would harm the setting of the World Heritage Site.</p> <p>The Bath Strategy makes reference to the Placemaking DPD which will contain policies to protect areas particularly sensitive to change.</p> <p><b>In addition, the draft plan version included the following text to:</b></p> <p><b>Policy B1 (1): Protect, conserve, and where possible, enhance:</b></p> <p><b>“d. Non-designated heritage assets of local interest and value”.</b></p> <p><b>Policy B4:</b></p> <p><b>“There is a strong presumption against development that would result in harm to the Outstanding</b></p>		

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					<p>Universal Value of the World Heritage Site, including its authenticity or integrity, or to the setting of the World Heritage Site.</p> <p>Where development has a demonstrable public benefit, including mitigating and adapting to climate change, this benefit will be weighed against any harm to the Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage Site”.</p>		
Objective 14: Encourage and protect habitats and biodiversity. (taking account of climate change)	Protect and enhance habitats and species (taking account of climate change)	+/?	+	+	<p>Although urban environment and landscape assets are mentioned within the Bath Vision, ecology, greenspace and green infrastructure are not.</p> <p>Protecting the wildlife habitat value of the Central Area and Western Corridor is mentioned under the heading ‘Central Area and Western Corridor’.</p> <p>A Placemaking Principle included in the Central Area Strategic Policy is protecting the function of the river channel and riverbank as a key part of Bath’s network of green</p>	<p>Recommendations:</p> <p>The Bath Strategy should make specific reference to increasing riverfront activity which is not detrimental to wildlife.</p> <p>Although wildlife and green infrastructure are mentioned a couple of times in the Bath Strategy the Bath Strategy would perform better against this SA Objective if there were</p>	<p>Disagree – development management policies are best able to weigh up potentially conflicting objectives for the riverfront and promote mitigation.</p> <p>The Vision now refers to ‘natural environment’ which covers biodiversity</p>

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					<p>infrastructure network and wildlife corridor and capitalise on its role as a linear recreational route, linking it into the city internally and to its environs.</p> <p>A Placemaking Principle within the Newbridge and Twerton Riversides Strategic Policy also refers to the wildlife quality and biodiversity role of this area.</p> <p>The Bath Strategy includes several measures to encourage more active use of the riverfront. Increasing use of the riverfront and development at the riverfront could potentially affect biodiversity through increased lighting, fragmentation of habitat and disturbance. However, the Environmental Quality Core Policy provides protection of designated sites of national and local biodiversity importance and habitat types and species of principal importance. The Environmental Quality Core Policy also seeks to improve biodiversity networks and reduce fragmentation of habitats.</p> <p>Phase 1 of a study commissioned by BANES to investigate the</p>	<p>some mention of biodiversity and green infrastructure within the Bath Vision and for the green infrastructure network of the city to be shown on the proposals map and/or the diagrams within the Bath Strategy.</p> <p>An ecological assessment would be required for the compensatory storage sites identified.</p>	<p>and some aspects of GI. Reference to GI also implicit in references to boosting the city's profile as a place for recreation and leisure.</p> <p>All Green Infrastructure will be shown on the proposals map and key assets shown on the key diagram e.g. river Avon, canal and two tunnels cycle route.</p>

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					<p>provision of compensatory storage upstream of Bath city centre to balance future loss of flood storage volume from the delivery of allocated sites has been completed (WYG 2011). This has identified three potential sites which are considered suitable for further investigation. The Kensington meadows site is currently a local nature reserve with the potential presence of protected species (bats, otters, nesting birds). The Batheaston site lies adjacent to the Bathampton Meadow Wildlife Trust Reserve and the wet meadows and oxbow lake of the site are important for a wide variety of migrant birds as well as having limited potential for protected species (badgers, dormice, roosting bats, nesting birds and reptiles). Therefore the removal or alteration of any habitat areas will require ecological assessment.</p>		
Objective 15: Reduce land, water, air, light, noise	Minimise land, water, air, light, noise pollution	-	-	-	<p>Although the growth proposed in Bath is dependent on the Bath Package of transport measures, the Bath package was developed to address pre-Core Strategy issues. The extent which the Bath Package</p>	<p>Mitigation: The Core Strategy (either in the Bath section or elsewhere) needs to set out how</p>	<p>The key infrastructure and delivery matters section explains that:</p>

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pollution					<p>will improve air quality in the context of increased activity within the river corridor is uncertain and air quality could worsen. <u>Given the submission draft changes, the potential for negative impacts is increased albeit not certain.</u></p> <p>However, by directing development into the existing areas, to brownfield sites, the spatial strategy will maximise opportunities for new residents to access work, education, facilities and service via walking, cycling and public transport.</p> <p>The avoidance of urban extensions within the district strategy should avoid the risk of introducing light and noise pollution into areas which previously did not suffer from this type of pollution. However, the Bath Strategy does allow for some Greenfield development. Potential pollution associated with new development will need to be dealt with through development control policies.</p> <p>The Bath Strategy includes several measures to encourage more active use of the riverfront. Increasing use</p>	<p>the proposed growth can be delivered without increasing air pollution (i.e. measures additional to the Bath package) and how developers will be expected to contribute to achieving this goal.</p> <p>The Bath Strategy should make reference to not creating light pollution, particularly along the river.</p> <p>The Bath Strategy should make reference to the need to protect groundwater resources.</p> <p><b>An assessment of geo-environmental issues would be required for the compensatory storage sites identified.</b></p>	<p>The Bath package will help to enable the programme of development set out in the spatial strategy do be delivered, in conjunction with further measures to enable convenient and sustainable circulation and access within the city. In addition to major schemes the Council is committed to reducing the need to use cars for many trips within Bath. Therefore improvements to other public transport, walking and cycling infrastructure and the implementation of 'Smarter Choices' for transport will be pursued e.g.</p>

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					<p>of the riverfront and development at the riverfront could potentially affect biodiversity through increased lighting. However, this should be controlled through the Environmental Quality Core Policy and other saved policies of the Local Plan.</p> <p>Development in Bath will need to ensure that groundwater resources are not adversely affected.</p> <p>Phase 1 of a study commissioned by BANES to investigate the provision of compensatory storage upstream of Bath city centre to balance future loss of flood storage volume from the delivery of allocated sites has been completed (WYG 2011). This has identified three potential sites which are considered suitable for further investigation. The Kensington meadows site has previously been used as a tip and excavation/disturbance could lead to contamination issues. An assessment of geo-environmental issues would be required.</p>		<p>through the development of travel plans for new and existing sites, expansion of car clubs and other appropriate measures."</p> <p>Ground water resources and light pollution considered to be generic matter best dealt with in Environmental Quality section of Core Policy</p> <p>The draft plan version also introduced the following text as part of Policy B1 (10) "c: Implementing the Air Quality Management Plan." and "e: Addressing land remediation within the Central Area and Western Corridor in relation</p>

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							to industrial and utilities uses. The decommissioning and removal of the Windsor Gas Holder Station must be addressed as part of the redevelopment of Bath Western Riverside and its environs”.
Objective 16: Encourage sustainable construction	Development that demonstrates sustainable design and construction Minimise consumption and extraction of minerals	0	0	0	The Bath Strategy text in relation to the Central Area and Western Corridor states that the forthcoming Place Making DPD will establish the potential use of individual sites and set out sustainable design principles. This statement should be made in relation to the whole of the Bath Strategy and not just in relation to this part of the city because it makes it unclear whether sustainable design principles will also apply to development elsewhere in the city.  The Sustainable Construction Core Policy sets out requirements for	Recommendation: The Bath Strategy should state that the Place Making DPD will establish the potential use of individual sites and set out sustainable design principles, in relation to the whole of Bath.	Change now made to 2.12 to this effect.



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					<p>major planning applications and sets sustainable development standards for all developments.</p> <p>Overall the performance of the Bath Strategy is considered to be neutral with regards to this SA Objective, although a recommendation is made to provide clarity.</p>		
Objective 17: Ensure the development of sustainable and/or local energy sources and energy infrastructure	<p>Reduce non-renewable energy consumption and 'greenhouse' emissions</p> <p>Promote sustainable energy generation and distribution</p>	0	0	0	<p>Although reference is made to the forthcoming Placemaking DPD within the section of the Bath Strategy relating to the Central Area and Western Corridor, stating that it will set out sustainable design principles, renewable and low carbon energy generation is not mentioned.</p> <p>All new homes must be zero carbon from 2016. This challenging target may be difficult to achieve within Bath, where there are landscape/townscape constraints. However, this issue is dealt with, including with reference to Bath, in Core Policies CP1-CP4 and therefore a neutral performance is</p>		n/a

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					recorded.		
Objective 18: Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account of climate change)	<p>Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account of climate change)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enable us to cope with hotter, drier summers (shade, ventilation, ground conditions etc.)?</li> </ul>	+	+	+	<p>Some of the areas identified for redevelopment within Bath are located within areas at risk of flooding, however, the Key Infrastructure and Delivery matters section of the Bath Strategy sets out the proposed flood risk management solution for these areas.</p> <p>The Flood Risk Management Strategy Report (FRMS) (Atkins 2010) identified that the preferred strategic solution to allow development of allocated sites within Bath at risk of flooding would be to provide a compensatory storage area upstream of Bath which meets the requirements of PPS25 and is approved by the EA. The compensatory storage areas would mostly be located within Flood Risk Zone 3. Phase 1 of a further study to investigate the provision of compensatory storage upstream of Bath city centre has been completed (WYG 2011). This has identified three potential technically feasible sites which are</p>	<p>Recommendations:</p> <p>The Strategy should make reference to the PPS 25 sequential test in relation to the sites identified for development.</p> <p>This policy or a separate flood risk policy needs to set out whether SUDS will be required on development sites within Bath.</p> <p>Further investigation for the three technically feasible sites identified for compensatory storage to confirm whether the sites are deliverable and logistically viable in line with the recommendations given within the WYG 2011 report.</p>	<p>The introduction to the Central Area and Western Corridor now refers to the PPS25 sequential test in relation to the sites identified for development.</p> <p>Issue of SUDs is devolved to flood risk management section of the core policies chapter at para 6.23</p> <p>The draft plan version also introduced the following text as part of Policy B1 (10) “d: Implementing an upstream flood storage facility to enable</p>

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					<p>considered suitable for further investigation.</p> <p>The Key Infrastructure and Delivery matters section of the Bath Strategy does not identify whether SUDS will be required within new developments in the city, particularly those within Central Zone.</p>		development in vulnerable areas of the Central Area and Western Corridor"
Objective 19: Encourage careful and efficient use of natural resources	<p>Promote the conservation and wise use of land</p> <p>Keep water consumption within local carrying capacity limits (taking account of climate change)</p> <p>Minimise consumption and extraction of minerals</p>	?	?	?	<p>The strategy seeks to optimize the use of the land resource within the city so that the vision can be achieved without incursions into the green belt.</p> <p>The Bath Strategy text in relation to the Central Area and Western Corridor states that the forthcoming Place Making DPD will establish the potential use of individual sites and set out sustainable design principles. This statement should be made in relation to the whole of the Bath Strategy and not just in relation to this part of the city because it makes it unclear whether sustainable design principles will also apply to development</p>	<p>Mitigation: The Bath Strategy should state that the Place Making DPD will establish the potential use of individual sites and set out sustainable design principles, in relation to the whole of Bath. The Bath Strategy could also make reference to the Sustainable Construction and High Quality Design Core Policies.</p>	<p>Para 2.12 amended to clarify that the Placemaking Plan will establish development principles not only for the river Corridor but the whole of Bath'.</p>

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					elsewhere in the city.		
Objective 20: Promote waste management accordance with the waste hierarchy (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle)	Reduce waste not put to any use	0	0	0	<p>The growth in Bath will produce construction waste, however, the redevelopment of brownfield sites proposes an opportunity to re-use demolition waste on site.</p> <p>The Sustainable Construction Core Policy requires major developments to address waste and recycling during construction and in operation and therefore the performance of the Strategy in relation to this SA Objective is neutral.</p>		n/a

**Overall  
Commentary**

The Bath Strategy has a mixed performance with regards to the SA Objectives. No potential cumulative effects have been identified.

Significant positive effects are identified with regards to the following SA Objectives:

- Objective 7: Ensure communities have access to a wide range of employment opportunities, paid or unpaid;
- Objective 12: Protect and enhance local distinctiveness; and
- Objective 13: Protect and enhance the district's historic, environmental and cultural assets.

Minor negative effects are identified as follows (unless otherwise stated, effects are predicted over the short, medium and long term):

- Objective 1: Improve accessibility to community facilities and local services, Objective 10: Ensure everyone has access to high quality and affordable public transport and promote cycling and walking and Objective 11: Reduce the need and desire to travel by car (in the medium and long term): Residents of the redeveloped MoD Ensleigh and, to a lesser degree, MoD Foxhill sites might not have such good access to the city centre or local centres;
- Objective 2: Improve the health and well-being of all communities and Objective 15: Reduce land, water, air, light, noise pollution: Although the growth proposed in Bath is dependent on the Bath package of transport measures, the Bath package was developed to address pre-Core Strategy issues. The extent which the Bath package will improve air quality in the context of increased activity within the river corridor is uncertain and air quality could worsen. Given the submission draft changes, the potential for negative impacts is increased albeit not certain. Objective 5: Reduce anti-social behaviour, crime and the fear of crime: The Bath Strategy does not address antisocial behaviour or other crime-related issues. Anti-social behaviour has been identified as a problem in the city centre.

Uncertain effects are identified as follows:

Objective 19: Encourage careful and efficient use of natural resources: It unclear whether sustainable design principles will also apply to development elsewhere in the city, apart from in the Central Area and Western Corridor. **Objective 14: Encourage and protect habitats and biodiversity, in the short term an ecological assessment will be required to determine the potential effect on ecology of the compensatory flood storage.**

Mitigation is put forward to address the negative and uncertain effects identified as follows:

- The Bath Strategy (and/or accompanying Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP)) should identify that the redevelopment of the MoD Ensleigh and MoD Foxhill sites will need to be delivered with sustainable transport access to the city centre and local centres.

- Building on the identification of district/ local centres in the Core Strategy, the Placemaking DPD should set out more specific policies for enhancing specific local centres where a need / opportunity has been identified.
- The Bath Strategy (and/or accompanying IDP) should refer to the need to improve the network of health centres if a strategic deficiency has been identified.
- The Bath Strategy (and/or accompanying IDP) should refer to the need to improve various aspects of the green infrastructure network if a strategic deficiency or opportunity has been identified. Allotments are currently mentioned.
- The provision of health clinics or centres could be something that developers could be asked to contribute to. The Bath Strategy (and/or accompanying IDP) should refer to the need to improve the network of health centres if a strategic deficiency has been identified.
- The Bath Strategy should identify air quality as a key distinctive issue to be addressed as part of the delivery of development with regards to avoiding increasing air pollution. A Core Policy or Development Management Policy may be needed or should be saved from the existing LP – referring to PPS23.
- The Bath Strategy should make reference to identified crime issues in the central zone. The Central Zone, the Bath Strategy should consider whether any locally specific planning policies could be adopted to address these issues. If not reference should be made in the relevant core policy to PPS1 and 'Safer Places – The Planning System and Crime Prevention'.
- The Bath Strategy should make specific reference to increasing riverfront activity which is not detrimental to wildlife.
- The Core Strategy (either in the Bath section or elsewhere) needs to set out how the proposed growth can be delivered without increasing air pollution (i.e. measures additional to (Bath package) and how developers will be expected to contribute to achieving this goal.
- The Bath Strategy should make reference to not creating light pollution, particularly along the river.
- The Bath Strategy should make reference to the need to protect groundwater resources.
- Bath Strategy should state that the Place Making DPD will establish the potential use of individual sites and set out sustainable design principles, in relation to the whole of Bath. The Bath Strategy could also make reference to the Sustainable Construction and High Quality Design Core Policies.

Further investigation for the three sites identified for compensatory storage to confirm whether the sites are deliverable and logistically viable in line with the recommendations given within the WYG 2011 report including an assessment of geo-environmental issues and an ecological assessment.

Recommendations are also made in order to improve the performance of the Bath Strategy:

- The Bath Strategy should consider whether it is likely to encourage green sectors to locate within the city and if there are any specific policies that are required.
- The Bath Strategy should state that the Place Making DPD will establish the potential use of individual sites and set out sustainable design principles, in relation to the whole of Bath.

- The Strategy should make reference to the PPS 25 sequential test in relation to the sites identified for development.
- This policy or a separate flood risk policy needs to set out whether SUDS will be required on development sites within Bath.
- Although wildlife and green infrastructure are mentioned a couple of times in the Bath Strategy the Bath Strategy would perform better against this SA Objective if there were some mention of biodiversity and green infrastructure within the Bath Vision and for the green infrastructure network of the city to be shown on the proposals map and/or the diagrams within the Bath Strategy.

Since the Bath Strategy was appraised, a number of changes have been made to the wording of the strategy in response to the mitigation measures and recommendations put forward. The residual effects of the Strategy with regard to the SA objectives is as follows (over the short, medium and long term):

- Objective 1: Improve accessibility to community facilities and local services: minor positive;
- Objective 2: Improve the health and well-being of all communities: minor positive;
- Objective 5: Reduce anti-social behaviour, crime and the fear of crime: neutral;
- Objective 10: Ensure everyone has access to high quality and affordable public transport and promote cycling and walking: minor positive;
- Objective 11: Reduce the need and desire to travel by car: minor positive;
- Objective 15: Reduce land, water, air, light, noise pollution: minor negative; and
- Objective 19: Encourage careful and efficient use of natural resources: minor positive.

Changes made in response to the recommendations have generally improved the Bath Strategy.

Submission draft changes that have been considered in this revised assessment are:

- 1) Removal of a segregated bus transport from Newbridge Park and Ride;
- 2) Newbridge Park and Ride expanded by 250 rather than 500 spaces
- 3) Removal of the new Park and Ride to the East of Bath.

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SA Objectives	Detailed questions: does the policy...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	BANES response:
Objective 1: Improve accessibility to community facilities and local services	<p>Help everyone access basic services easily, safely and affordably</p> <p>Increase access to and participation in community and cultural facilities and activities</p>	++	++	++	<p>Policy KE1 sets out the Keynsham Spatial Strategy and includes enabling development which supports the functioning of the town and improves self-containment. This policy also includes the retention of Queens Road and Chandag Road as local centres providing an important range of day-to-day essentials goods and services. Opportunities for enhancement of these local centres will be encouraged. This policy includes improvements to public transport and enhanced connectivity between walking and cycling routes. The potential for a central transport hub will be investigated. Policy KE1 does not mention the retention of community and cultural facilities and services within the town centre, such as the council offices and swimming pool, however, this is included in Policy KE2 and enhanced retail quality and enhanced public realm are shown on the High Street in Diagram 13.</p>		n/a
Objective 2: Improve the health and well-being of all communities	<p>Improve health</p> <p>Reduce health inequalities</p> <p>Promote healthy lifestyles, especially routine daily exercise</p>	++	++	++	<p>Policy KE1 includes enhanced connectivity between walking and cycling routes which will encourage healthy lifestyles. Policy KE2 includes retaining and enhancing the leisure and recreation function of the town centre and Somerdale as Placemaking Principles. Policy KE2 also encourages the establishment of an improved green infrastructure network for the town, which is also shown on Diagram 13.</p>		n/a



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Objective 3: Meet identified needs for sufficient, high quality and affordable housing	Help make suitable housing available and affordable for everyone	+	+	+	The lack of affordable housing is acknowledged within this chapter of the CS. Policy KE1 includes the provision of high quality affordable housing in the town. The split of market / affordable housing required in developments is set by the Housing Need Core Policy.		n/a
Objective 4: Promote stronger more vibrant and cohesive communities	Promote stronger more cohesive communities	++	++	++	The overall strategy for Keynsham will help to improve self-containment by providing more jobs in Keynsham, improving the image of the town as a business location and also through town centre improvements. Policy KE2 includes a Placemaking Principle to make the town centre a more vibrant area enabling all members of the community to enjoy it over a longer period of the day such as through the enhancement of the evening economy.		n/a
Objective 5: Reduce anti-social behaviour, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce crime and fear of crime	0	0	0	The spatial strategy for Keynsham does not address crime issues. However, the baseline data does not identify any specific issues and therefore a neutral performance is recorded.		n/a
Objective 6: Improve the	Give everyone access to learning,	0	0	0	The spatial strategy for Keynsham does not make reference to training or further education,		n/a

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availability and provision of training	training, skills and knowledge				however, primary school facilities and early years facilities are included within the Infrastructure required. The overall performance is considered to be neutral as primary level education provision does not address this SA Objective but no particular barrier to accessing training and skills has been identified within the baseline data.		
Objective 7: Ensure communities have access to a wide range of employment opportunities, paid or unpaid	Give everyone in the region access to satisfying work opportunities, paid or unpaid Reduce poverty and income inequality Provide a diverse range of employment opportunities in a variety of sectors	?	++	++	The performance of the spatial strategy is uncertain in the short term as it is unknown whether employment developments will come forward within the short term. However the overall performance of the spatial strategy in the medium and long terms is major positive as Policy KE1 makes provision for around 1,500 new jobs by 2026. This should help to enable the town to recover from recent job losses and reduce the need for residents to travel elsewhere for employment.		n/a
Objective 8: Enable local businesses to prosper	Increase the circulation of wealth within the local authority area Reduce vulnerability of the economy to climate change and harness opportunities arising	++	++	++	Policy KE1 includes flexibility to react to market demand for commercial uses within the core business area at Ashmead Park and policy KE2 supports expansion of the night time economy and enabling some medium to large retail units to provide space for national retailers in order to support the successful existing independent retailers. It is difficult to see how the spatial strategy could further help the local economy to		n/a

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					reduce any vulnerability to climate change.		
Objective 9: Increase availability of local produce and materials	Meet local needs locally Support local food producers	++	++	++	Policy KE2 specifically makes reference to the creation of a new civic space where events such as the farmers market can be held as part of an enhanced public realm for the town centre. The overall spatial strategy aims to encourage residents to do more shopping locally rather than travel further afield, such as into Bristol. The strategy also supports existing and improved community facilities and services.		n/a
Objective 10: Ensure everyone has access to high quality and affordable public transport and promote cycling and walking	Make public transport, cycling and walking easier and more attractive	++	++	++	Policy KE1 includes improvements to public transport and enhanced connectivity between walking and cycling routes. The potential for a central transport hub will be investigated. Policy KE2 also includes improving links between the town centre and the Somerdale site, providing links to cycle networks, capitalising on the presence of the train station as an essential and sustainable link to Bristol and Bath and improving the management of traffic in the town centre, which will make walking and cycling in the centre more attractive. Improvements to the frequency of train services to Bristol and Bath are included within the Infrastructure section of this chapter which is derived from the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.		n/a
Objective 11: Reduce the	Reduce the need/desire to travel	++	++	++	The overall spatial strategy aims to achieve more self-containment and enable residents to work in		n/a

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need and desire to travel by car	by car				Keynsham rather than travel further afield for employment. The strategy also encourages residents to do more shopping locally rather than travel further afield, such as into Bristol. The strategy also supports existing and improved community facilities and services within the town, all of which will help to reduce the need to travel. Improvements to walking, cycling and public transport (mentioned above) will also help to reduce the need/desire to travel by car.		
Objective 12: Protect and enhance local distinctiveness	Protect and enhance landscape and townscape Value and protect diversity and local distinctiveness including rural ways of life	++	++	++	Policy KE2 includes as a Placemaking Principle reinforcing and enhancing the historic character and qualities of the Conservation Area ensuring that the local character is strengthened by change and maintaining the linear pattern and grain of the High Street. Policy KE2 also includes taking advantage of any redevelopment proposals which could improve the unattractive Town Hall/Centre and Riverside buildings. Policy KE2 does not make reference to the reuse of buildings at the Somerdale site, some of which are valued local landmarks.	Recommendation: Policy KE2 should encourage the reuse of the buildings at the Somerdale site.	Agree, but as the buildings are not listed or in a Conservation Area, consider that a flexible approach should be taken within the policy Policy KE2 amended:

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SA Objectives	Detailed questions: does the policy...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	BANES response:
							Consider the potential for converting and reusing some or all of the factory buildings at Somerdale.
Objective 13: Protect and enhance the district's historic, environmental and cultural assets	Maintain and enhance cultural and historical assets	+	+	+	Policy KE2 includes as a Placemaking Principle reinforcing and enhancing the historic character and qualities of the Conservation Area which will help to address the existing risk to the Conservation Areas. Policy KE2 does not make reference to the reuse of buildings at the Somerdale site, which are considered to have cultural and historic value.	Recommendation: Policy KE2 should encourage the reuse of buildings at the Somerdale site.	As above
Objective 14: Encourage	Protect and enhance habitats and species	+	+	+	The spatial strategy diagrams and policies KE1 and KE2 include making better use of and		n/a

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and protect habitats and biodiversity. (taking account of climate change)	(taking account of climate change)				enhancing the green infrastructure running through and surrounding the town. Enhancements should include increasing the connectivity of green networks and making them more accessible. Policy KE2 includes the protection of the Rivers Chew and Avon as wildlife corridors. Enhancing Keynsham Hams as wetland habitats as a part of the one site works required as part of Somerdale developments is included under the Infrastructure section of this chapter (derived from the Infrastructure Delivery Plan). The spatial strategy and policies contained therein do not include measures to improve specific habitats or biodiversity. This is promoted by the Environmental Quality Core Policy.		
Objective 15: Reduce land, water, air, light, noise pollution	Minimise land, water, air, light, noise pollution	+	+	+	Policy KE1 includes improvements to the management of traffic through the town centre and improvements to air quality as placemaking principles. The Infrastructure section of this chapter also states that work is ongoing to identify the most appropriate means of mitigating the negative impact of traffic.  Policy KE2 includes the protection of the Chew and Avon riverside as wildlife corridors and part of the surrounding green infrastructure network.  Light, land and noise pollution have not been identified as particular issues in Keynsham.		n/a
Objective 16:	Development that	0	0	0	This is not specifically mentioned within this		n/a

Keynsham Spatial Strategy Matrix							
SA Objectives	Detailed questions: does the policy...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	BANES response:
Encourage sustainable construction	demonstrates sustainable design and construction Minimise consumption and extraction of minerals				spatial strategy and is dealt with within the Sustainable Construction Core Policy.		
Objective 17: Ensure the development of sustainable and/or local energy sources and energy infrastructure	Reduce non-renewable energy consumption and 'greenhouse' emissions Promote sustainable energy generation and distribution	++	++	++	The spatial strategy includes a district heating system for the town, in Diagram 12 and in Policy KE1. Town centre district heating infrastructure is also included in the Infrastructure section of the chapter. Renewable energy targets and proposals and the retrofitting of renewables and energy efficiency measures to existing buildings are dealt with in the Core Policies.	Recommendation: It would be useful for the reader to understand how the district heating system would be delivered and which neighbourhoods it is intended to serve.	This will be outlined in the District Heating Study which will be published alongside the Core Strategy. It is considered inappropriate to include this amount of detail

Keynsham Spatial Strategy Matrix							
SA Objectives	Detailed questions: does the policy...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	BANES response:
							within the Core Strategy. No change
Objective 18: Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account of climate change)	Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account of climate change) Enable us to cope with hotter, drier summers (shade, ventilation, ground conditions etc.)?	+	+	+	The northern part of the Somerdale site is subject to flood risk. Policy KE2 requires proposals at this site to adhere to the requirements of PPS25 regarding flood risk. The protection and linking together of the green infrastructure network in and around the town will help to protect and enhance its surface water attenuation functions.		n/a
Objective 19: Encourage careful and efficient use of natural resources	Promote the conservation and wise use of land Keep water consumption within local carrying capacity limits (taking account of climate change) Minimise consumption and extraction of	++	++	++	The spatial strategy for Keynsham directs the majority of new development to the town centre and the Somerdale site (which is mainly brownfield land) therefore making good use of land. Policy KE2 Town Centre/Somerdale Strategic Policy includes a Placemaking principle to retain and enhance the leisure and recreation function of the Somerdale site and make re-provision of any sports pitches lost to development at Somerdale. Sustainable design and construction is dealt with in the Sustainable Construction Core Policy (CP2). Policy KE2 does not make reference to the reuse of buildings at	Recommendation: Policy KE2 should encourage the reuse of the buildings at the Somerdale site.	Agree, see response to objective 12



Keynsham Spatial Strategy Matrix							
SA Objectives	Detailed questions: does the policy...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	BANES response:
	minerals				the Somerdale site.		
Objective 20: Promote waste management accordance with the waste hierarchy (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle)	Reduce waste not put to any use	--	--	--	The spatial strategy includes the potential waste facility at Broadmead Lane which is allocated in the West of England Waste Core Strategy as a residual waste treatment facility. Such a facility would help to avoid waste being sent to landfill. However, this facility is not included as key infrastructure for the Keynsham spatial strategy. Policy KE2 does not make reference to the reuse of the buildings at the Somerdale site. The demolition of the Cadbury factory at Somerdale could produce large amounts of demolition material which could potentially be sent to landfill.	Mitigation: Policy KE2 should encourage the reuse of the buildings at the Somerdale site and should encourage the use of any demolition material on site in the redevelopment of the site. The potential waste facility at Broadmead Lane could be used to	Demolition material is covered by Policy CP2, and the site itself is allocated within the West of England Waste Core Strategy. This will be added as a key infrastructure requirement in the District Wide chapter. This should therefore not be

Keynsham Spatial Strategy Matrix							
SA Objectives	Detailed questions: does the policy...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	BANES response:
						<p>provide heat as part of the district heating system and if appropriate, such a link between a district heating system and the proposed waste plant should be made clear within the supporting text.</p>	<p>seen as a potential major negative effect.</p> <p>District Heating Study concludes that the Broadmead Lane Waste Facility is too far from the KE2 policy area to be able to viably contribute to the district heating network.</p> <p>No</p>

Keynsham Spatial Strategy Matrix							
SA Objectives	Detailed questions: does the policy...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	BANES response:
							change to Keynsham chapter. District wide chapter will include key infrastructure requirements for the district.

**Overall Commentary:**

This policy mainly has the potential to result in major or minor positive effects with regards to most of the SA Objectives. Major positive effects were identified in relation to the following SA Objectives (in the short, medium and long term unless otherwise stated):

- Objective 1: Improve accessibility to community facilities and local services;
- Objective 2: Improve the health and well-being of all communities;
- Objective 4: Promote stronger more vibrant and cohesive communities;
- Objective 7: Ensure communities have access to a wide range of employment opportunities, paid or unpaid (in the medium and long term);
- Objective 8: Enable local businesses to prosper;
- Objective 9: Increase availability of local produce and materials;
- Objective 10: Ensure everyone has access to high quality and affordable public transport and promote cycling and walking;
- Objective 11: Reduce the need and desire to travel by car;
- Objective 12: Protect and enhance local distinctiveness; and
- Objective 17: Ensure the development of sustainable and/or local energy sources and energy infrastructure.

Minor positive effects were identified in relation to the following SA Objectives:

- Objective 3: Meet identified needs for sufficient, high quality and affordable housing;
- Objective 13: Protect and enhance the district's historic, environmental and cultural assets;
- Objective 14: Encourage and protect habitats and biodiversity (taking account of climate change);
- Objective 15: Reduce land, water, air, light, noise pollution;
- Objective 18: Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account of climate change); and
- Objective 19: Encourage careful and efficient use of natural resources.

One major negative effect has been identified in relation to waste arisings because the potential waste facility at Broadmead Lane is not included as key infrastructure for the Keynsham spatial strategy and Policy KE2 does not make reference to the reuse of the buildings at the Somerdale site. The demolition of the Cadbury factory at Somerdale could produce large amounts of demolition material which could potentially be sent to landfill.

Neutral performances were recorded for the other SA Objectives (3 in total).

Mitigation is put forward to address the major negative effect identified, as follows:

- Policy KE2 should encourage the reuse of buildings at the Somerdale site and should encourage the use of any demolition material on site in the redevelopment of the site; and
- The potential waste facility at Broadmead Lane could be used to provide heat as part of the district heating system and if appropriate, such a link between a district heating system and the proposed waste plant should be made clear within the supporting text.

A potential positive cumulative effect has been identified with regards to encouraging and protecting biodiversity through the protecting, linking up and enhancement of the green infrastructure network in and around Keynsham.

An additional recommendation is made to improve the Keynsham Spatial Strategy with regards to the SA Objectives, as follows:

- It would be useful for the reader to understand how the district heating system would be delivered and which neighbourhoods it is intended to serve.

Since the strategy was appraised, policy KE2 has been amended to include the text “Consider the potential for converting and reusing some or all of the factory buildings at Somerdale”. Demolition material is covered by Policy CP2, and the Broadmead Lane site itself is allocated within the West of England Waste Core Strategy. This will be added as a key infrastructure requirement in the District Wide chapter. This addresses one of the proposed mitigation measures. The other mitigation measure has not led to a change in policy wording, but policy authors have provided further information about the feasibility of the waste facility linking in to the proposed CHP. The residual effect with regards to SA Objective 20 is now considered to be minor positive in the short, medium and long terms. The additional recommendation has not led to a policy wording change because it is not considered to be an appropriate level of detail for the Core Strategy. This information will be provided within the District Heating Study.

					Somer Valley Matrix		
SA Objectives	Detailed questions: does the policy...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response
Objective 1: Improve accessibility to community facilities and local services	<p>Help everyone access basic services easily, safely and affordably</p> <p>Increase access to and participation in community and cultural facilities and activities</p>	++	++	++	<p>The overall strategy for the Somer Valley includes improvements to public transport, cycling infrastructure and 'smarter choices for transport' in order to reduced private motorised transport and improve accessibility around Midsomer Norton and Radstock, between Midsomer Norton and Radstock and the surrounding villages and between the Somer Valley area and other major settlements (via the Greater Bristol Bus Network).</p> <p>Policy SV1 includes improving access to local heritage, woodlands and green spaces including the implementation of the Town Park in Midsomer Norton. Policy SV1 also includes improvements to the cycle networks within Midsomer Norton and Radstock and within the surround area. Policy SV1 includes protecting and enhancing the retail offers within the two towns and existing local centres, including the specialist shops in Radstock centre which support cultural activities such as arts and crafts.</p>		n/a
Objective 2: Improve the health and well-being of all communities	<p>Improve health</p> <p>Reduce health inequalities</p> <p>Promote healthy lifestyles, especially routine daily exercise</p>	+	+	+	<p>The over strategy for the Somer Valley and Policy SV1 will encourage walking and cycling and will improve access to woodlands and green spaces which will help to contribute to healthy lifestyles. None of the policies within this chapter support the provision of additional allotments although it is mentioned in relation to green infrastructure in the Infrastructure section of the chapter.</p>	<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>The strategy would be improved if Policy SV1 included a principle to increase allotment provision in</p>	<p>SV1 has been amended to increase allotment provision where deficiencies have been</p>

					Somer Valley Matrix		
SA Objectives	Detailed questions: does the policy...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response
						Midsomer Norton and Radstock (where deficiencies have been identified).	identified.
Objective 3: Meet identified needs for sufficient, high quality and affordable housing	Help make suitable housing available and affordable for everyone	++	++	++	Policy SV1 will enable 2,700 new homes to be built in the Somer Valley over the plan period, which will include affordable housing. This will provide more housing choices for the community.		n/a
Objective 4: Promote stronger more vibrant and cohesive communities	Promote stronger more cohesive communities	++	++	++	The overall strategy for the Somer Valley is focused on the development of economic and community facilities needed to increase self reliance and economic revitalization.  Policy SV1 includes the implementation of the proposed Town park in Midsomer Norton which will form a valuable community facility for the town. Policy SV1 also includes enhancing the public realm in Midsomer Norton and Radstock. Policy SV1 states that any new housing in excess of the 2,200 existing commitments will need to contribute to the delivery of employment or contributes to the implementation of the Town Park, which is aimed at reducing the risk of Radstock and Midsomer Norton becoming dormitory		n/a

					Somer Valley Matrix		
SA Objectives	Detailed questions: does the policy...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response
					towns dominated by housing and lacking in community facilities. Policy SV2 includes improving the pedestrian environment of Midsomer Norton and improving leisure offer in the town which should help to support the vibrancy of the town. Policy SV3 includes improving connectivity between the core shopping area in Radstock, and community amenity areas including the library and Victoria Hall.		
Objective 5: Reduce anti-social behaviour, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce crime and fear of crime	0	0	0	The overall strategy for the Somer Valley and the policies within the chapter do not deal with crime, however, crime has not been identified a particular issue within the Somer Valley and therefore it is considered that the performance against this SA Objective is neutral.		n/a
Objective 6: Improve the availability and provision of training	Give everyone access to learning, training, skills and knowledge	++	++	++	The overall strategy for the Somer valley aims at encouraging a more diverse economy in the area, providing an improved range of local employment opportunities to target workers with different skills to replace jobs lost in traditional manufacturing. This, supported by the high quality schools and further education offer in the Somer Valley, should help to improve the skills of residents and provide them with greater opportunities for training.		n/a
Objective 7: Ensure communities	Give everyone in the region access to	++	++	++	The overall strategy for the Somer Valley focuses on the provision of employment development in order to improve self-reliance and reduce the need for		n/a



Somerset Valley Matrix							
SA Objectives	Detailed questions: does the policy...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response
have access to a wide range of employment opportunities, paid or unpaid	satisfying work opportunities, paid or unpaid Reduce poverty and income inequality Provide a diverse range of employment opportunities in a variety of sectors				residents to travel to nearby larger settlements (i.e. Bath and Bristol) for employment. The strategy aims to encourage a more diverse economy in the area, providing an improved range of local employment opportunities to replace jobs lost in traditional manufacturing.		
Objective 8: Enable local businesses to prosper	Increase the circulation of wealth within the local authority area Reduce vulnerability of the economy to climate change and harness opportunities arising	++	++	++	Policy SV1 aims to ensure a supply of employment land to enable economic growth and retention of local companies, as well as encouraging and supporting new businesses in the area. Policy SV1 also encourages increased self reliance on local energy generation and low carbon living.		n/a
Objective 9: Increase availability of local produce and materials	Meet local needs locally Support local food producers	++	++	++	The overall strategy for the Somerset Valley focuses on the provision of employment and community facilities in order to improve self-reliance and reduce the need for residents to travel to nearby larger settlements (i.e. Bath and Bristol) for employment, facilities and		n/a

Somerset Valley Matrix							
SA Objectives	Detailed questions: does the policy...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response
					services. Policy SV1 also encourages local energy production and 'low carbon living locally'. Policies SV2 and SV3 also support local retailers in the two town centres. Local food producers are not specifically mentioned within the policies or strategy but farmers markets and the Radstock Co-op are already well established within Midsomer Norton and Radstock and economic development within area may enable the development of local food processing facilities, if suitable proposals are brought forward.		
Objective 10: Ensure everyone has access to high quality and affordable public transport and promote cycling and walking	Make public transport, cycling and walking easier and more attractive	+	+	+	<p>The overall strategy for the Somerset Valley includes improvements to public transport, cycling infrastructure and 'smarter choices for transport' in order to reduced private motorised transport and improve accessibility around Midsomer Norton and Radstock, between Midsomer Norton and Radstock and the surrounding villages and between the Somerset Valley area and other major settlements (via the Greater Bristol Bus Network).</p> <p>Policy SV1 includes improvements to the cycle networks within Midsomer Norton and Radstock and within the surround area. This includes strengthening the green links between the two centres via a cycle and walking link along the route of the former railway as part of the Town Park proposal.</p> <p>Policy SV2 includes improving the pedestrian environment and connections within the centre of Midsomer Norton and Policy SV3 includes greater provision for pedestrians and cyclists through a public realm and movement strategy in the town centre</p>		n/a

					Somer Valley Matrix		
SA Objectives	Detailed questions: does the policy...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response
					including secured cycle parking facilities.		
Objective 11: Reduce the need and desire to travel by car	Reduce the need/desire to travel by car	+	++	++	The overall strategy for the Somer Valley is focused on the development of economic and community facilities needed to increase self reliance and economic revitalisation.  Measures set out within the overall strategy for the Somer Valley and in policy SV1 aim to improve sustainable transport options such as walking, cycling and public transport and reduce the need to travel elsewhere by providing more jobs and community facilities.		n/a
Objective 12: Protect and enhance local distinctiveness	Protect and enhance landscape and townscape  Value and protect diversity and local distinctiveness including rural ways of life	++	++	++	The overall strategy and the policies for the Somer Valley are based on strengthening the existing characteristics of the settlements, in particular, Midsomer Norton and Radstock. The policies within the chapter identify measure to improve the appearance of the centres, the public realm and enhance the green infrastructure between the centres, capitalising on the high quality natural environment. Policies SV2 and SV3 include measures to protect the landscape and townscape including views to open landscape from Radstock.		n/a
Objective 13: Protect and enhance the district's historic, environmental and cultural	Maintain and enhance cultural and historical assets	++	++	++	Policy SV1 includes protecting the unique built and historic environment contributing to the distinctive character of the area. The traditional miner's cottage long-gardens and self-sufficient tradition are identified as important assets to the area.		n/a

					Somer Valley Matrix		
SA Objectives	Detailed questions: does the policy...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response
assets					Policy SV2 includes protecting Midsomer Norton's town centre heritage and townscape. Policy SV3 includes a placemaking principle to protect and enhance heritage assets.		
Objective 14: Encourage and protect habitats and biodiversity (taking account of climate change)	Protect and enhance habitats and species (taking account of climate change)	+	+	+	Policy SV1 includes strengthening green links between the centres. This is also reflected within policies SV2 and SV3. Policy SV3 also includes a placemaking principle to protect and enhance the ecological environment in Radstock. The policies will not necessarily result in a significant increase in biodiversity and therefore a minor positive effect is identified.	Recommendation: The policies could be improved if improvements to biodiversity were specifically targeted or new nature reserves were to be created through the placemaking principles.	Noted. Specific areas for improvement will be identified as part of a Green Infrastructure Strategy and may be allocated through the Placemaking (Site Allocations) DPD.
Objective 15: Reduce land, water, air, light, noise pollution	Minimise land, water, air, light, noise pollution	+	+	+	Measures set out within the overall strategy for the Somer Valley and in Policy SV1 aim to improve more sustainable transport options such as walking, cycling and public transport and reduce the need to travel elsewhere by providing more jobs and community		n/a

					Somer Valley Matrix		
SA Objectives	Detailed questions: does the policy...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response
					<p>facilities. These measures should help to improve air quality and traffic noise, although they have not been identified as particular issues in the Somer Valley. Policy SV1 promotes the development of previously developed land focusing on Midsomer Norton and Radstock centres and the redevelopment of vacant and underused industrial land and factories.</p> <p>Light and water pollution are issues which will be dealt with through development control policies and no particular issues are identified with regard to the Somer Valley chapter.</p>		
Objective 16: Encourage sustainable construction	<p>Development that demonstrates sustainable design and construction</p> <p>Minimise consumption and extraction of minerals</p>	0	0	0	Sustainable construction is dealt with by the Sustainable Construction Core Policy for the whole district. Policy SV1 supports local, renewable and low carbon energy production, however, the overall performance of this strategy and the policies therein is considered to be neutral.		n/a
Objective 17: Ensure the development of sustainable and/or local energy sources and energy infrastructure	<p>Reduce non-renewable energy consumption and 'greenhouse' emissions</p> <p>Promote</p>	+	+	+	Policy SV1 includes the facilitation of increased self reliance including energy conservation and local energy generation and encourages initiatives to promote low carbon living including reducing energy use and securing more renewable and low carbon energy. It also encourages carrying out neighbourhood scale retrofitting for energy efficiency in homes and district heating systems in the centers		n/a

					Somer Valley Matrix		
SA Objectives	Detailed questions: does the policy...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response
	sustainable energy generation and distribution				of Midsomer Norton and Radstock.		
Objective 18: Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account of climate change)	Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account of climate change)  Enable us to cope with hotter, drier summers (shade, ventilation, ground conditions etc.)?	+	+	+	Part of Radstock Town Centre lies within Flood Zone 2 and 3a. Policy SV3 requires a sequential approach to flood risk management to be applied and development proposals should take into account the potential impact of climate change on water resources, water quality and on the level of flood risk posed.		n/a
Objective 19: Encourage careful and efficient use of natural resources	Promote the conservation and wise use of land  Keep water consumption within local carrying capacity limits (taking account of climate change)	+	+	+	Policy SV1 promotes the development of previously developed land focusing on Midsomer Norton and Radstock centers and the redevelopment of vacant and underused industrial land and factories.  Sustainable design is dealt with in the Sustainable Construction Core Policy.	Recommendation: The performance of the strategy would be improved if it encouraged the reuse of existing buildings where	No change. Core Policy on Retro fitting will apply to this area.

					Somerset Valley Matrix		
SA Objectives	Detailed questions: does the policy...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response
	Minimise consumption and extraction of minerals					possible.	
Objective 20: Promote waste management in accordance with the waste hierarchy (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle)	Reduce waste not put to any use	0	0	0	Waste recycling levels in BANES are generally high. Sustainable construction issues are dealt with in the Sustainable Construction Core Policy. The performance of the strategy for the Somerset Valley is therefore considered to be neutral, although there is an opportunity to improve the strategy (see recommendation).	Recommendation: as a key theme of the strategy for the Somerset Valley is self-reliance there is an opportunity to improve the strategy for the Somerset Valley by encouraging the management of waste arisings locally, such as through encouraging community composting. However, it is	Comments noted. The principle of waste management is established through the Joint Waste Core Strategy DPD.

					Somerset Valley Matrix		
SA Objectives	Detailed questions: does the policy...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response
						recognized that waste management for the district is dealt with by the West of England Waste Core Strategy and therefore the Core Strategy has little influence over how waste is managed within the area.	



**Overall Commentary:**

The Strategy for the Somer Valley chapter and the three policies contained therein generally have a positive effect with regards to the SA Objectives. Major positive effects were identified with regard to the following SA objectives:

- Objective 1: Improve accessibility to community facilities and local services;
- Objective 3: Meet identified needs for sufficient, high quality and affordable housing;
- Objective 4: Promote stronger more vibrant and cohesive communities;
- Objective 6: Improve the availability and provision of training;
- Objective 7: Ensure communities have access to a wide range of employment opportunities, paid or unpaid;
- Objective 8: Enable local businesses to prosper;
- Objective 9: Increase availability of local produce and materials;
- Objective 10: Ensure everyone has access to high quality and affordable public transport and promote cycling and walking;
- Objective 11: Reduce the need and desire to travel by car;
- Objective 12: Protect and enhance local distinctiveness;
- Objective 13: Protect and enhance the district's historic, environmental and cultural assets;
- Objective 17: Ensure the development of sustainable and/or local energy sources and energy infrastructure; and
- Objective 18: Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account of climate change).

Minor positive effects are identified in relation to the following SA Objectives:

- Objective 2: Improve the health and well-being of all communities;
- Objective 14: Encourage and protect habitats and biodiversity (taking account of climate change);
- Objective 15: Reduce land, water, air, light, noise pollution; and
- Objective 19: Encourage careful and efficient use of natural resources.

A neutral performance is recorded in relation to:

- Objective 5: Reduce anti-social behaviour, crime and the fear of crime;
- Objective 16: Encourage sustainable construction; and
- Objective 20: Promote waste management in accordance with the waste hierarchy (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle).

No potential cumulative effects have been identified.

A number of recommendations are also made to improve the performance of the Somer Valley strategy and policies. The recommendations are as follows:

- The strategy would be improved if Policy CV1 included a principle to increase allotment provision in Midsomer Norton and Radstock (where deficiencies have been identified).
- The policies could be improved if improvements to biodiversity were specifically targeted or new nature reserves were to be created through the placemaking principles.
- The performance of the strategy would be improved if it encouraged the reuse of existing buildings where possible.
- As a key theme of the strategy for the Somer Valley is self-reliance there is an opportunity to improve the strategy for the Somer Valley by encouraging the management of waste arisings locally, such as through encouraging community composting. However, it is recognized that waste management for the district is dealt with by the West of England Waste Core Strategy and therefore the Core Strategy has little influence over how waste is managed within the area.

Since the strategy was appraised, Policy SV1 has been amended to increase allotment provision where deficiencies have been identified. This is in response to the first recommendation listed above. This has improved the performance of the policy with regards to SA Objective 2. No other changes have been made to the Strategy although policy authors have identified core policies which deal with some of the issues identified with regards to the recommendations.

SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Rural Delivery Strategy			Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
		Short term	Med term	Long term			
Objective 1: Improve accessibility to community facilities and local services	<p>Help everyone access basic services easily, safely and affordably</p> <p>Increase access to and participation in community and cultural facilities and activities</p>	+ / -	+ / -	+ / -	<p>The rural delivery strategy aims to maintain current levels of access to services and facilities in villages, including through a presumption for retention of village grocery shops and support for new community facilities and shops through partnership working. Policy RA3 Community Facilities and Shops supports proposals for development of community facilities or shops provided they are small scale and appropriate to meeting the needs of the parish.</p> <p>New housing development in the rural areas will be directed to the 'appropriate villages' which meet the criteria set out in Policy RA1 'appropriate development in the villages meeting the listed criteria'.</p> <p>Policy RA4 Rural Exception Sites also requires exception sites to be well related to community services and facilities.</p> <p>It is considered that the overall effect of the rural delivery strategy in terms of improving access to community facilities and local services will be mixed as the strategy policy will not result in significant improvements in access due</p>		n/a

SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Rural Delivery Strategy		B&NES response:
					Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	
					to existing barriers and the nature of the rural area.		
Objective 2: Improve the health and well-being of all communities	<p>Improve Health</p> <p>Reduce Health inequalities</p> <p>Promote healthy lifestyles, especially routine daily exercise</p>	+ / -	+ / -	+ / -	<p>The rural delivery strategy gives support to the community facilities in villages where they already exist, which should help to maintain community cohesion and minimise social exclusion for members of the community, particularly the elderly and those reliant on public transport. This should help to support the health and well-being of some communities. However, the overall rural delivery strategy is for restricted growth in the rural areas, with some growth targeted at specific villages which meet the criteria set out in the Policy RA1 'appropriate development in the villages meeting the listed criteria'. Some housing, employment and community facilities development may be permitted through the 'exceptions policy', but even so, the rural delivery strategy does little to support the health and wellbeing of communities which do not meet the criteria set out in the Policy RA1 'appropriate development in the villages meeting the listed criteria'.</p>	<p>Mitigation: This negative effect should be mitigated by the Infrastructure Provision Core Policy which requires new development to be supported by the timely delivery of the required infrastructure to provide balanced and more self contained communities. The supporting text of the Infrastructure Provision Core Policy states that 'infrastructure' includes physical, social and green infrastructure. No action is therefore</p>	Agree - no action required.

SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Rural Delivery Strategy		B&NES response:
					Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	
					A mixed performance is therefore recorded.	required.	
Objective 3: Meet identified needs for sufficient, high quality and affordable housing	Help make suitable housing available and affordable for everyone	+	+	+	<p>The strategy includes a rural exceptions Policy which will permit 100% affordable housing in exception to other policies in the Core Strategy as long as there is demonstrated local need, the housing remains affordable in perpetuity, and the development is in scale and keeping with the form and character of its location. The policy also states that a small amount of market housing may be permitted if it is required to cross-subsidise affordable housing in order to ensure development viability. The supporting text refers to the need to provide a range of housing types and sizes within the rural area and Core Policy CP10 (Housing Mix) aims to achieve this.</p> <p>The rural delivery strategy therefore has a positive performance but as it is only likely to deliver low levels of housing in the rural area, therefore due to the scale of the effect it is considered to be a minor positive performance rather than a</p>		n/a

Rural Delivery Strategy							
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
					major positive performance.		
Objective 4: Promote stronger more vibrant and cohesive communities	Promote stronger more cohesive communities	+ / -	+ / -	+ / -	<p>The rural delivery strategy gives support to the community facilities in villages where they already exist, which should help to maintain community cohesion and minimise social exclusion for members of the community, particularly the elderly and those reliant on public transport. However, the overall rural delivery strategy is for restricted growth in the rural areas, with some growth targeted at specific villages which meet the criteria set out in the 'appropriate development in the villages meeting the listed criteria policy'. Some housing, employment and community facilities development may be permitted through the 'rural exceptions policy', but even so, the rural delivery strategy does little to support the vibrancy and cohesiveness of rural communities which do not meet the criteria set out in Policy RA1 'appropriate development in the villages meeting the listed criteria'.</p> <p>A mixed performance is therefore recorded.</p>	<p>Mitigation: This negative effect should be mitigated by the Infrastructure Provision Core Policy which requires new development to be supported by the timely delivery of the required infrastructure to provide balanced and more self contained communities. The supporting text of the Infrastructure Provision Core Policy states that 'infrastructure' includes physical, social and green infrastructure'. No action is therefore required.</p>	Agree no action required.

SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Rural Delivery Strategy			Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
		Short term	Med term	Long term			
Objective 5: Reduce anti-social behaviour, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce crime and fear of crime	0	0	0	This SA Objective is not relevant to the Rural Delivery Strategy.		n/a
Objective 6: Improve the availability and provision of training	Give everyone access to learning, training, skills and knowledge	0	0	0	The rural delivery strategy emphasises the importance of access to schools within the rural area and therefore this is a criterion of Policy RA1 'appropriate development in the villages meeting the listed criteria'. The rural delivery strategy does not discuss whether there are any capacity or access issues regarding educational facilities within the rural areas. The Infrastructure Core Policy requires new developments to provide or make contributions towards infrastructure needs arising from new developments. It is considered that the rural delivery strategy will have a neutral effect on this SA Objective because it will not improve the availability or provision of training.		n/a
Objective 7: Ensure communities	Give everyone in the region access to	+	+	+	The rural strategy puts in place some limited provision for employment. For example, Policy RA1 states that		n/a

SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Rural Delivery Strategy			Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
		Short term	Med term	Long term			
have access to a wide range of employment opportunities, paid or unpaid	<p>satisfying work opportunities, paid or unpaid</p> <p>Reduce poverty and income inequality</p> <p>Provide a diverse range of employment opportunities in a variety of sectors</p>				proposals for residential and employment development of a scale and character appropriate to the village will be acceptable. The rural economy section of the chapter states that in the larger villages, small scale employment development may be appropriate and potential site allocations will be considered through the Placemaking Plan.		
Objective 8: Enable local businesses to prosper	<p>Increase the circulation of wealth within the local authority area</p> <p>Reduce vulnerability of the economy to climate change and harness opportunities arising</p>	+	+	+	The rural strategy puts in place some limited provision for employment. For example, Policy RA1 states that proposals for residential and employment development of a scale and character appropriate to the village will be acceptable. The rural economy section of the chapter states that in the larger villages, small scale employment development may be appropriate and potential site allocations will be considered through the Placemaking Plan.		n/a



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		Short term	Med term	Long term			
Objective 9: Increase availability of local produce and materials	Meet local needs locally Support local food producers	+ / -	+ / -	+ / -	The rural delivery strategy does not address some barriers to accessing services and facilities which exist within some settlements in the rural area. This may restrict residents' ability to meet local needs locally. However, there are limited measures that the strategy can put in place in order to address this issue.		n/a
Objective 10: Ensure everyone has access to high quality and affordable public transport and promote cycling and walking	Make public transport, cycling and walking easier and more attractive	+ / -	+ / -	+ / -	Village facilities should be within walking and cycling distances for most people. The rural delivery strategy aims to maintain current levels of access to services and facilities in villages, including through a presumption for retention of village grocery shops and support for new community facilities and shops through partnership working. Policy RA3 Community Facilities and Shops supports proposals for development of community facilities or shops provided they are small scale and appropriate to meeting the needs of the parish. New housing development in the rural areas will be directed to the 'appropriate villages' which meet the criteria set out in Policy RA1 'appropriate development in the villages meeting the		n/a

Rural Delivery Strategy							
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
					<p>listed criteria’.</p> <p>Transport infrastructure which is due to be delivered within the plan period, including the Greater Bristol bus network will help to improve alternatives to the private car as a means of travelling to places like Bristol, Bath and the Somer Valley from certain villages within the rural area including Temple Cloud, Clutton and Peasedown St John. However, for other villages within the rural area, public transport provision is not likely to improve as a result of the rural delivery strategy.</p> <p>It is considered that the rural delivery strategy will have a minor positive effect with regards to the villages which meet the criteria set out in Policy RA1 ‘appropriate development in the villages meeting the listed criteria’ and villages which currently contain some facilities and access to public transport. However, a minor negative effect is also recorded because the rural delivery strategy is unlikely to be able to improve walking and cycling access to facilities and access to public transport for other villages within the rural area.</p>		

SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Rural Delivery Strategy			Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
		Short term	Med term	Long term			
Objective 11: Reduce the need and desire to travel by car	Reduce the need/desire to travel by car	+ / -	+ / -	+ / -	The rural delivery strategy aims to locate new housing development in villages which have some facilities e.g. school and shop so that not all trips have to be undertaken by car or by public transport. The rural delivery strategy therefore is attempting to address the issue of high car dependency for residents of rural areas and potential isolation for those who do not have access to cars and therefore a minor positive effect is recorded. The district-wide strategy also proposes only a small proportion of new housing development (approximately 7%) within the rural area. However, the rural delivery strategy cannot eliminate the issue of high car use within the rural areas and therefore a minor negative effect is identified.		n/a
Objective 12: Protect and enhance local distinctiveness	Protect and enhance landscape and townscape Value and protect diversity and	+ / ?	+ / ?	+ / ?	The overall rural delivery strategy is for restricted growth in the rural areas, with some growth targeted at specific villages which meet the criteria set out in Policy RA1 'appropriate development in the villages meeting the listed criteria'. The policies set out within the rural delivery strategy require development to be in	Mitigation: Landscape and visual assessment should be undertaken prior to any Greenfield development. This should be a	Agree. Landscape and visual assessment of any Greenfield

SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Rural Delivery Strategy		B&NES response:
					Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	
	local distinctiveness including rural ways of life				<p>scale and keeping with the form and character of its location. The rural delivery strategy does not require any strategic alteration to the Green Belt.</p> <p>The rural delivery strategy may lead to the development of Greenfield sites, particularly at the villages which meet the criteria of Policy RA1 'appropriate development in the villages meeting the listed criteria'. However, only 250 new dwellings are directed to these villages, which will result in small scale housing developments of up to and around 30 dwellings at each of these villages, the scale of Greenfield development for housing is not significant. Similarly, the scale of any Greenfield development for economic uses resulting from the rural delivery strategy is not expected to be significant.</p> <p>However, development of Greenfield locations could pose risks of localised landscape and visual effects which should be assessed as part of planning applications.</p>	requirement of development management policy in the forthcoming Place Making DPD.	development will be considered in the Place Making DPD.
Objective 13: Protect and enhance the	Maintain and enhance cultural and	+ / ?	+ / ?	+ / ?	The overall rural delivery strategy is for restricted growth in the rural areas, with some growth targeted at specific villages	Mitigation: Archaeological assessment	Agree. Archaeological

SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Rural Delivery Strategy			Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
		Short term	Med term	Long term			
district's historic, environmental and cultural assets	historical assets				<p>which meet the criteria set out in Policy RA1 'appropriate development in the villages meeting the listed criteria'. The policies set out within the rural delivery strategy require development to be in scale and keeping with the form and character of its location.</p> <p>The rural delivery strategy may lead to the development of Greenfield sites, particularly at the villages which meet the criteria of Policy RA1 'appropriate development in the villages meeting the listed criteria'. However, only 250 new dwellings are directed to these villages, which will result in small scale housing developments of up to and around 30 dwellings at each of these villages, the scale of Greenfield development for housing is not significant. Similarly, the scale of any Greenfield development for economic uses resulting from the rural delivery strategy is not expected to be significant. However, Greenfield development could result in disturbance of archaeology and therefore uncertainty is recorded.</p>	should be undertaken prior to any Greenfield development. This should be a requirement of development management policy in the forthcoming Place Making DPD.	assessment of any Greenfield development will be considered in the Place Making DPD.

SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Rural Delivery Strategy			Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
		Short term	Med term	Long term			
Objective 14: Encourage and protect habitats and biodiversity. (taking account of climate change)	Protect and enhance habitats and species (taking account of climate change)	+ / ?	+ / ?	+ / ?	<p>The overall rural delivery strategy is for restricted growth in the rural areas, with some growth targeted at specific villages which meet the criteria set out in Policy RA1 'appropriate development in the villages meeting the listed criteria'. The policies set out within the rural delivery strategy require development to be in scale and keeping with the form and character of its location.</p> <p>The rural delivery strategy may lead to the development of Greenfield sites, particularly at the villages which meet the criteria of Policy RA1 'appropriate development in the villages meeting the listed criteria'. However, only 250 new dwellings are directed to these villages, which will result in small scale housing developments of up to and around 30 dwellings at each of these villages, the scale of Greenfield development for housing is not significant. Similarly, the scale of any Greenfield development for economic uses resulting from the rural delivery strategy is not expected to be significant.</p> <p>However, development of Greenfield locations could pose risks of impacts on</p>	<p>Mitigation: Ecological assessment should be undertaken prior to development of Greenfield sites. This should be a requirement of development management policy in the forthcoming Place Making DPD which should also require ecological assessment of brownfield sites.</p>	<p>Agree. Ecological assessment of any Greenfield development will be considered in the Place Making DPD.</p>

SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Rural Delivery Strategy			Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
		Short term	Med term	Long term			
					<p>ecology and biodiversity which should be assessed as part of planning applications.</p> <p>The rural delivery strategy makes reference to the need for the re-use of rural buildings to be subject to the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010.</p>		
Objective 15: Reduce land, water, air, light, noise pollution	Minimise land, water, air, light, noise pollution	0	0	0	<p>The scale of development proposed within the rural delivery strategy is not likely to result in any increases in land, water, light and noise pollution.</p> <p>Increasing housing within the rural areas (to the scale of 250 new dwellings over the plan period) could increase commuting into the larger settlements in and around the district which could exacerbate air quality issues in these settlements. However, transport infrastructure which is due to be delivered within the plan period, including the greater Bristol bus network will help to improve alternatives to the private car as a means of travelling to places like Bristol, Bath and the Somer</p>		n/a

Rural Delivery Strategy							
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
					<p>Valley from certain villages within the rural area including Temple Cloud, Clutton and Peasedown St John.</p> <p>Overall, a neutral performance is recorded because the rural delivery strategy will not result in a significant improvement or worsening of existing situations.</p>		
Objective 16: Encourage sustainable construction	<p>Development that demonstrates sustainable design and construction</p> <p>Minimise consumption and extraction of minerals</p>	0	0	0	This SA Objective is not relevant to the rural delivery strategy. This issue is dealt with by the Renewable Energy and Sustainable Construction Core Policy.		n/a
Objective 17: Ensure the	Reduce non-renewable	0	0	0	This SA Objective is not relevant to the rural delivery strategy. This issue is dealt		n/a



SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Rural Delivery Strategy		B&NES response:
					Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	
development of sustainable and/or local energy sources and energy infrastructure	energy consumption and 'greenhouse' emissions  Promote sustainable energy generation and distribution				with by the Renewable Energy and Sustainable Construction Core Policy.		
Objective 18: Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account of climate change)	Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account of climate change)  Enable us to cope with hotter, drier summers (shade, ventilation,	+	+	+	The baseline data does not indicate any flood risk issues at the villages currently identified as meeting the criteria at policy RA1.  The rural delivery strategy may lead to the development of Greenfield sites, particularly at the villages which meet the criteria of Policy RA1 'appropriate development in the villages meeting the listed criteria'. However, only 250 new dwellings are directed to these villages, which will result in small scale housing developments of up to and around 30 dwellings at each of these villages, the		n/a

SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...  ground conditions etc.)	Rural Delivery Strategy			Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
		Short term	Med term	Long term			
					<p>scale of Greenfield development for housing is not significant. Similarly, the scale of any Greenfield development for economic uses resulting from the rural delivery strategy is not expected to be significant.</p> <p>Consideration of climate change adaptation is a requirement of Policy CP2 Sustainable Construction.</p>		
Objective 19: Encourage careful and efficient use of natural resources	<p>Promote the conservation and wise use of land</p> <p>Keep water consumption within local carrying capacity limits (taking account of climate change)</p> <p>Minimise</p>	0	0	0	<p>Consumption and extraction of water and minerals are not relevant to the rural delivery strategy.</p> <p>The rural delivery strategy may lead to the development of Greenfield sites, particularly at the villages which meet the criteria of Policy RA1 'appropriate development in the villages meeting the listed criteria'. However, only 250 new dwellings are directed to these villages, which will result in small scale housing developments of up to and around 30 dwellings at each of these villages, the scale of Greenfield development for housing is not significant. Similarly, the scale of any Greenfield development for</p>		n/a

SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Rural Delivery Strategy			Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
		Short term	Med term	Long term			
	consumption and extraction of minerals				<p>economic uses resulting from the rural delivery strategy is not expected to be significant.</p> <p>The overall performance of the rural delivery strategy is therefore neutral.</p>		
-Objective 20: Promote waste management accordance with the waste hierarchy (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle)	Reduce waste not put to any use	0	0	0	This SA Objective is not relevant to the rural delivery strategy.		n/a

### Overall Commentary:

The rural delivery strategy generally has a mixed or neutral performance with regards to the SA Objectives. With regards to a number of the SA objectives, the strategy has the potential to have both a minor positive and a minor negative performance. This is because the rural delivery strategy aims to maintain current levels of access to services and facilities in villages, including through a presumption for retention of village grocery shops and support for new community facilities and shops.

New housing development in the rural areas will be directed to the 'appropriate villages' which meet the criteria set out in Policy RA1 'appropriate development in the villages meeting the listed criteria' which includes consideration of the number of facilities in the village and access to public transport. However, this does not address barriers to access to services and facilities experienced by other villages and therefore negative effects have also been recorded. The ability for the rural delivery strategy to address all barriers to access to services and facilities experienced by other villages is limited. Such mixed performances have been recorded with regards to the following SA Objectives:

- Objective 1: Improve accessibility to community facilities and local services;
- Objective 2: Improve the health and well-being of all communities;
- Objective 4: Promote stronger more *vibrant and* cohesive communities;
- Objective 9: Increase availability of local produce and materials;
- Objective 10: Ensure everyone has access to high quality and affordable public transport and promote cycling and walking; and
- Objective 11: Reduce the need and desire to travel by car.

The performance of the rural delivery strategy with regards to a number of the SA Objectives was minor positive but with some uncertainty, because the scale of development proposed in the rural areas is not significant, however, it could involve the development of Greenfield land and therefore some uncertainty exists with regards to potential effects relating to landscape and visual, ecology and biodiversity and archaeology. This relates to the following SA Objectives:

- Objective 12: Protect and enhance local distinctiveness;
- Objective 13: Protect and enhance the district's historic, environmental and cultural assets; and
- Objective 14: Encourage and protect habitats and biodiversity (taking account of climate change).

Uncertain effects were identified in relation to Objective 18: Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account of climate change).

A potential negative cumulative effect has been identified in relation to housing development putting pressure on existing facilities, such as schools, public transport, and Park and Ride facilities. This effect should be mitigated by the Infrastructure Provision Core Policy which requires new development to be supported by the timely delivery of the required infrastructure to provide balanced and more self contained communities. The supporting text of the Infrastructure Provision Core Policy states that 'infrastructure' includes physical, social and green infrastructure. However, policy wording is needed to ensure that housing developments consider the potential for cumulative effects with regard to social infrastructure / community facilities.

Mitigation is put forward to address the potential negative effects and the uncertain effects identified, as follows:

- Landscape and visual assessment should be undertaken prior to any Greenfield development. This should be a requirement of development management policy in the forthcoming Place Making DPD.
- Archaeological assessment should be undertaken prior to any Greenfield development. This should be a requirement of development management policy in the forthcoming Place Making DPD;
- Ecological assessment should be undertaken prior to development of Greenfield sites. This should be a requirement of development management policy in the forthcoming Place Making DPD which should also require ecological assessment of brownfield sites;
- Policy wording is needed to ensure that applications for housing developments consider the potential for cumulative effects with regard to social infrastructure / community facilities; and
- The potential negative effects on SA Objectives 2 and 4 should be mitigated by the Infrastructure Provision Core Policy which requires new development to be supported by the timely delivery of the required infrastructure to provide balanced and more self contained communities. The supporting text of the Infrastructure Provision Core Policy states that 'infrastructure' includes physical, social and green infrastructure. No action is therefore required.

Since the Rural Strategy was appraised, the supporting text of the Infrastructure Provision Core Policy has been amended to refer to the need for potential cumulative effects to be considered which should offset the potential negative cumulative effect identified. No further changes were required but the responses from the policy authors have removed the uncertainty recorded in the appraisal with regards to SA objectives 12, 13 and 14.

Core Policies Energy Hierarchy, CPI Retrofitting Existing Buildings, CP2 Sustainable Construction, CP3 Renewable Energy, CP4 District Heating							
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
Objective 1: Improve accessibility to community facilities and local services	Help everyone access basic services easily, safely and affordably Increase access to and participation in community and cultural facilities and activities	N/A	N/A	N/A	Policies CP1-CP4 are not relevant to this SA Objective. Accessibility to services and facilities is dealt with in the area-based chapters, the Infrastructure Provision Core Policy (CP13) and the District Wide Spatial Strategy (DW1).		n/a
Objective 2: Improve the health and well-being of all communities	Improve Health Reduce Health inequalities Promote healthy lifestyles, especially routine daily exercise	+	+	+	Policy CP1 could help to reduce improve the insulation of existing homes which could reduce adverse health impacts of cold weather in winter and possibly overheating in summer. Policy CP1 should also help to address fuel poverty. Poor insulation and cold housing can also be linked to other health issues.		n/a
Objective 3: Meet identified	Help make suitable housing available and	+	+	+	Policy CP2 Sustainable Construction encourages sustainable design which should help to reduce running costs of	Recommendation: Major developments	Reference to national legislation that

Core Policies Energy Hierarchy, CPI Retrofitting Existing Buildings, CP2 Sustainable Construction, CP3 Renewable Energy, CP4 District Heating							
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
needs for sufficient, high quality and affordable housing	affordable for everyone				new homes in the district. Similarly, Policy CP1 aims to improve energy efficiency in existing homes which should reduce running costs in existing dwellings.	should be defined or a reference provided to where major developments are defined if it is elsewhere in the Core Strategy.	defines major development has been added.
Objective 4: Promote stronger more vibrant and cohesive communities	Promote stronger more cohesive communities	0	0	0	Policies CP1-CP4 are not relevant to this SA Objective although communities may be involved in delivering these policies such as retrofitting and CHP schemes. However, overall, a neutral effect is considered to apply.		n/a
Objective 5: Reduce anti-social behaviour, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce crime and fear of crime	+	+	+	Policy CP2 requires all housing developments to achieve Code level 3 and higher standards over forthcoming years. Code for sustainable homes includes consideration of safety through design and this should ensure that developments are designed to be		n/a

Core Policies Energy Hierarchy, CPI Retrofitting Existing Buildings, CP2 Sustainable Construction, CP3 Renewable Energy, CP4 District Heating							
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
					safe.		
Objective 6: Improve the availability and provision of training	Give everyone access to learning, training, skills and knowledge	0	0	0	Policies CP1 to CP4 support the growing renewable and low carbon energy sector and could encourage improved skills in this sector. Policy CP1 encourages the use of skills in retrofitting energy efficiency measures and fitting micro-renewables to historic buildings. However, the overall performance is deemed to be neutral as the policies do not in themselves improve the availability and provision of training.		n/a
Objective 7: Ensure communities have access to a wide range of employment opportunities, paid or unpaid	Give everyone in the region access to satisfying work opportunities, paid or unpaid Reduce poverty and income inequality Provide a diverse range of	++	++	++	Policies CP1 to CP4 support the growing renewable and low carbon energy sector. Policy CP1 encourages the use of skills in retrofitting energy efficiency measures and fitting micro-renewables to historic buildings. Policy CP3 Renewable Energy includes criteria against which proposals will be considered and these include potential economic benefits including local job creation opportunities.		n/a



Core Policies Energy Hierarchy, CPI Retrofitting Existing Buildings, CP2 Sustainable Construction, CP3 Renewable Energy, CP4 District Heating							
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
	employment opportunities in a variety of sectors						
Objective 8: Enable local businesses to prosper	Increase the circulation of wealth within the local authority area Reduce vulnerability of the economy to climate change and harness opportunities arising	++	++	++	Policies CP1 to CP4 support the growing renewable and low carbon energy sector and Policy CP1 encourages the use of skills in retrofitting energy efficiency measures and fitting micro-renewables to historic buildings which could help support local businesses in these sectors. These sectors respond to the opportunities arising from climate change.		n/a
Objective 9: Increase availability of local produce and materials	Meet local needs locally Support local food producers	+	+	+	Policies CP1, CP2, CP3 and CP4 all have the potential to support the use of local produce and materials relating to insulation products and renewable fuels such as wood.		n/a
Objective 10: Ensure	Make public transport, cycling	N/A	N/A	N/A	Policies CP1-CP4 are not relevant to this SA Objective. The provision of new		n/a

Core Policies Energy Hierarchy, CPI Retrofitting Existing Buildings, CP2 Sustainable Construction, CP3 Renewable Energy, CP4 District Heating							
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
everyone has access to high quality and affordable public transport and promote cycling and walking	and walking easier and more attractive				transport related infrastructure is dealt with in the Infrastructure Provision Core Policy (CP13) and the area-based strategies. Access to services and facilities by walking, cycling and public transport are dealt with in the area-based strategies and the District Wide Spatial Strategy (DW1).		
Objective 11: Reduce the need and desire to travel by car	Reduce the need/desire to travel by car	N/A	N/A	N/A	Policies CP1-CP4 are not relevant to this SA Objective. Reducing the need to travel by car is dealt with in the area-based strategies and the District Wide Spatial Strategy (DW1).		n/a
Objective 12: Protect and enhance local distinctiveness	Protect and enhance landscape and townscape Value and protect diversity and local distinctiveness	++	++	++	Policy CP4 encourages the use of district heating schemes which in urban areas, can have a lower visual impact than other low and zero carbon energy generation options. Policy CP1 encourages the retrofitting of micro-renewables and energy efficiency measures into historic buildings whilst		n/a

Core Policies Energy Hierarchy, CPI Retrofitting Existing Buildings, CP2 Sustainable Construction, CP3 Renewable Energy, CP4 District Heating							
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
	including rural ways of life				retaining the special characteristics of heritage assets. Policy CP3 encourages renewable energy proposals, including large scale free standing installations with consideration of environmental impact.		
Objective 13: Protect and enhance the district's historic, environmental and cultural assets	Maintain and enhance cultural and historical assets	--	--	--	Policy CP4 encourages the use of district heating schemes which in urban areas, can have a lower visual impact than other low and zero carbon energy generation options. Policy CP1 encourages the retrofitting of micro-renewables and energy efficiency measures into historic buildings whilst retaining the special characteristics of heritage assets. Policy CP3 encourages renewable energy proposals, including large scale free standing installations with consideration of environmental impact. However, a potential negative effect is identified because underground distribution systems associated with CHP could conflict with below ground archaeology, particularly in Bath.	Mitigation: The need to assess potential impacts on archaeology when considering feasibility of CHP should be highlighted within policy CP4 or within the supporting text.	Reference now included in supporting text – this has underpinned the research approach and so mitigation of these impacts and avoidance of areas of high risk has been taken.

Core Policies Energy Hierarchy, CPI Retrofitting Existing Buildings, CP2 Sustainable Construction, CP3 Renewable Energy, CP4 District Heating							
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
Objective 14: Encourage and protect habitats and biodiversity. (taking account of climate change)	Protect and enhance habitats and species (taking account of climate change)	++	++	++	Policy CP3 encourages renewable energy proposals, including large scale free standing installations with consideration of environmental impact. Policy CP6 Environmental Policy (appraised separately) provides protection of habitats and species of principal importance which would therefore protect bat species which could be affected by wind turbines and construction in the countryside.		n/a
Objective 15: Reduce land, water, air, light, noise pollution	Minimise land, water, air, light, noise pollution	++	++	++	Policy CP3 encourages renewable energy proposals, including large scale free standing installations with consideration of environmental impact. This will need to include air quality, particularly in Bath where it is an existing problem and where biomass boilers could exacerbate this issue. Any construction related impacts would be controlled through development control policies. Policies CP1 to CP4 and the energy hierarchy policy will all help to reduce carbon emissions in the district.		n/a

Core Policies Energy Hierarchy, CPI Retrofitting Existing Buildings, CP2 Sustainable Construction, CP3 Renewable Energy, CP4 District Heating							
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
Objective 16: Encourage sustainable construction	Development that demonstrates sustainable design and construction Minimise consumption and extraction of minerals	+	+	+	Policy CP2 requires new development to integrate sustainable design and construction and requires planning applications to be supported by a complete Sustainable Construction Checklist and provision of evidence in the Design and Access Statement. Criteria set out in the policy require waste, conserving water resources, the type, life cycle and source of materials to be addressed in developments.	Recommendation: the criteria set out in the policy could be clearer in promoting resource efficiency by inserting the word 'minimisation' after the word 'waste and inserting the words 'efficiency in materials use, including' in front of 'The type, life cycle....'	Suggested changes made.
Objective 17: Ensure the development of sustainable and/or local	Reduce non-renewable energy consumption and 'greenhouse' emissions Promote sustainable energy	++	++	++	The energy hierarchy policy and policies CP1, CP2, CP3 and CP4 all work towards reducing non-renewable energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions and promote sustainable energy generation and distribution.		n/a

Core Policies Energy Hierarchy, CPI Retrofitting Existing Buildings, CP2 Sustainable Construction, CP3 Renewable Energy, CP4 District Heating							
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
energy sources and energy infrastructure	generation and distribution						
Objective 18: Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account of climate change)	Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account of climate change) Enable us to cope with hotter, drier summers (shade, ventilation, ground conditions etc.)	++	++	++	Policy CP2 requires planning applications to demonstrate that they have given consideration of climate change adaptation.  Flood risk is dealt with in the supporting text and this requires FRA in line with PPS25 for planning applications in flood risk zones 2 and 3 and for all developments over 1ha.		n/a
Objective 19: Encourage careful and efficient use of natural resources	Promote the conservation and wise use of land Keep water consumption within local carrying capacity limits (taking	++	++	++	Policy CP2 requires all housing developments to achieve Code level 3 and higher standards over forthcoming years. The policy also requires non-residential development to achieve BREEAM Excellent from 2019. Code for sustainable homes and BREEAM award credits for water efficiency,		n/a

Core Policies Energy Hierarchy, CPI Retrofitting Existing Buildings, CP2 Sustainable Construction, CP3 Renewable Energy, CP4 District Heating							
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
	account of climate change) Minimise consumption and extraction of minerals				materials efficiency and efficient use of land. In the Code, some water and materials standards are mandatory. Policy CP2 also requires development proposals to provide information on the type, lifecycle and source of materials to be used, flexibility of buildings to allow future adaptation, conserving water resource and energy efficiency.		
Objective 20: Promote waste management accordance with the waste hierarchy (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle)	Reduce waste not put to any use	+	+	+	Policy CP2 requires all housing developments to achieve Code level 3 and higher standards over forthcoming years. The policy also requires non-residential development to achieve BREEAM Excellent from 2019. The Code awards credits for providing space for recyclables to be stored and collected and for the provision of composting facilities. Policy CP2 also requires development proposals to provide information on waste and recycling during construction and operation.	Recommendation: Policy CP2 could specifically encourage the reuse and recycling of Bath stone and demolition material.	This is too specific and is covered in the general criteria.

**Overall Commentary:**

The energy hierarchy policy and policies CP1 to CP4 generally perform well against the SA Objectives. A number of potential significant positive effects have been identified in relation to the following SA Objectives:

- Objective 7: Ensure communities have access to a wide range of employment opportunities, paid or unpaid;
- Objective 8: Enable local businesses to prosper;
- Objective 12: Protect and enhance local distinctiveness;
- Objective 14: Encourage and protect habitats and biodiversity (taking account of climate change);
- Objective 15: Reduce land, water, air, light, noise pollution;
- Objective 17: Ensure the development of sustainable and/or local energy sources and energy infrastructure;
- Objective 18: Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account of climate change); and
- Objective 19: Encourage careful and efficient use of natural resources.

Potential minor positive effects were identified in relation to the following SA Objectives:

- Objective 2: Improve the health and well-being of all communities;
- Objective 3: Meet identified needs for sufficient, high quality and affordable housing;
- Objective 5: Reduce anti-social behaviour, crime and the fear of crime;
- Objective 9: Increase availability of local produce and materials;
- Objective 16: Encourage sustainable construction; and
- Objective 20: Promote waste management accordance with the waste hierarchy.

One potential major negative effect was identified in relation to Objective 13: Protect and enhance the district's historic, environmental and cultural assets. The following mitigation measure is put forward to address the effect as follows:

- The need to assess potential impacts on archaeology when considering feasibility of CHP should be highlighted within policy CP4 or within the supporting text.

No uncertain effects have been identified.

A potential positive cumulative effect has been identified which is that the measures encourages through the energy hierarchy policy and policies CP1 to CP4 could result in an overall cumulative effect on reducing greenhouse gas emissions.



A number of recommendations have been put forward to improve the policy, as follows:

- Major developments in relation to policy CP2 should be defined or a reference provided to where major developments are defined if it is elsewhere in the Core Strategy.
- The criteria set out in policy CP2 could be clearer in promoting resource efficiency by inserting the word 'minimisation' after the word 'waste and inserting the words 'efficiency in materials use, including' in front of 'The type, life cycle....'
- Policy CP2 could specifically encourage the reuse and recycling of Bath stone and demolition material.
- Greater clarity is needed for policy CP2 to indicate that it is applicable to major developments only. Suggest the policy is adjusted to say:

*"An exception to the delivery of the BREEAM and Code standards ~~this policy~~ will only be made where it can be demonstrated that meeting the provisions of this policy would render development unviable."*

- Greater clarity is needed for policy CP3/4 to indicate that it is applicable to major developments only. Suggest the policy is adjusted to say:

*"Any impact of this policy on the viability of schemes will be given careful consideration. Major developments will require an energy strategy that clearly demonstrates early consideration of appropriate energy supply and management."*

With regards to references to Code for sustainable homes assessments within policy CP2, the following amendments to policy wording are recommended:

- Reference to 'design stage assessments' should be changed to 'pre-assessments' and a recommendation should be included that pre-assessments are undertaken by an accredited assessor; and
- 'Post-construction' assessments should replace 'post occupancy' assessments.

The policies have since been amended in line with the mitigation and recommended enhancement measures put forward above. The changes made in response to the recommendations have improved the performance of the policies. The change made in response to the mitigation measure has offset the potential major negative effects with regards to SA Objective 13 and the performance will now be neutral over the short, medium and long terms.

The changes to the policy clarify the exceptions to it. By doing this it allows developers to achieve lower levels of performance where it is not demonstrated to be viable. How this might manifest its self over the plan period is uncertain and so in its current form there is no material effect on the scoring.

					Policy CP5 Flood Risk Management		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	BANES response
Objective 1: Improve accessibility to community facilities and local services	Help everyone access basic services easily, safely and affordably Increase access to and participation in community and cultural facilities and activities	0	0	0	This policy is unlikely to have a relationship with access to services and facilities.		n/a
Objective 2: Improve the health and well-being of all communities	Improve Health Reduce Health inequalities Promote healthy lifestyles, especially routine daily exercise	+	+	+	This policy requires any development in areas at risk of flooding to be safe throughout its lifetime, by incorporating mitigation measures either on or offsite, as appropriate. This policy also requires all developments to incorporate SuDS in order to reduce surface water runoff and minimise contribution to flood risks elsewhere.		n/a.
Objective 3: Meet identified needs for sufficient, high quality and affordable housing	Help make suitable housing available and affordable for everyone	0	0	0	This policy will not provide housing for the district however, the policy will ensure that housing is built in areas of lower flood risk. If housing is built in areas at risk from flooding this policy requires the development to be safe throughout its lifetime by		n/a.

					Policy CP5 Flood Risk Management		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	BANES response
					incorporating mitigation measures. Therefore a neutral performance is recorded.		
Objective 4: Promote stronger more vibrant and cohesive communities	Promote stronger more cohesive communities	+	+	+	By ensuring that new developments are not at risk from flooding and do not exacerbate flood risk elsewhere, this policy supports the achievement of this SA Objective by supporting stronger communities.		n/a.
Objective 5: Reduce anti-social behaviour, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce crime and fear of crime	0	0	0	This policy will not affect crime and anti-social behaviour.		n/a.
Objective 6: Improve the availability and provision of training	Give everyone access to learning, training, skills and knowledge	0	0	0	This policy will not affect the availability and provision of training.		n/a.
Objective 7: Ensure communities have access to a wide range of employment	Give everyone in the region access to satisfying work opportunities, paid or unpaid Reduce poverty and	0	0	0	This policy will not affect the provision of jobs but will help to ensure that employment areas are protected from flood risk, however, overall, a neutral effect is recorded.		n/a.

					Policy CP5 Flood Risk Management		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	BANES response
opportunities, paid or unpaid	income inequality Provide a diverse range of employment opportunities in a variety of sectors						
Objective 8: Enable local businesses to prosper	Increase the circulation of wealth within the local authority area Reduce vulnerability of the economy to climate change and harness opportunities arising	0	0	0	This policy will not affect the provision of employment development land but will help to ensure that employment areas are protected from flood risk, however, overall, a neutral effect is recorded.		n/a.
Objective 9: Increase availability of local produce and materials	Meet local needs locally Support local food producers	0	0	0	This policy is not likely to support local food producers or increase the availability of local produce and materials.		n/a
Objective 10: Ensure everyone has access to high quality and affordable public transport and promote cycling and walking	Make public transport, cycling and walking easier and more attractive	0	0	0	This policy is not likely to affect access to high quality and affordable public transport or promote cycling and walking.		n/a.
Objective 11: Reduce the need	Reduce the need/desire to travel by car	0	0	0	This policy is not likely to affect reduce the need and desire to		n/a.

					Policy CP5 Flood Risk Management		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	BANES response
and desire to travel by car					travel by car.		
Objective 12: Protect and enhance local distinctiveness	Protect and enhance landscape and townscape  Value and protect diversity and local distinctiveness including rural ways of life	0	0	0	This policy is unlikely to affect local distinctiveness.		n/a.
Objective 13: Protect and enhance the district's historic, environmental and cultural assets	Maintain and enhance cultural and historical assets	+	+	+	This policy may support the protection of the district's historic, environmental and cultural assets, through ensuring that new developments do not exacerbate any flood risk elsewhere.		n/a.
Objective 14: Encourage and protect habitats and biodiversity (taking account of climate change)	Protect and enhance habitats and species (taking account of climate change)	+	+	+	This policy does not mention the relationship between flooding and habitats and species, although as an indirect effect of the policy, it may well provide new habitats through the provision of SuDS. Policy CP7 Green Infrastructure supports the protection, expansion and enhancement of the green	Recommendation: this policy could promote SuDs which provide wildlife habitats as well as surface water management, where appropriate.	Additional explanatory text included.

					Policy CP5 Flood Risk Management		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	BANES response
					infrastructure network across the district. The policy promotes a multi-functional green infrastructure network which could include SuDS.		
Objective 15: Reduce land, water, air, light, noise pollution	Minimise land, water, air, light, noise pollution	0	0	0	This policy is not likely to have an effect on pollution levels.		n/a.
Objective 16: Encourage sustainable construction	Development that demonstrates sustainable design and construction Minimise consumption and extraction of minerals	+	+	+	This policy supports this SA Objective by ensuring that developments are sustainable with regards to flood risk and surface water management. This policy also requires developments to be safe throughout their lifetime.		n/a.
Objective 17: Ensure the development of sustainable and/or local energy sources and energy infrastructure	Reduce non-renewable energy consumption and 'greenhouse' emissions Promote sustainable energy generation and distribution	0	0	0	This policy is not likely to have an effect on generation of energy.		n/a.
Objective 18: Reduce	Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk	++	++	++	This policy requires development in the district to		n/a.

					Policy CP5 Flood Risk Management		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	BANES response
vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account of climate change)	(taking account of climate change) Enable us to cope with hotter, drier summers (shade, ventilation, ground conditions etc.)				follow a sequential approach to flood risk management, giving priority to the development of sites with the lowest risk of flooding and taking into account the vulnerability of the development. The policy requires development to be safe throughout its lifetime through on-site flood defence work and/or contribution towards offsite measures as necessary. All developments are expected to incorporate SUDS, which will be approved, adopted and maintained by BANES as the SuDS Approving Body. SuDs could help us to cope with hotter, drier summers through the provision of standing water.		
Objective 19: Encourage careful and efficient use of natural resources	Promote the conservation and wise use of land Keep water consumption within local carrying capacity limits (taking account of climate change) Minimise consumption and	+	+	+	This policy promote the use of SuDs in new developments which support the infiltration of water into soils and rocks, where appropriate ground conditions occur. This supports the conservation of water		n/a.

					Policy CP5 Flood Risk Management		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	BANES response
	extraction of minerals				resources. This policy is unlikely to affect consumption of resources.		
Objective 20: Promote waste management accordance with the waste hierarchy (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle)	Reduce waste not put to any use	0	0	0	This policy is not likely to affect waste management or waste arisings.		n/a.



**Overall Commentary:**

This Flood Risk Policy is not relevant to a number of SA Objectives, but where it is relevant, the policy generally performs well. No potential negative or uncertain effects have been identified.

A potential major positive effect has been identified in relation to Objective 18: Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account of climate change).

Potential minor positive effects have been identified in relation to the following SA Objectives:

- Objective 2: Improve the health and well-being of all communities;
- Objective 4: Promote stronger more vibrant and cohesive communities;
- Objective 13: Protect and enhance the district's historic, environmental and cultural assets;
- Objective 14: Encourage and protect habitats and biodiversity (taking account of climate change);
- Objective 16: Encourage sustainable construction; and
- Objective 19: Encourage careful and efficient use of natural resources.

No potential cumulative effects have been identified.

A recommendation has been put forward to improve the performance of the policy as follows:

- This policy could promote SuDs which provide wildlife habitats as well as surface water management, where appropriate.

Since the policy was appraised, the policy has been improved through the addition of explanatory text in response to the recommendation made in the appraisal.

					Policy CP6 Environmental Quality		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
Objective 1: Improve accessibility to community facilities and local services	Help everyone access basic services easily, safely and affordably Increase access to and participation in community and cultural facilities and activities	0	0	0	Policy CP6 supports sustainable opportunities for improved access to nature conservation, landscape and heritage assets which could potentially increase participation in community and cultural activities, however, overall it is considered that the performance against this SA Objective is neutral.		n/a
Objective 2: Improve the health and well-being of all communities	Improve Health Reduce Health inequalities Promote healthy lifestyles, especially routine daily exercise	+	+	+	Policy CP6 supports the achievement of this SA Objective through protecting and enhancing the environments in which residents work and spend leisure time and the policy supports sustainable opportunities for improved access to nature conservation, landscape and heritage assets. These factors should help to improve the well being.		n/a
Objective 3: Meet identified	Help make suitable housing	N/A	N/A	N/A	This policy is not relevant to this SA Objective. The provision of housing is dealt with in policies CP9 and		n/a

Policy CP6 Environmental Quality							
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
needs for sufficient, high quality and affordable housing	available and affordable for everyone				CP10.		
Objective 4: Promote stronger more vibrant and cohesive communities	Promote stronger more cohesive communities	0	0	0	The High Quality Design part of Policy CP6 aims to implement high quality and inclusive design which reinforces and contributes to the built environment and creates attractive, inspiring and safe places. The policy also requires <u>all development schemes with a residential component will be assessed using the Building for Life methodology. It does not specify what level the development should meet (although it does suggest 'good' standard as a guide).</u> The criteria include access to community facilities and whether the housing provided in the development meets the needs and aspirations of the community.		n/a
Objective 5: Reduce anti-social	Reduce crime and fear of	+	+	+	The High Quality Design part of Policy CP6 aims to implement high quality and inclusive design which	Recommendation: Policy CP6 would perform better if	Policy CP6 is a high level strategic policy

					Policy CP6 Environmental Quality		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
behaviour, crime and the fear of crime	crime				creates safe places.	housing schemes were also required to comply with the principles of Secured by Design.	and applies to all design issues not specifically housing. Clause 1 seeks to implement high quality and safe places. One way of achieving this is could be through compliance with the principles of Secured by Design which would be a material consideration when considering housing proposals. The need for more detailed design policies can be considered through the preparation of the Placemaking DPD.

					Policy CP6 Environmental Quality		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
Objective 6: Improve the availability and provision of training	Give everyone access to learning, training, skills and knowledge	N/A	N/A	N/A	This policy is not relevant to this SA Objective. Addressing skills issues and provision of education facilities are dealt with in the area based policies and Policy CP13 Infrastructure Provision.		n/a
Objective 7: Ensure communities have access to a wide range of employment opportunities, paid or unpaid	Give everyone in the region access to satisfying work opportunities, paid or unpaid Reduce poverty and income inequality Provide a diverse range of employment opportunities in a variety of sectors	N/A	N/A	N/A	This policy is not relevant to this SA Objective. Provision of new employment opportunities is dealt with in the District Wide Spatial Strategy (DW1) and the area based policies.		n/a
Objective 8: Enable local businesses to	Increase the circulation of wealth within	++	++	++	Policy CP6 aims to protect and enhance the historic environment, landscape and nature conservation		n/a

					Policy CP6 Environmental Quality		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
prosper	the local authority area Reduce vulnerability of the economy to climate change and harness opportunities arising				– all of which contribute to the tourism sector within the district. The policy makes reference to addressing the impact of climate change with regards to nature conservation, landscape and heritage assets.		
Objective 9: Increase availability of local produce and materials	Meet local needs locally Support local food producers	0	0	0	The supporting text for Policy CP6 acknowledges that the landscape of the district plays a role in local food production, however, overall it is considered that the policy has a neutral performance with regards to this SA Objective.		n/a
Objective 10: Ensure everyone has access to high quality and affordable public transport and promote	Make public transport, cycling and walking easier and more attractive	+	+	+	The supporting text for Policy CP6 acknowledges that the landscape of the district plays a role in the wider green infrastructure network, which includes public rights of way. Although the policy does not mention public rights of way or the green infrastructure network (this is covered by Policy CP6 Green Infrastructure), the protection and		n/a

Policy CP6 Environmental Quality							
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
cycling and walking					enhancement of landscape and nature conservation assets will help to support the provision of an attractive network of walking and cycling paths across the district.		
Objective 11: Reduce the need and desire to travel by car	Reduce the need/desire to travel by car	N/A	N/A	N/A	This policy is not relevant to this SA Objective. Reducing the need to travel by car is dealt with in the area-based strategies and the District Wide Spatial Strategy (DW1).		n/a
Objective 12: Protect and enhance local distinctiveness	Protect and enhance landscape and townscape Value and protect diversity and local distinctiveness including rural ways of life	++	++	++	Policy CP6 aims to protect and enhance the distinctive landscapes of the district, including those which are formally designated and those which have local importance. Policy CP6 also aims to implement high quality design which reinforces and contributes to the broad character of the built environment and creates attractive and inspiring places. This policy therefore will protect and enhance both landscapes and townscapes. The supporting text refers to the role that landscapes play in local food production which relates to rural		n/a

					Policy CP6 Environmental Quality		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
					ways of life.		
Objective 13: Protect and enhance the district's historic, environmental and cultural assets	Maintain and enhance cultural and historical assets	++	++	++	Policy CP6 aims to preserve and enhance the cultural and historic environment and protect sites, buildings, areas and features of recognised national and local importance. In areas of particular sensitivity or subject to change the council will promote the active management, conservation or restoration of such assets whilst also seeking to address the impact of climate change. This policy also seeks sustainable opportunities to improve access to and enjoyment of such assets.		n/a
Objective 14: Encourage and protect habitats and biodiversity. (taking account of climate change)	Protect and enhance habitats and species (taking account of climate change)	++	++	++	Policy CP6 aims to protect and enhance and, where possible, extend designated sites of national and local biodiversity and geodiversity importance and habitat types and species of principal importance. In areas of particular sensitivity or subject to change the council will promote the active management, conservation or restoration of such assets whilst also seeking to address the impact		n/a



Policy CP6 Environmental Quality							
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
					<p>of climate change. The policy also states that networks of priority habitats will be restored or created to facilitate migration of species and reduce the fragmentation of existing habitats. This will help some species adapt to climate change. Policy CP6 also seeks sustainable opportunities to improve access to and enjoyment of such assets.</p> <p>There are currently more detailed nature conservation policies (NE4-NE12) in the Local Plan which seek ecological compensatory measures and habitat creation as a result of developments. These policies will be reviewed through the Placemaking DPD.</p>		
Objective 15: Reduce land, water, air, light, noise pollution	Minimise land, water, air, light, noise pollution	N/A	N/A	N/A	This policy is not relevant to this SA Objective.		n/a
Objective 16: Encourage sustainable	Development that demonstrates	N/A	N/A	N/A	This policy is not relevant to this SA Objective. This is dealt with in Policy CP2 Sustainable		n/a

					Policy CP6 Environmental Quality		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
construction	sustainable design and construction Minimise consumption and extraction of minerals				Construction.		
Objective 17: Ensure the development of sustainable and/or local energy sources and energy infrastructure	Reduce non-renewable energy consumption and 'greenhouse' emissions Promote sustainable energy generation and distribution	++	++	++	The supporting text for Policy CP6 makes reference to the role that the landscape will play in meeting targets for carbon reduction and in doing so delivering potential large scale renewable energy developments. A landscape sensitivity study has been undertaken to ascertain parts of the district which may be less sensitive to large scale renewable energy developments which should ensure that renewable energy developments can go ahead and distinctive landscapes can be protected at the same time.		n/a
Objective 18: Reduce vulnerability	Reduce vulnerability to, and	+	+	+	Policy CP6 states that in areas of particular sensitivity or subject to change the council will promote the		n/a

					Policy CP6 Environmental Quality		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
to, and manage flood risk (taking account of climate change)	manage flood risk (taking account of climate change) Enable us to cope with hotter, drier summers (shade, ventilation, ground conditions etc.)				active management, conservation or restoration of nature conservation, cultural and heritage and landscape assets whilst also seeking to address the impact of climate change. The supporting text of Policy CP6 recognises the important role that the landscape plays in the wider green infrastructure network and climate change mitigation and adaptation.		

					Policy CP6 Environmental Quality		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
Objective 19: Encourage careful and efficient use of natural resources	Promote the conservation and wise use of land Keep water consumption within local carrying capacity limits (taking account of climate change) Minimise consumption and extraction of minerals	N/A	N/A	N/A	This policy is not relevant to this SA Objective. Consumption of resources and materials in new buildings is dealt with in Policy CP2 Sustainable Construction. The wise use of land is influenced by the spatial strategy (Policy DW1).		n/a
Objective 20: Promote waste management accordance with the waste hierarchy (Reduce, Reuse and	Reduce waste not put to any use	N/A	N/A	N/A	This policy is not relevant to this SA Objective. Waste arisings due to construction and operation of new buildings is dealt with in Policy CP2 Sustainable Construction.		n/a

Policy CP6 Environmental Quality							
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
Recycle)							

**Overall Commentary:**

Policy CP6 is not relevant to a number of SA Objectives, but where it is relevant, the policy generally performs well. No potential negative or uncertain effects have been identified.

A number of potential major positive effects have been identified in relation to the following SA Objectives:

- Objective 8: Enable local businesses to prosper;
- Objective 12: Protect and enhance local distinctiveness;
- Objective 13: Protect and enhance the district's historic, environmental and cultural assets;
- Objective 14: Encourage and protect habitats and biodiversity (taking account of climate change); and
- Objective 17: Ensure the development of sustainable and/or local energy sources and energy infrastructure

Potential minor positive effects have been identified in relation to the following SA Objectives:

- Objective 2: Improve the health and well-being of all communities;
- Objective 5: Reduce anti-social behaviour, crime and the fear of crime;
- Objective 10: Ensure everyone has access to high quality and affordable public transport and promote cycling and walking; and
- Objective 18: Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account of climate change).

No potential cumulative effects have been identified.

A recommendation has been put forward to improve the performance of the policy as follows:

- Policy CP6 would perform better if housing schemes were also required to comply with the principles of Secured by Design.

					Policy CP7 Green Infrastructure		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
Objective 1: Improve accessibility to community facilities and local services	Help everyone access basic services easily, safely and affordably  Increase access to and participation in community and cultural facilities and activities	+	+	+	Policy CP7 supports the protection, expansion and enhancement of the green infrastructure network across the district. The policy promotes a multi-functional green infrastructure network which could include pedestrian, cycle and bridle paths, allotments, orchards, SUDS and other habitats. This policy supports the achievement of this SA objective by potentially providing access to paths and green areas and encouraging participation in community and cultural activities.		n/a
Objective 2: Improve the health and well-being of all communities	Improve Health Reduce Health inequalities Promote healthy lifestyles, especially routine daily exercise	+	+	+	Policy CP7 supports the protection, expansion and enhancement of the green infrastructure network across the district. The policy promotes a multi-functional green infrastructure network which could include pedestrian, cycle and bridle paths, allotments, orchards, SUDS and other habitats. This policy supports the achievement of this SA objective by potentially providing access to paths and green areas, encouraging physical exercise, access to green space and potentially, the ability to grow food.		n/a
Objective 3:	Help make suitable	N/A	N/A	N/A	This policy is not relevant to this SA		n/a

Policy CP7 Green Infrastructure							
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
Meet identified needs for sufficient, high quality and affordable housing	housing available and affordable for everyone				Objective. The provision of housing is dealt with in policies CP9 and CP10.		
Objective 4: Promote stronger more vibrant and cohesive communities	Promote stronger more cohesive communities	++	++	++	Policy CP7 supports the protection, expansion and enhancement of the green infrastructure network across the district. Green infrastructure has the potential to be a community facility, which could also help to connect communities such as with regards to the Town park proposals at Midsomer Norton which will connect to Radstock via a green cycle track. The policy specifically states that green infrastructure should be an integral part of creating sustainable communities.		n/a
Objective 5: Reduce anti-social behaviour, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce crime and fear of crime	N/A	N/A	N/A	This policy does not relate to crime and safety issues. The safe design of new developments is dealt with in Policy CP7 Environmental Quality.		n/a
Objective 6: Improve the availability and provision of	Give everyone access to learning, training, skills and knowledge	N/A	N/A	N/A	This policy is not relevant to this SA Objective. Addressing skills issues and provision of education facilities are dealt with in the area based policies and		n/a



Policy CP7 Green Infrastructure							
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
training					Policy CP12 Infrastructure Provision.		
Objective 7: Ensure communities have access to a wide range of employment opportunities, paid or unpaid	Give everyone in the region access to satisfying work opportunities, paid or unpaid Reduce poverty and income inequality Provide a diverse range of employment opportunities in a variety of sectors	N/A	N/A	N/A	This policy is not relevant to this SA Objective. Provision of new employment opportunities is dealt with in the District Wide Spatial Strategy (DW1) and the area based policies.		n/a
Objective 8: Enable local businesses to prosper	Increase the circulation of wealth within the local authority area Reduce vulnerability of the economy to climate change and harness opportunities arising	+	+	+	Policy CP7 supports the protection, expansion and enhancement of the green infrastructure network across the district. The policy promotes a multi-functional green infrastructure network which could include pedestrian, cycle and bridle paths which could contribute to the tourism sector within the district.		n/a
Objective 9: Increase availability of local produce and materials	Meet local needs locally Support local food producers	+	+	+	Policy CP7 supports the protection, expansion and enhancement of the green infrastructure network across the district. The policy promotes a multi-functional green infrastructure network which could include pedestrian, cycle and bridle paths, allotments, orchards, SUDS and other habitats. Green infrastructure therefore has the potential to contribute to local food production		n/a

					Policy CP7 Green Infrastructure		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
					and this is acknowledged within the supporting text of the policy.		
Objective 10: Ensure everyone has access to high quality and affordable public transport and promote cycling and walking	Make public transport, cycling and walking easier and more attractive	++	++	++	Policy CP7 supports the protection, expansion and enhancement of the green infrastructure network across the district. The policy promotes a multi-functional green infrastructure network which could include pedestrian, cycle and bridle paths. This policy supports the achievement of this SA objective by improving paths and providing new routes and this benefit is also acknowledged within the supporting text of the policy.		n/a
Objective 11: Reduce the need and desire to travel by car	Reduce the need/desire to travel by car	N/A	N/A	N/A	This policy is not relevant to this SA Objective. Reducing the need to travel by car is dealt with in the area-based strategies and the District Wide Spatial Strategy (DW1).		n/a
Objective 12: Protect and enhance local distinctiveness	Protect and enhance landscape and townscape Value and protect diversity and local distinctiveness including rural ways of life	+	+	+	Policy CP7 supports the achievement of this SA Objective through the protection and enhancement of the green infrastructure network, which the supporting text acknowledges can contribute to enhanced landscape character.		n/a

					Policy CP7 Green Infrastructure		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
Objective 13: Protect and enhance the district's historic, environmental and cultural assets	Maintain and enhance cultural and historical assets	+	+	+	Policy CP7 supports the achievement of this SA Objective through the protection and enhancement of the green infrastructure network, which can help to protect and ensure the management of historic and cultural assets, such as ancient transport routes and defences as well as monuments.		n/a
Objective 14: Encourage and protect habitats and biodiversity (taking account of climate change)	Protect and enhance habitats and species (taking account of climate change)	++	++	++	<p>Policy CP7 supports the protection, expansion and enhancement of the green infrastructure network across the district. Green infrastructure can contain a number of different types of habitats and networks of habitats. Specific reference is made within the policy to extending and connecting green infrastructure networks, which will help some species to adapt to climate change by allowing migration.</p> <p>Policy CP7 also states that networks of priority habitats will be restored or created to facilitate migration of species and reduce the fragmentation of existing habitats.</p> <p>There are also currently more detailed nature conservation policies (NE4-NE12) in the Local Plan which seek ecological compensatory measures and</p>		n/a

Policy CP7 Green Infrastructure							
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
					habitat creation as a result of developments. These policies will be reviewed through the Placemaking DPD.		
Objective 15: Reduce land, water, air, light, noise pollution	Minimise land, water, air, light, noise pollution	N/A	N/A	N/A	This policy is not relevant to this SA Objective and will be dealt with through development control through the Placemaking DPD.		n/a
Objective 16: Encourage sustainable construction	Development that demonstrates sustainable design and construction Minimise consumption and extraction of minerals	N/A	N/A	N/A	This policy is not relevant to this SA Objective. This is dealt with in Policy CP2 Sustainable Construction.		n/a
Objective 17: Ensure the development of sustainable and/or local energy sources and energy infrastructure	Reduce non-renewable energy consumption and 'greenhouse' emissions Promote sustainable energy generation and distribution	0	0	0	Policy CP7 could support this objective by encouraging green infrastructure which contributes to the provision of renewable fuels such as wood. However, it is not the purpose of the policy and it is considered to have a neutral effect on this SA Objective.		n/a
Objective 18: Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account	Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account of climate change) Enable us to cope with hotter, drier summers	++	++	++	Policy CP7 supports the protection, expansion and enhancement of the green infrastructure network across the district. The policy promotes a multi-functional green infrastructure network which could include SUDS and habitats		n/a

Policy CP7 Green Infrastructure							
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
of climate change)	(shade, ventilation, ground conditions etc.)				which provide shading a cooling such as water bodies and trees. Increasing the vegetative cover through green infrastructure provision will also increase infiltration and interception of precipitation. The supporting text of Policy CP7 recognises the important role that green infrastructure can play in climate change mitigation and adaptation.		
Objective 19: Encourage careful and efficient use of natural resources	Promote the conservation and wise use of land Keep water consumption within local carrying capacity limits (taking account of climate change) Minimise consumption and extraction of minerals	N/A	N/A	N/A	This policy is not relevant to this SA Objective. Consumption of resources and materials in new buildings is dealt with in Policy CP2 Sustainable Construction. The wise use of land is influenced by the spatial strategy (Policy DW1).		n/a
Objective 20: Promote waste management accordance with the waste hierarchy (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle)	Reduce waste not put to any use	N/A	N/A	N/A	This policy is not relevant to this SA Objective. Waste arisings due to construction and operation of new buildings is dealt with in Policy CP2 Sustainable Construction.		n/a

**Overall Commentary:**

Policy CP7 is not relevant to a number of SA Objectives, but where it is relevant, the policy generally performs well. No potential negative or uncertain effects have been identified.

A number of potential major positive effects have been identified in relation to the following SA Objectives:

- Objective 4: Promote stronger more vibrant and cohesive communities;
- Objective 10: Ensure everyone has access to high quality and affordable public transport and promote cycling and walking;
- Objective 14: Encourage and protect habitats and biodiversity (taking account of climate change); and
- Objective 18: Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account of climate change).

Potential minor positive effects have been identified in relation to the following SA Objectives:

- Objective 1: Improve accessibility to community facilities and local services;
- Objective 2: Improve the health and well-being of all communities;
- Objective 8: Enable local businesses to prosper;
- Objective 9: Increase availability of local produce and materials;
- Objective 12: Protect and enhance local distinctiveness; and
- Objective 13: Protect and enhance the district's historic, environmental and cultural assets.

A potential positive cumulative effect has been identified for 'SA Objective 14: Encourage and protect habitats and biodiversity (taking account of climate change)' through the provision of additional green infrastructure and achieving greater connectivity of habitats across the district and sub-region. This could benefit a variety of species in climate change adaptation, improve biodiversity and reduce habitat fragmentation.

		Core Policies Green Belt Core Policy						
SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy ...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:	
Objective 1: Improve accessibility to community facilities and local services	Help everyone access basic services easily, safely and affordably Increase access to and participation in community and cultural facilities and activities	0	0	0	This policy will not influence the provision of services and facilities or access to cultural facilities.		n/a	
Objective 2: Improve the health and well-being of all communities	Improve Health Reduce Health inequalities Promote healthy lifestyles, especially routine daily exercise	+	+	+	This policy intends to safeguard the greenbelt. The supporting text promotes recreational use of the green belt, particularly around the edges of Bristol, Bath and Keynsham.		n/a	
Objective 3: Meet identified needs for sufficient, high quality and	Help make suitable housing available and affordable for everyone	+	+	+	The policy aims to ensure that the Green Belt boundary remains unchanged. The supporting text explains that Keynsham and several villages which are insets in the Green Belt and these will continue to be in place.		n/a	

					Core Policies Green Belt Core Policy		
SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy ...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
affordable housing							
Objective 4: Promote stronger more vibrant and cohesive communities	Promote stronger more cohesive communities	0	0	0	This policy is unlikely to have any influence on the cohesiveness of communities.		n/a
Objective 5: Reduce anti-social behaviour, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce crime and fear of crime	0	0	0	This policy will not influence on crime and anti-social behaviour.		n/a
Objective 6: Improve the availability and provision of training	Give everyone access to learning, training, skills and knowledge	0	0	0	This policy will not influence the availability and provision of training.		n/a
Objective 7: Ensure communities have access to a wide	Give everyone in the region access to satisfying work opportunities,	0	0	0	The evidence base* identifies the rate of employment growth over the next 20 years and the number of jobs in a way which focuses on the urban areas and re-use of brownfield sites without needing to change the Green Belt		n/a



		Core Policies Green Belt Core Policy					
SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy ...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
range of employment opportunities, paid or unpaid	paid or unpaid Reduce poverty and income inequality Provide a diverse range of employment opportunities in a variety of sectors				boundary. **Business Growth and Employment Land Study' (Roger Tym & Partners) and 'B&NES Future Housing Growth Requirements to 2026' (Keith Woodhead).		
Objective 8: Enable local businesses to prosper	Increase the circulation of wealth within the local authority area Reduce vulnerability of the economy to climate change and harness opportunities arising	0	0	0	As above.		n/a
Objective 9: Increase availability of local produce and	Meet local needs locally Support local food producers	+	+	+	This policy safeguards the green belt. The supporting text identifies agriculture as a suitable use for greenbelt land and therefore this policy could help to achieve this objective. The winning of minerals is permitted within the green belt by PPG 2 and this may help to	-	n/a

					Core Policies	Green Belt Core Policy		
SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy ...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:	
materials					provide materials locally.			
Objective 10: Ensure everyone has access to high quality and affordable public transport and promote cycling and walking	Make public transport, cycling and walking easier and more attractive	0	0	0	This policy does not have a direct influence on this SA Objective but could help to improve access to the countryside and encourage walking and cycling if new or improved facilities are developed.	-	n/a	
Objective 11: Reduce the need and desire to travel by car	Reduce the need/desire to travel by car	+	+	+	This policy encourages the redevelopment of land within the district's towns and cities which should help to maintain and enhance self containment and reduce the need to travel. By redeveloping land within the existing urban areas, there are opportunities to ensure access to facilities, services and employment by walking, cycling and public transport.  See the appraisal matrix for the Bath Strategy for comments relating to congestion and air quality issues in the city..		n/a	
Objective 12: Protect	Protect and enhance	++	++	++	This policy safeguards the green belt which will help to conserve the distinctiveness of		n/a	

					Core Policies	Green Belt Core Policy		
SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy ...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:	
and enhance local distinctiveness	landscape and townscape Value and protect diversity and local distinctiveness including rural ways of life				settlements within the district and should help to protect the setting and character of Bath. An objective of the policy is to retain attractive landscapes and enhance landscapes.			
Objective 13: Protect and enhance the district's historic, environmental and cultural assets	Maintain and enhance cultural and historical assets	+	+	+	The purpose of this policy is not to protect historic assets, however, this policy should help to protect the setting of the World Heritage Site in Bath.		n/a	
Objective 14: Encourage and protect habitats and biodiversity. (taking account of climate change)	Protect and enhance habitats and species (taking account of climate change)	+	+	+	This policy safeguards the green belt which also contains some important sites designated for nature conservation and numerous different types of habitats. The supporting text identifies securing nature conservation interests as an objective of this policy.		n/a	

		Core Policies			Green Belt Core Policy		
SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy ...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
Objective 15: Reduce land, water, air, light, noise pollution	Minimise land, water, air, light, noise pollution	+	+	+	<p>This policy safeguards the green belt in line with PPG 2. The protection of the green belt from inappropriate development could help to protect the countryside from new lighting schemes and light pollution.</p> <p>This policy is unlikely to directly influence the control of pollution. The control of pollution will need to be addressed within the development management policies of the Place Making DPD.</p>	<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>The control of pollution will need to be addressed within the development management policies of the Place Making DPD.</p>	The control of pollution will be addressed in the development management policies of the Place Making DPD should it be deemed necessary to supplement national planning policy though the inclusion of more detailed policies.
Objective 16: Encourage sustainable construction	<p>Development that demonstrates sustainable design and construction</p> <p>Minimise consumption and extraction of minerals</p>	0	0	0	Not relevant to this policy.		n/a
Objective 17: Ensure the development of	Reduce non-renewable energy consumption and	0	0	0	PPS 22 states that “when located in the green belt, elements of many renewable energy projects will comprise inappropriate development, which may impact on the openness of the green belt. Careful		<u>n/a</u>

					Core Policies Green Belt Core Policy		
SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy ...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
sustainable and/or local energy sources and energy infrastructure	'greenhouse' emissions Promote sustainable energy generation and distribution				consideration will therefore need to be given to the visual impact of projects, and developers will need to demonstrate very special circumstances that clearly outweigh any harm by reason of inappropriateness and any other harm if projects are to proceed".  This policy may therefore make it more difficult for some renewable and low energy proposals to come forward within the green belt but this policy does not necessarily prevent renewable and low carbon energy developments within the green belt. PPG2 'Green Belts', as referenced in PPS22, makes it very clear that developers will need to demonstrate very special circumstances before proposal may proceed. A neutral effect is therefore recorded.		
Objective 18: Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account of climate change)	Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account of climate change)  Enable us to cope with hotter, drier summers (shade, ventilation, ground	+	+	+	This policy safeguards the green belt and as such will prevent the development of large amounts of previously undeveloped land which may be providing an infiltration and flood storage function.  This policy will prevent the expansion of the city of Bath. Some existing and proposed employment development in Bath includes some areas which are at risk of flooding, however, these areas have passed a sequential test in accordance with PPS 25.  A Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment has		n/a

		Core Policies Green Belt Core Policy					
SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy ...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
	conditions etc.)				been completed for the district and Level 2 SFRA for Bath, Keynsham, Radstock and Midsomer Norton.		
Objective 19: Encourage careful and efficient use of natural resources	Promote the conservation and wise use of land Keep water consumption within local carrying capacity limits (taking account of climate change) Minimise consumption and extraction of minerals	+	+	+	This policy safeguards the green belt and as such encourages the redevelopment of brownfield land within existing urban areas. This policy will have no effect on consumption or extraction of minerals or the use of water.		n/a
Objective 20: Promote waste management in accordance with the waste hierarchy	Reduce waste not put to any use	0	0	0	Some waste management facilities might be deemed inappropriate development within the green belt and therefore this policy could prevent the development of new sustainable waste management facilities. However, the need for such facilities or whether any new sustainable waste management facilities could be accommodated on non-green belt land is not known.		n/a

					Core Policies Green Belt Core Policy		
SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy ...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
(Reduce, Reuse and Recycle)					PPG2 'Green Belts' makes it very clear that developers will need to demonstrate very special circumstances before proposal may proceed. This will apply consideration of waste management facilities as it does any other inappropriate development until the terms of PPG2. Policy 5 in the JWCS also allocates a number of strategic sites appropriate for development for the management of residual waste. This includes Broadmead, Keynsham and the Former Fuller's Earth Works, Fosseway, Bath. Proposals for other waste management facilities will be considered in the context of the policies in the JWCS and any other relevant policies. A section relating to Waste is included in the Core Strategy which refers to the JWCS.		

**Overall Commentary:**

The Green Belt Core Policy has a neutral performance against most of the SA objectives because it will not influence the subjects of those SA Objectives e.g. community cohesion and crime.

One potential major positive effects have been identified in relation to the following SA Objective:

- Objective 12: Protect and enhance local distinctiveness

No potential cumulative negative or positive effects have been identified.

A recommendation has been put forward in relation to the control of pollution, as follows:

- The control of pollution will need to be addressed within the development management policies of the Place Making DPD.



					Core Policies Policy CP8a: Minerals		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
Objective 1: Improve accessibility to community facilities and local services	Help everyone access basic services easily, safely and affordably  Increase access to and participation in <i>community and cultural facilities and activities</i>	0	0	0	This policy will not have an effect on this SA Objective.		
Objective 2: Improve the health and well-being of all communities	Improve Health  Reduce Health inequalities  Promote healthy lifestyles, especially routine daily exercise	0	0	0	This policy will not have an effect on this SA Objective.		
Objective 3: Meet identified needs for sufficient, high quality and affordable housing	Help make suitable housing available and affordable for everyone	0	0	0	This policy will not have an effect on this SA Objective.		
Objective 4: Promote stronger more vibrant and cohesive communities	Promote stronger more cohesive communities	0	0	0	This policy will not have an effect on this SA Objective.		

					Core Policies Policy CP8a: Minerals		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
Objective 5: Reduce anti-social behaviour, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce crime and fear of crime	0	0	0	This policy will not have an effect on this SA Objective.		
Objective 6: Improve the availability and provision of training	Give everyone access to learning, training, skills and knowledge	0	0	0	This policy will not have an effect on this SA Objective.		
Objective 7: Ensure communities have access to a wide range of employment opportunities, paid or unpaid	Give everyone in the region access to satisfying work opportunities, paid or unpaid  Reduce poverty and income inequality  Provide a diverse range of employment opportunities in a variety of sectors	±	±	±	An indirect effect of this policy could be to protect jobs within the mineral extraction industry and waste industry in relation to the recycling of aggregates.		
Objective 8: Enable local businesses to prosper	Increase the circulation of wealth within the local authority area  Reduce vulnerability of the	±	±	±	This policy should help support companies which extract and recycle minerals.		

					Core Policies Policy CP8a: Minerals		
<u>SEA/SA Objectives</u>	<u>Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...</u>	<u>Short term</u>	<u>Med term</u>	<u>Long term</u>	<u>Commentary</u>	<u>Mitigation or enhancement</u>	<u>B&amp;NES response:</u>
	<u>economy to climate change and harness opportunities arising</u>						
<u>Objective 9: Increase availability of local produce and materials</u>	<u>Meet local needs locally</u>  <u>Support local food producers</u>	±	±	±	<u>This policy will ensure the supply of local stone for building and restoration projects.</u>		
<u>Objective 10: Ensure everyone has access to high quality and affordable public transport and promote cycling and walking</u>	<u>Make public transport, cycling and walking easier and more attractive</u>	0	0	0	<u>This policy will not have an effect on this SA Objective.</u>		
<u>Objective 11: Reduce the need and desire to travel by car</u>	<u>Reduce the need/desire to travel by car</u>	0	0	0	<u>This policy will not have an effect on this SA Objective.</u>		
<u>Objective 12: Protect and enhance local distinctiveness</u>	<u>Protect and enhance landscape and townscape</u>  <u>Value and protect diversity and local distinctiveness including rural ways of life</u>	±	±	±	<u>Bath and the surrounds are traditional mining areas. Preserving and safeguarding sites ensures that this cultural and</u>		

					Core Policies Policy CP8a: Minerals		
<u>SEA/SA Objectives</u>	<u>Detailed questions:</u> <u>Does the policy / proposal...</u>	<u>Short term</u>	<u>Med term</u>	<u>Long term</u>	<u>Commentary</u>	<u>Mitigation or enhancement</u>	<u>B&amp;NES response:</u>
					<u>economic activity continues. This should also ensure a continuity of activities which will retain the landscape and townscape character.</u>		
<u>Objective 13:</u> <u>Protect and enhance the district's historic, environmental and cultural assets</u>	<u>Maintain and enhance cultural and historical assets</u>	<u>±</u>	<u>±</u>	<u>±</u>	<u>Bath and the surrounds are traditional mining areas. Preserving and safeguarding sites ensures that this cultural and economic activity continues. This should also ensure a supply of stone so as to preserve the city and its townscape, as well as safeguarding the minerals sites.</u>		
<u>Objective 14:</u> <u>Encourage and protect habitats and biodiversity. (taking account of climate change)</u>	<u>Protect and enhance habitats and species (taking account of climate change)</u>	<u>+/?</u>	<u>+/?</u>	<u>+/?</u>	<u>This policy does not permit minerals extraction which would have an impact on a European protected site. However, by safeguarding</u>	<u><b>Mitigation:</b> The policy should expand on 'improve the local environment'. This should explain what elements this</u>	<u>Agree the term 'local environment' should be clarified. The final paragraph of new Policy CP8a could</u>

					Core Policies Policy CP8a: Minerals		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
					minerals sites and allowing minerals extraction, this policy could potentially result in temporary adverse effects on biodiversity through land take, disturbance of species, dust, altering water regimes etc. However, the policy also requires the restoration of minerals sites as soon as reasonably possible and makes reference to not permitting unacceptable harm on the environment.	relates to e.g. biodiversity, landscape, flood risk.	be amended as follows:  'Reclamation and restoration of a high quality should be carried out as soon as reasonably possible and proposals will be expected to improve the local environment (which includes biodiversity, landscape and floodrisk reduction).'
Objective 15: Reduce land, water, air, light, noise pollution	Minimise land, water, air, light, noise pollution	0	0	0	This policy safeguards minerals sites and sites for processing recycled and secondary aggregates and therefore could result		

					Core Policies Policy CP8a: Minerals		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
					<p>in land, water, air, light and noise pollution.</p> <p>However, the policy will not permit proposals which will have unacceptable impacts on the environment and local communities which cannot be mitigated.</p> <p>A neutral performance is recorded because the policy will not result in an overall improvement with regards to pollution.</p>		
<p><u>Objective 16: Encourage sustainable construction</u></p>	<p><u>Development that demonstrates sustainable design and construction</u></p> <p><u>Minimise consumption and extraction of minerals</u></p>	±	±	±	<p><u>This policy supports the use of recycled and secondary aggregates through safeguarding existing sites and identifying new sites.</u></p>		

					Core Policies Policy CP8a: Minerals		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
Objective 17: Ensure the development of sustainable and/or local energy sources and energy infrastructure	Reduce non-renewable energy consumption and 'greenhouse' emissions  Promote sustainable energy generation and distribution	0	0	0	This policy will not have an effect on this SA Objective.		
Objective 18: Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account of climate change)	Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account of climate change)  Enable us to cope with hotter, drier summers (shade, ventilation, ground conditions etc.)				This policy will not have an effect on this SA Objective.		
Objective 19: Encourage careful and efficient use of natural resources	Promote the conservation and wise use of land  Keep water consumption within local carrying capacity limits (taking account of climate change)  Minimise consumption and extraction of minerals	±	±	±	This policy supports the use of recycled and secondary aggregates through safeguarding existing sites and identifying new sites. This policy safeguards minerals sites but does not necessarily promote the consumption and extraction of		

					Core Policies Policy CP8a: Minerals		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
					minerals.		
Objective 20: Promote waste management accordance with the waste hierarchy (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle)	Reduce waste not put to any use	0	0	0	This policy will not have an effect on this SA Objective.		

<p><b>• Overall Commentary:</b></p>	<p><u>Direct / indirect effects:</u>                      A number of potential significant positive effects have been identified in relation to the following SA Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Objective 7: Ensure communities have access to a wide range of employment opportunities, paid or unpaid;</u></li> <li>• <u>Objective 8: Enable local businesses to prosper;</u></li> <li>• <u>Objective 9: Increase availability of local produce and materials;</u></li> <li>• <u>Objective 12: Protect and enhance local distinctiveness;</u></li> <li>• <u>Objective 13: Protect and enhance the district’s historic, environmental and cultural assets;</u></li> <li>• <u>Objective 16: Encourage sustainable construction; and</u></li> <li>• <u>Objective 19: Encourage careful and efficient use of natural resources.</u></li> </ul> <p>• <u>A mixed performance of minor positive and uncertain effects has been recorded with regards to ‘SA Objective 14: Encourage and protect habitats and biodiversity. (taking account of climate change)’ because although this policy does not permit minerals extraction which would have an impact on a European protected site, by safeguarding minerals sites and allowing minerals extraction, this policy could potentially result in temporary adverse effects on biodiversity through land take, disturbance of species, dust, altering water regimes etc. However, the policy also requires the restoration of minerals sites as soon as reasonably possible and makes reference to not permitting unacceptable harm on the environment.</u></p> <p><u>Cumulative effects:</u></p>
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- None identified

Recommendations and mitigation:

- None identified

Mitigation is put forward to address the potential negative effects and the uncertain effect identified, as follows:

- the supporting text should expand on 'improve the character of the local environment'. This should explain what elements this relates to e.g. biodiversity, landscape, flood risk.

Recommendations have been put forward to improve the performance of the plan:

- None identified.

					Core Policies Policy CP9 Affordable Housing and Policy CP10 Housing Mix		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
Objective 1: Improve accessibility to community facilities and local services	Help everyone access basic services easily, safely and affordably Increase access to and participation in community and cultural facilities and activities	N/A	N/A	N/A	Policies CP9 and CP10 are not relevant to this SA Objective. Accessibility to services and facilities is dealt with in the area-based chapters, the Infrastructure Provision Core Policy (CP12) and the District Wide Spatial Strategy (DW1).		n/a
Objective 2: Improve the health and well-being of all communities	Improve Health Reduce Health inequalities Promote healthy	+ / ?	+ / ?	+ / ?	Policy CP10 provides for a mix of housing types for different needs including older people, disabled people, and those with other special needs. However, it is not clear how this will be implemented and whether private developers	Mitigation: The supporting text of the policy or the policy itself could make it	No change. Already states in policy that this applies to market housing and affordable. Lifetime Homes Standard considered as integral to social housing and in building for life

					Core Policies Policy CP9 Affordable Housing and Policy CP10 Housing Mix		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
	lifestyles, especially routine daily exercise				are expected to provide dwellings to meet the needs of older people, disabled people, and those with other special needs or whether this will be delivered by specialist developers such as those providing residential care.	clearer whether private developers will be expected to provide dwellings suitable for older people, disabled people, and those with other special needs. Developers could be asked to provide a certain proportion of dwellings which meet the Lifetime Homes standards.	standards so not mentioned as a specific requirement.

					Core Policies Policy CP9 Affordable Housing and Policy CP10 Housing Mix		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
Objective 3: Meet identified needs for sufficient, high quality and affordable housing	Help make suitable housing available and affordable for everyone	++	++	++	<p>Policy CP9 aims to deliver affordable housing in greater numbers than in previous years by providing a flexible approach and enabling negotiation of higher proportions of affordable housing in developments of high value and ensuring that smaller scale developments also contribute towards affordable housing provision. However, the policy does allow for viability of developments to be taken into account and lower threshold of provision is provided for developments of between 5 and 9 dwellings.</p> <p>Policy CP10 provides for a mix of housing types for different needs including older people, disabled people, and those with other special needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Further positive effects can be anticipated through the submission changes which tailor the policy more</u></li> </ul>		Policy yet to be finalised.

					Core Policies Policy CP9 Affordable Housing and Policy CP10 Housing Mix		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
					<u>to the evidence based needs of the area</u> <sup>1</sup> .		
Objective 4: Promote stronger more vibrant and cohesive communities	Promote stronger more cohesive communities	-	-	-	Policy CP9 does not stipulate that affordable housing is integrated within developments and does not differ from market housing in terms of aesthetics. This could lead to problems with community cohesion within developments / neighbourhoods.	Mitigation: Policy CP9 should stipulate that affordable housing is integrated within developments and does not differ from market housing in terms of aesthetics.	Amendment made to policy wording as suggested.
Objective 5: Reduce anti-social behaviour, crime and the fear of	Reduce crime and fear of crime	N/A	N/A	N/A	Designing new developments which are safe is dealt with in Policy CP6 Environmental Quality.		n/a

<sup>1</sup> Ark House Consulting (2011) *The Impact of Affordable Rents on the Viability of Residential Development with Affordable Housing Planning Obligations*

					Core Policies Policy CP9 Affordable Housing and Policy CP10 Housing Mix		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
crime							
Objective 6: Improve the availability and provision of training	Give everyone access to learning, training, skills and knowledge	N/A	N/A	N/A	Policies CP9 and CP10 are not relevant to this SA Objective. Addressing skills issues and provision of education facilities are dealt with in the area based policies and Policy CP13 Infrastructure Provision.		n/a
Objective 7: Ensure communities have access to a wide range of employment opportunities , paid or unpaid	Give everyone in the region access to satisfying work opportunities , paid or unpaid Reduce poverty and income inequality Provide a diverse range of employment	N/A	N/A	N/A	Policies CP9 and CP10 are not relevant to this SA Objective. Provision of new employment opportunities is dealt with in the District Wide Spatial Strategy (DW1) and the area based policies.		n/a

					Core Policies Policy CP9 Affordable Housing and Policy CP10 Housing Mix		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
	opportunities in a variety of sectors						
Objective 8: Enable local businesses to prosper	Increase the circulation of wealth within the local authority area Reduce vulnerability of the economy to climate change and harness opportunities arising	N/A	N/A	N/A	Policies CP9 and CP10 are not relevant to this SA Objective. Employment development is dealt with in the District Wide Spatial Strategy (DW1) and the area based policies.		n/a
Objective 9 Increase availability of local produce and materials	Meet local needs locally Support local food producers	N/A	N/A	N/A	Policies CP9 and CP10 are not relevant to this SA Objective. The issues dealt with in the SA Objective are covered by a number of policies within the Core Strategy.		n/a

					Core Policies Policy CP9 Affordable Housing and Policy CP10 Housing Mix		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
Objective 10: Ensure everyone has access to high quality and affordable public transport and promote cycling and walking	Make public transport, cycling and walking easier and more attractive	N/A	N/A	N/A	Policies CP9 and CP10 are not relevant to this SA Objective. The provision of new transport related infrastructure is dealt with in the Infrastructure Provision Core Policy (CP13) and the area-based strategies. Access to services and facilities by walking, cycling and public transport are dealt with in the area-based strategies and the District Wide Spatial Strategy (DW1).		n/a
Objective 11: Reduce the need and desire to travel by car	Reduce the need/desire to travel by car	N/A	N/A	N/A	Policies CP9 and CP10 are not relevant to this SA Objective. Reducing the need to travel by car is dealt with in the area-based strategies and the District Wide Spatial Strategy (DW1).		n/a
Objective 12: Protect and enhance local distinctiveness	Protect and enhance landscape and townscape Value and protect	N/A	N/A	N/A	Policies CP9 and CP10 are not relevant to this SA Objective. Protecting and enhancing local distinctiveness and landscape are dealt with in Policy CP6 Environmental Quality.		n/a



					Core Policies Policy CP9 Affordable Housing and Policy CP10 Housing Mix		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
	diversity and local distinctiveness including rural ways of life						
Objective 13: Protect and enhance the district's historic, environmental and cultural assets	Maintain and enhance cultural and historical assets	N/A	N/A	N/A	Policies CP9 and CP10 are not relevant to this SA Objective. Protecting and enhancing historic and cultural assets are dealt with in Policy CP6 Environmental Quality.		n/a
Objective 14: Encourage and protect habitats and biodiversity. (taking account of climate change)	Protect and enhance habitats and species (taking account of climate change)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Policies CP9 and CP10 are not relevant to this SA Objective. Protecting and enhancing nature conservation assets are dealt with in Policy CP6 Environmental Quality.		n/a

					Core Policies Policy CP9 Affordable Housing and Policy CP10 Housing Mix		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
Objective 15: Reduce land, water, air, light, noise pollution	Minimise land, water, air, light, noise pollution	N/A	N/A	N/A	Policies CP9 and CP10 are not relevant to this SA Objective.		n/a
Objective 16: Encourage sustainable construction	Development that demonstrates sustainable design and construction Minimise consumption and extraction of minerals	N/A	N/A	N/A	Policies CP9 and CP10 are not relevant to this SA Objective. This is dealt with in Policy CP2 Sustainable Construction.		n/a
Objective 17: Ensure the development of sustainable	Reduce non-renewable energy consumption and 'greenhouse'	N/A	N/A	N/A	Policies CP9 and CP10 are not relevant to this SA Objective. This is dealt with in Policies CP1-CP4.		n/a

					Core Policies Policy CP9 Affordable Housing and Policy CP10 Housing Mix		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
and/or local energy sources and energy infrastructure	emissions Promote sustainable energy generation and distribution						
Objective 18: Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account of climate change)	Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account of climate change) Enable us to cope with hotter, drier summers (shade, ventilation, ground conditions etc.)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Policies CP9 and CP10 are not relevant to this SA Objective. Flood risk is dealt with in the supporting text and through PPS25.		n/a

					Core Policies Policy CP9 Affordable Housing and Policy CP10 Housing Mix		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
Objective 19: Encourage careful and efficient use of natural resources	Promote the conservation and wise use of land  Keep water consumption within local carrying capacity limits (taking account of climate change)  Minimise consumption and extraction of minerals	N/A	N/A	N/A	Policies CP9 and CP10 are not relevant to this SA Objective. Consumption of resources and materials in new buildings is dealt with in Policy CP2 Sustainable Construction. The wise use of land is influenced by the spatial strategy (Policy DW1).		n/a
Objective 20: Promote waste management accordance with the	Reduce waste not put to any use	N/A	N/A	N/A	Policies CP9 and CP10 are not relevant to this SA Objective. Waste arisings due to construction and operation of new buildings is dealt with in Policy CP2 Sustainable Construction.		n/a

					Core Policies Policy CP9 Affordable Housing and Policy CP10 Housing Mix		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
waste hierarchy (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle)							

**Overall Commentary:**

Policies CP9 and CP10 are not relevant to the majority of the SA Objectives. Both policies perform very well with regards to 'SA Objective 2: Improve the health and well-being of all communities' but Policy CP10 has a mixed performance (minor positive and uncertain). with regards to 'SA Objective 3: Meet identified needs for sufficient, high quality and affordable housing' because it is not clear how housing that meets the needs of older people, disabled people and those with other special needs will be delivered.

Policy CP9 could have a minor negative effect with regards to 'SA Objective 4: Promote stronger more vibrant and cohesive communities' because it does not stipulate that affordable housing should be fully integrated into developments with market housing.

Mitigation measures are put forward to address the minor negative effect and the uncertainty, as follows:

- The supporting text of Policy CP10 or the policy itself could make it clearer whether private developers will be expected to provide dwellings suitable for older people, disabled people, and those with other special needs. Developers could be asked to provide a certain proportion of dwellings which meet the Lifetime Homes standards; and
- Policy CP 8 should stipulate that affordable housing is integrated within developments and does not differ from market housing in terms of aesthetics.

No potential cumulative effects were identified.

Since the appraisal was undertaken, clarification has been provided which offsets the uncertainty identified with regards to SA Objective 3. No change has been made to the policy or supported text to address this issue. In addition, the mitigation measure put forward to address a potential minor negative effect with regards to SA Objective 4 has led to a change to policy wording and this will result in a minor positive effect in the short, medium and long term with regards to SA Objective 4.

					Core Policies Gypsies, Travellers & Travelling Showpeople Policy		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
Objective 1: Improve accessibility to community facilities and local services	Help everyone access basic services easily, safely and affordably  Increase access to and participation in community and cultural facilities and activities	+	+	+	This policy requires that sites for gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople will have good access to local community services and facilities, including shops, schools, health facilities and public transport.		n/a
Objective 2: Improve the health and well-being of all communities	Improve Health Reduce Health inequalities Promote healthy lifestyles, especially routine daily exercise	+	+	+	This policy requires that sites for gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople will have good access to local community services and facilities, including health facilities and public transport.		n/a
Objective 3: Meet identified needs for sufficient, high quality	Help make suitable housing available and affordable for everyone	+	+	+	This policy provides sites to accommodate gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople in order to meet the identified need for permanent pitches within the district.		n/a

					Core Policies Gypsies, Travellers & Travelling Showpeople Policy		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
and affordable housing							
Objective 4: Promote stronger more vibrant and cohesive communities	Promote stronger more cohesive communities	0	0	0	Conflicts can sometimes arise between gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople and permanent resident, particularly when unauthorised camps are set up. This policy attempts to avoid conflicts associated with unauthorised sites by making provision in line with the need identified in the West of England Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (2007). This policy also requires that the use of the site must have no harmful impact on the amenities of neighbouring occupiers which should help to avoid conflict. A neutral effect is recorded but it is unlikely that the policy will result in a net beneficial effect.		n/a
Objective 5: Reduce anti-social behaviour, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce crime and fear of crime	+	+	+	This policy sets out requirements to be met in allocating new gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople sites and assessing potential windfall sites. As such, the policy aims to provide appropriately located sites, which reduces the risk of unauthorised sites.		n/a



					Core Policies Gypsies, Travellers & Travelling Showpeople Policy		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
Objective 6: Improve the availability and provision of training	Give everyone access to learning, training, skills and knowledge	0	0	0	This policy requires that sites for gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople will have good access to local community services and facilities, including schools and public transport. However, a neutral performance is recorded because it is unlikely that this policy will provide access to training and it is not within the remit of this policy to do so.		n/a
Objective 7: Ensure communities have access to a wide range of employment opportunities, paid or unpaid	Give everyone in the region access to satisfying work opportunities, paid or unpaid  Reduce poverty and income inequality  Provide a diverse range of employment opportunities in a variety of	+	+	+	This policy requires that sites for gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople have adequate space for commercial activities if required therefore supporting livelihoods.		n/a

					Core Policies Gypsies, Travellers & Travelling Showpeople Policy		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
	sectors						
Objective 8: Enable local businesses to prosper	Increase the circulation of wealth within the local authority area  Reduce vulnerability of the economy to climate change and harness opportunities arising	0	0	0	This policy requires that sites for gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople will have good access to local community services and facilities, including shops and could therefore help to support local shops, however, the effect is likely to be negligible and therefore a neutral effect is recorded.		n/a
Objective 9: Increase availability of local produce and materials	Meet local needs locally Support local food producers	0	0	0	This policy will have no effect with regards to this SA Objective.		n/a
Objective 10: Ensure everyone has access to high quality and	Make public transport, cycling and walking easier and more attractive	+	+	+	This policy requires that sites for gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople will have good access to local community services and facilities, including shops, schools, health facilities and public transport.	Recommendation: the first bullet point of the policy should be reworded to read 'good access (by foot or cycle) to local	The phrase 'good access' is intended to include walking and cycling but agree that the suggested wording could be included for clarity.

					Core Policies Gypsies, Travellers & Travelling Showpeople Policy		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
affordable public transport and promote cycling and walking					The policy does not mention that community facilities should be within easy walking or cycling distance or accessible by public transport.	community services and facilities...'.	
Objective 11: Reduce the need and desire to travel by car	Reduce the need/desire to travel by car	+	+	+	The policy requires that sites for gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople will have good access to public transport which therefore should reduce the need to travel by private vehicle to meet day to day needs. This policy also requires that sites for gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople will have good access to local community services and facilities, including shops, schools, health facilities.	Recommendation: the first bullet point of the policy should be reworded to read 'good access (by foot or cycle) to local community services and facilities...'.  	The phrase 'good access' is intended to include walking and cycling but agree that the suggested wording could be included for clarity.
Objective 12: Protect and enhance local distinctiveness	Protect and enhance landscape and townscape Value and protect diversity and local distinctiveness including rural	0	0	0	This policy requires that sites for gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople blend in with the character and appearance of the surrounding area and should not therefore result in a negative effect with regards to distinctiveness.		n/a

					Core Policies Gypsies, Travellers & Travelling Showpeople Policy		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal... ways of life	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
Objective 13: Protect and enhance the district's historic, environmental and cultural assets	Maintain and enhance cultural and historical assets	0	0	0	This policy requires that sites for gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople blend in with the character and appearance of the surrounding area and should not therefore result in a negative effect with regards to local historic assets. This policy will be read in conjunction with the Environmental Quality Core Policy (CP6) which aims to protect and enhance historic assets. A neutral effect is therefore recorded as the allocation of new sites is unlikely to necessarily result in a positive effect. .		n/a
Objective 14: Encourage and protect habitats and biodiversity. (taking account of climate change)	Protect and enhance habitats and species (taking account of climate change)	+	+	+	This policy includes a requirement that sites for gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople have no adverse impact on protected habitats and species, nationally recognised designations and natural resources.		n/a
Objective 15: Reduce land, water,	Minimise land, water, air, light,	?	?	?	This policy requires no harmful impact on the amenity of neighbouring occupiers which should include potential	Mitigation: The fifth point should	In recognition that the policy allows for commercial activity to take place on-site

					Core Policies Gypsies, Travellers & Travelling Showpeople Policy		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
air, light, noise pollution	noise pollution				for pollution and nuisance.  This policy requires adequate services for foul water, surface water and waste disposal but does not include consideration of the storage of hazardous substances such as fuels or the vulnerability of groundwater and therefore an uncertain effect is recorded.	be reworded to read 'adequate services including foul and surface water and waste disposal can be provided <i>with pollution control measures</i> '.	it may be prudent to address pollution control. Fifth point will be reworded to read 'adequate services including foul and surface water and waste disposal can be provided <i>and any necessary pollution control measures</i> '.
Objective 16: Encourage sustainable construction	Development that demonstrates sustainable design and construction  Minimise consumption and extraction of minerals	0	0	0	This policy does not relate to significant amounts of construction and for any construction involved, the Sustainable Construction Policy would apply.		n/a
Objective 17: Ensure	Reduce non-renewable	0	0	0	This policy does not address the energy requirements of the users of sites for	Recommendation: In allocating sites for	The Core Policy relating to Sustainable Construction

					Core Policies Gypsies, Travellers & Travelling Showpeople Policy		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
the development of sustainable and/or local energy sources and energy infrastructure	energy consumption and 'greenhouse' emissions  Promote sustainable energy generation and distribution				gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople and it has little opportunity to influence the use of energy by the users of such sites  The policy states that 'adequate services' need to be provided to a site for it to be suitable. This could include electricity.	sites for gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople, the council could consider opportunities to connect such sites to local district power schemes and could provide information to users of the sites relating to options for renewable and low carbon energy generation with are compatible with mobile accommodation.  Bullet point 5 could be amended to include the word 'utilities'.	(CP4) encourages the use of combined heat and power and/or combined cooling, heat and power and district heating. Sites for gypsies and travellers are not allocated through the Core Strategy but through the Gypsy & Traveller Site Allocations DPD. Opportunities to connect such sites to local district power schemes etc. can be explored through the preparation of that document.  Agree that bullet point 5 could be amended to include the word 'utilities'.
Objective 18: Reduce vulnerability to, and manage	Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account of	+	+	+	This policy makes reference to the need to avoid areas at high risk from flooding.		n/a

					Core Policies Gypsies, Travellers & Travelling Showpeople Policy		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
flood risk (taking account of climate change)	climate change)  Enable us to cope with hotter, drier summers (shade, ventilation, ground conditions etc.)						
Objective 19: Encourage careful and efficient use of natural resources	Promote the conservation and wise use of land  Keep water consumption within local carrying capacity limits (taking account of climate change)  Minimise consumption and extraction	0	0	0	This policy will have no effect with regards to this SA Objective.		n/a

					Core Policies Gypsies, Travellers & Travelling Showpeople Policy		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
	of minerals						
Objective 20: Promote waste management accordance with the waste hierarchy (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle)	Reduce waste not put to any use	-	-	-	The policy requires sites for gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople to have adequate services including waste disposal but does not mention suitable space and / or facilities for the storage and collection of recyclables.	Mitigation: the 5 <sup>th</sup> bullet point should be reworded to read 'adequate services including foul and surface water and waste disposal and recycling can be provided'.	The third bullet point will ensure that the site is large enough to allow for adequate space for on-site facilities and amenity which could include space and / or facilities for the storage and collection of recyclables. Itemising every facility a site may provide in the policy will unnecessarily lengthen it.



**Overall Commentary:**

This policy has a minor positive or neutral effect with regards to most of the SA Objectives, however, a small number of potential minor negative effects and uncertain effects have been identified. No potential cumulative effects have been identified.

The potential minor positive effects are in relation to the following SA Objectives:

- Objective 1: Improve accessibility to community facilities and local services;
- Objective 2: Improve the health and well-being of all communities;
- Objective 3: Meet identified needs for sufficient, high quality and affordable housing;
- Objective 5: Reduce anti-social behaviour, crime and the fear of crime;
- Objective 7: Ensure communities have access to a wide range of employment opportunities, paid or unpaid;
- Objective 10: Ensure everyone has access to high quality and affordable public transport and promote cycling and walking;
- Objective 11: Reduce the need and desire to travel by car;
- Objective 14: Encourage and protect habitats and biodiversity (taking account of climate change); and
- Objective 18: Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account of climate change).

A potential minor negative effect has been identified as follows:

- Objective 20: Promote waste management accordance with the waste hierarchy (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle): This policy does not mention providing suitable space and / or facilities for the storage and collection of recyclables.

A potential uncertain effect has been identified as follows:

- Objective 15: Reduce land, water, air, light, noise pollution: This policy requires adequate services for foul water, surface water and waste disposal but does not include consideration of the storage of hazardous substances such as fuels or the vulnerability of groundwater and therefore an uncertain effect is recorded.

Mitigation is put forward to address the potential negative and uncertain effects identified as follows:

- The fifth bullet point should be reworded to read 'adequate services including foul and surface water and waste disposal and recycling can be provided'; and
- The fifth point should be reworded to read 'adequate services including foul and surface water and waste disposal can be provided with pollution control measures'.

Recommendations have been put forward to improve the performance of the policy as follows:

- In allocating sites for sites for gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople, the council could consider opportunities to connect such sites to local district power schemes and could provide information to users of the sites relating to options for renewable and low carbon energy generation with are compatible with mobile accommodation.
- Bullet point 5 could be amended to include the word 'utilities'; and
- The first bullet point of the policy should be reworded to read 'good access (by foot or cycle) to local community services and facilities...'.

Since the policy was appraised a number of recommendations and one of the mitigation measures have been taken on board within the policy and this has improved the performance of the policy in light of the SA Objectives. In particular, the performance against 'SA Objective 15: Reduce land, water, air, light, noise pollution' is improved to minor positive over the short, medium and long terms.

The submission draft changes to this policy will not have a material effect on the scores in this table. The policy has been updated to include more detail on the number of pitches and more detail on the delivery of the pitches through a separate DPD. Whist this doesn't affect scores, it does provide greater certainty in regard to future pitch provision and development of policies related to this.

					Core Policies Policy CP 12 Centres and Retailing		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
Objective 1: Improve accessibility to community facilities and local services	Help everyone access basic services easily, safely and affordably Increase access to and participation in community and cultural facilities and activities	+	+	+	Policy CP12 aims to maintain and enhance existing centres and ensure that centres have a high level of accessibility by walking, cycling and public transport. A number of local centres have been removed from the list which was proposed in the Spatial Options document as they do not match the definition of local centres in PPS4. Retail uses at these locations will continue to be protected though Local Plan Policy S.9. Culture, art, leisure, entertainment and tourism uses will be located within or adjoining the centres.		n/a
Objective 2: Improve the health and well-being of all communities	Improve Health Reduce Health inequalities Promote healthy	?	?	?	It would be beneficial for communities if health facilities were also located in accessible centres and that the co-location of health facilities with other uses will help to strengthen community cohesion. The policy does not exclude health facilities	Mitigation: the supporting text of Policy CP12 could make it clearer that the policy will support the provision of health facilities within centres as well as other uses such as	Community facilities added to Policy CP12: Retail development, offices, leisure and entertainment uses, community facilities, arts, culture and tourism uses

					Core Policies Policy CP 12 Centres and Retailing		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
	lifestyles, especially routine daily exercise				from centres and states that uses which contribute to maintaining the vitality, viability and diversity of centres will be encouraged. Such community facilities would support these objectives, however, the supporting text could make it clearer that the policy will support the provision of health facilities within centres as well as other uses such as employment.	employment.	will be primarily located within, or where appropriate, adjoining the centres in the identified hierarchy of centres. Centres will also be the focus for higher density forms of residential development provided the centre is suitable for such development and has a high level of accessibility by public transport, cycling and walking.
Objective 3: Meet identified needs for sufficient, high quality and affordable housing	Help make suitable housing available and affordable for everyone	0	0	0	This policy does not relate to the provision of affordable housing, although it does encourage high density residential development in suitable centres.		n/a
Objective 4:	Promote	++	++	++	The policy encourages the		n/a

					Core Policies Policy CP 12 Centres and Retailing		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
Promote stronger more vibrant and cohesive communities	stronger more cohesive communities				vitality, viability and diversity of centres and encourages retail, offices, leisure, arts, culture and tourism in centres. The supporting text also identifies that community facilities are suitable uses for centres.		
Objective 5: Reduce anti-social behaviour, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce crime and fear of crime	?	?	?	The baseline data indicates that crime is a problem in Bath city centre. Some incidences of crime in Bath city centre relate to the night time economy. Policy CP12 does not make reference to the night time economy although it does encourage entertainment and culture.	Mitigation: Any controls on the night time economy which are considered necessary should be contained within the policies of the Placemaking DPD.	This is acknowledged. No change required within Core Policy
Objective 6: Improve the availability and provision of training	Give everyone access to learning, training, skills and knowledge	N/A	N/A	N/A	Education and training provision is not relevant to this Core Policy.		n/a
Objective 7: Ensure	Give everyone in	+	+	+	This policy supports retail provision within existing centres		n/a

					Core Policies Policy CP 12 Centres and Retailing		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
communities have access to a wide range of employment opportunities , paid or unpaid	<p>the region access to satisfying work opportunities , paid or unpaid</p> <p>Reduce poverty and income inequality</p> <p>Provide a diverse range of employment opportunities in a variety of sectors</p>				and therefore supports the retail sector. The policy also supports other uses such as tourism, leisure, arts, culture and entertainment and therefore indirectly supports these sectors too.		
Objective 8: Enable local businesses to prosper	Increase the circulation of wealth within the local authority area	++	++	++	Policy CP12 supports office development within centres which is currently lacking in the district, particularly in Bath. Policy CP12 also supports a variety of sectors including		n/a

Core Policies Policy CP 12 Centres and Retailing							
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
	Reduce vulnerability of the economy to climate change and harness opportunities arising				retail, culture and tourism which should enable local businesses in these sectors to prosper.		
Objective 9: Increase availability of local produce and materials	Meet local needs locally Support local food producers	?	?	?	The policy and the supporting text do not mention provision of space for street traders or markets such as farmers markets. It is therefore not clear whether these uses are supported within the centres identified.	Mitigation: the policy or supporting text should identify whether markets and street trading are supported within suitable centres.	Policy CP12 amended: Retail development, offices, leisure and entertainment uses, markets, community facilities, arts, culture and tourism uses will be primarily located within, or where appropriate, adjoining the centres in the identified hierarchy of centres. Centres will also be the focus for higher density forms of residential development provided the centre is suitable for such development and has a

					Core Policies Policy CP 12 Centres and Retailing		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
							high level of accessibility by public transport, cycling and walking.
Objective 10: Ensure everyone has access to high quality and affordable public transport and promote cycling and walking	Make public transport, cycling and walking easier and more attractive	0	0	0	Although this policy ensures that centres are accessible by walking, cycling and public transport, it does not directly seek to make public transport, cycling and walking easier and more attractive. This is sufficiently addressed through other place-based policies and the Infrastructure Core Policy.		n/a
Objective 11: Reduce the need and desire to travel by car	Reduce the need/desire to travel by car	++	++	++	This policy ensures that centres are accessible by walking, cycling and public transport thus making them attractive alternatives to the private car and avoiding the need to travel by car to meet day to day needs and employment.		n/a
Objective 12:	Protect and	++	++	++	Policy CP12 requires retail		n/a



					Core Policies Policy CP 12 Centres and Retailing		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
Protect and enhance local distinctiveness	enhance landscape and townscape Value and protect diversity and local distinctiveness including rural ways of life				development to be of a scale and type consistent with existing retail function and character of the centre and it should be well integrated into the existing pattern of the centre.		
Objective 13: Protect and enhance the district's historic, environmental and cultural assets	Maintain and enhance cultural and historical assets	++	++	++	Policy CP12 requires retail development to be of a scale and type consistent with existing retail function and character of the centre and it should be well integrated into the existing pattern of the centre.		n/a
Objective 14: Encourage and protect habitats and biodiversity	Protect and enhance habitats and species (taking	N/A	N/A	N/A	This SA objective is not relevant to this policy. Protection of nature conservation assets is dealt with in the Environmental Quality Core Policy (CP6).		n/a

					Core Policies Policy CP 12 Centres and Retailing		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
(taking account of climate change)	account of climate change)						
Objective 15: Reduce land, water, air, light, noise pollution	Minimise land, water, air, light, noise pollution	+/?	+/?	+/?	The policy ensures that centres are accessible by walking, cycling and public transport which supports a reduction in air pollution from private cars. However, not all traffic within the centres is people trying to access the centres; some may be through-traffic and therefore an overall positive effect is uncertain.		n/a
Objective 16: Encourage sustainable construction	Development that demonstrates sustainable design and construction Minimise consumption and extraction of minerals	N/A	N/A	N/A	This SA objective is not relevant to this policy. Sustainable construction is dealt with in Policy CP2 Sustainable Construction.		n/a

					Core Policies Policy CP 12 Centres and Retailing		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
Objective 17: Ensure the development of sustainable and/or local energy sources and energy infrastructure	Reduce non-renewable energy consumption and 'greenhouse' emissions Promote sustainable energy generation and distribution	N/A	N/A	N/A	This SA objective is not relevant to this policy. Energy efficiency, renewable and low carbon energy generation, district heating and retrofitting of existing buildings are dealt with in Core Policies CP1-CP4.		n/a
Objective 18: Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account of climate change)	Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account of climate change) Enable us to cope with hotter, drier	N/A	N/A	N/A	This SA objective is not relevant to this policy. Flood risk is mentioned within the supporting text of the Core Policies and is dealt with through PPS25.		n/a

					Core Policies Policy CP 12 Centres and Retailing		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
	summers (shade, ventilation, ground conditions etc.)						
Objective 19: Encourage careful and efficient use of natural resources	Promote the conservation and wise use of land Keep water consumption within local carrying capacity limits (taking account of climate change) Minimise consumption and extraction of minerals	N/A	N/A	N/A	This SA objective is not relevant to this policy. Consumption of resources and materials in new buildings is dealt with in Policy CP2 Sustainable Construction. The wise use of land is influenced by the spatial strategy (Policy DW1).		n/a
Objective 20: Promote	Reduce waste not	N/A	N/A	N/A	This SA objective is not relevant to this policy. Waste arisings		n/a

					Core Policies Policy CP 12 Centres and Retailing		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
waste management accordance with the waste hierarchy (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle)	put to any use				due to construction and operation of new buildings is dealt with in Policy CP2 Sustainable Construction.		

**Overall Commentary:**

Policy CP12 is not relevant to a number of SA Objectives, but where it is considered relevant, it generally performs well.

Major positive effects have been identified in relation to the following SA Objectives:

- Objective 1: Improve accessibility to community facilities and local services;
- Objective 4: Promote stronger more vibrant and cohesive communities;
- Objective 8: Enable local businesses to prosper;
- Objective 11: Reduce the need and desire to travel by car;
- Objective 12: Protect and enhance local distinctiveness; and
- Objective 13: Protect and enhance the district's historic, environmental and cultural assets.

Minor positive effects were identified in relation to the following SA Objectives:

- Objective 7: Ensure communities have access to a wide range of employment opportunities, paid or unpaid; and
- Objective 15: Reduce land, water, air, light, noise pollution (with uncertainty).

Uncertainty was recorded with regards to the following SA Objectives:

- Objective 2: Improve the health and well-being of all communities;
- Objective 5: Reduce anti-social behaviour, crime and the fear of crime; and
- Objective 9: Increase availability of local produce and materials.

Mitigation is put forward to address the uncertainty identified:

- The supporting text of Policy CP12 could make it clearer that the policy will support the provision of health facilities within centres as well as other uses such as employment;
- Any controls on the night time economy which are considered necessary should be contained within the policies of the Placemaking DPD; and
- The policy or supporting text should identify whether markets and street trading are supported within suitable centres.

No potential cumulative effects have been identified.

- Since the policy has been appraised, changes have been made to the policy which will result in the following residual effects:
- SA Objective 2 – minor positive in the short, medium and long term;
  - SA Objective 5 – neutral performance in the short, medium and long term. BANES will address crime and anti-social activity issues within the Placemaking DPD; and
  - SA Objective 9 – minor positive in the short, medium and long term.

					Core Policies Infrastructure Provision Policy		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
Objective 1: Improve accessibility to community facilities and local services	Help everyone access basic services easily, safely and affordably  Increase access to and participation in community and cultural facilities and activities	+	+	+	This policy will ensure that identified social, physical and green infrastructure required to meet the demands of new developments is delivered in a timely manner and therefore should ensure such facilities are accessible.		n/a
Objective 2: Improve the health and well- being of all communities	Improve Health  Reduce Health inequalities  Promote healthy	+	+	+	This policy will ensure that identified social, physical and green infrastructure required to meet the demands of new developments is delivered in a timely manner. Social infrastructure could		n/a



					Core Policies Infrastructure Provision Policy		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
	lifestyles, especially routine daily exercise				include health facilities if there is an identified need and other physical and/or green infrastructure could promote physical activity. The provision of healthcare, recreational and leisure facilities are mentioned in the supporting text with reference to the Council's Infrastructure Delivery Plan and its work with partners.		
Objective 3: Meet identified needs for sufficient, high quality and affordable housing	Help make suitable housing available and affordable for everyone	0	0	0	This policy does not relate to housing provision.		n/a
Objective 4: Promote	Promote stronger	+	+	+	This policy will ensure that identified social, physical		n/a

					Core Policies Infrastructure Provision Policy		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
stronger more vibrant and cohesive communities	more cohesive communities				and green infrastructure required to meet the demands of new developments is delivered in a timely manner. Social infrastructure could include community centres, healthcare facilities, welfare, spiritual, recreational, leisure, cultural and education facilities, all of which could help to strengthen community cohesion.		
Objective 5: Reduce anti- social behaviour, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce crime and fear of crime	+	+	+	This policy will ensure that identified social, physical and green infrastructure required to meet the demands of new developments is delivered in a timely manner. There is an indirect relationship between crime and safety and the provision of social		n/a

					Core Policies Infrastructure Provision Policy		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
					infrastructure, which could help to reduce anti-social behaviour by providing welfare and leisure facilities for young people, for example.		
Objective 6: Improve the availability and provision of training	Give everyone access to learning, training, skills and knowledge	+	+	+	This policy will ensure that identified social, physical and green infrastructure required to meet the demands of new developments is delivered in a timely manner. This could include education facilities (as identified within the supporting text) which could help to provide training.		n/a
Objective 7: Ensure communities have access to a wide range of	Give everyone in the region access to satisfying	0/+	0/+	0/+	This policy does not relate to the provision of employment opportunities, although as an indirect effect, some		n/a

					Core Policies Infrastructure Provision Policy		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
employment opportunities, paid or unpaid	work opportunities , paid or unpaid  Reduce poverty and income inequality  Provide a diverse range of employment opportunities in a variety of sectors				jobs may be provided through the provision of social infrastructure such as healthcare, education, welfare, leisure etc.		
Objective 8: Enable local businesses to prosper	Increase the circulation of wealth within the local authority area	0	0	0	This policy is unlikely to have an effect with regards to the prosperity of local businesses.		n/a

					Core Policies Infrastructure Provision Policy		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
	Reduce vulnerability of the economy to climate change and harness opportunities arising						
Objective 9: Increase availability of local produce and materials	Meet local needs locally Support local food producers	0	0	0	This policy is unlikely to have an effect with regards to the availability of local produce and materials.		n/a
Objective 10: Ensure everyone has access to high quality and affordable public transport and promote cycling and	Make public transport, cycling and walking easier and more attractive	+	+	+	The policy could be used to ensure that transport infrastructure required for new development is delivered. The third paragraph of the policy seeks to ensure physical infrastructure is retained and improved and		n/a

					Core Policies Infrastructure Provision Policy		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
walking					therefore could also facilitate improvements to cycling and walking paths, bus shelters etc.		
Objective 11: Reduce the need and desire to travel by car	Reduce the need/desire to travel by car	+	+	+	In the same way that this policy supports Objective 10 above, the provision of transport infrastructure that this policy enables should help to reduce the need to travel by car, by making public transport, walking and cycling attractive for users of new developments.		n/a
Objective 12: Protect and enhance local distinctiveness	Protect and enhance landscape and townscape  Value and protect diversity and	0	0	0	This policy does not relate to the location or design of development		n/a

					Core Policies Infrastructure Provision Policy		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
	local distinctivene ss including rural ways of life						
Objective 13: Protect and enhance the district's historic, environmental and cultural assets	Maintain and enhance cultural and historical assets	0	0	0	This policy does not have any relevance to this SA Objective.		n/a
Objective 14: Encourage and protect habitats and biodiversity. (taking account of climate change)	Protect and enhance habitats and species (taking account of climate change)	+	+	+	An indirect effect of this policy could be the enhancement of biodiversity through the provision of green infrastructure, which would also provide benefits for wildlife in light of climate change by providing migration routes		n/a

					Core Policies Infrastructure Provision Policy		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
					between habitats.		
Objective 15: Reduce land, water, air, light, noise pollution	Minimise land, water, air, light, noise pollution	0	0	0	This policy is not relevant to this SA Objective.		n/a
Objective 16: Encourage sustainable construction	Development that demonstrate sustainable design and construction  Minimise consumption and extraction of minerals	0	0	0	This policy is not relevant to this SA Objective. The Sustainable Construction core policy (CP2) seeks to ensure that sustainable construction is integral to new development whilst the Retrofitting Existing core policy (CP1) encourages measures to improve the energy efficiency of all existing buildings.		n/a
Objective 17: Ensure the development of	Reduce non- renewable energy	+	+	+	This policy will ensure that identified social, physical and green infrastructure		n/a



					Core Policies Infrastructure Provision Policy		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
sustainable and/or local energy sources and energy infrastructure	consumption and 'greenhouse' emissions  Promote sustainable energy generation and distribution				required to meet the demands of new developments is delivered in a timely manner. The supporting text identifies that social and physical infrastructure could include energy provision and that the policy will ensure that all new developments are supported by the necessary infrastructure, including forms of energy supply that help to reduce carbon emissions and existing infrastructure is retained and improved.		
Objective 18: Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking account	Reduce vulnerability to, and manage flood risk (taking	+	+	+	This policy will ensure that identified social, physical and green infrastructure required to meet the demands of new developments is delivered		n/a

					Core Policies Infrastructure Provision Policy		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
of climate change)	account of climate change) Enable us to cope with hotter, drier summers (shade, ventilation, ground conditions etc.)				in a timely manner. Physical infrastructure could include measures to reduce flood risk and green infrastructure provision could also include SUDS.		
Objective 19: Encourage careful and efficient use of natural resources	Promote the conservation and wise use of land Keep water consumption within local carrying capacity limits (taking account of	0	0	0	This policy is not relevant to this SA Objective.		n/a

					Core Policies Infrastructure Provision Policy		
SEA/SA Objectives	Detailed questions: Does the policy / proposal...	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement	B&NES response:
	climate change) Minimise consumption and extraction of minerals						
Objective 20: Promote waste management accordance with the waste hierarchy (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle)	Reduce waste not put to any use	0	0	0	This policy is not relevant to this SA Objective.		n/a

**Overall Commentary:**

This policy either has a positive effect with regard to the SA Objectives or is not relevant to a number of the other SA Objectives. Two major positive direct effects have been identified in relation to the following SA Objectives:

- Objective 2: Improve the health and well-being of all communities; and
- Objective 4: Promote stronger more vibrant and cohesive communities.

The following potential indirect positive effects have been identified as follows:

- Objective 5: Reduce anti-social behaviour, crime and the fear of crime: There is an indirect relationship between crime and safety and the provision of social infrastructure, which could help to reduce anti-social behaviour by providing welfare and leisure facilities for young people, for example;
- Objective 7: Ensure communities have access to a wide range of employment opportunities, paid or unpaid: an indirect positive effect may occur as some jobs may be provided through the provision of social infrastructure such as healthcare, education, welfare, leisure etc.; and
- Objective 14: Encourage and protect habitats and biodiversity (taking account of climate change): An indirect effect of this policy could be the enhancement of biodiversity through the provision of green infrastructure, which would also provide benefits for wildlife in light of climate change by providing migration routes between habitats.

No potential minor negative effects or cumulative effects have been identified.

No mitigation measures are required.