

Rother District Council

SA/SEA Interim Report

Appendix 2: Detailed Assessment of Policies

Introduction

A2.1 The following appendix provides the detailed assessment of the policy options and alternatives under each of the topic areas (chapters) of the Local Plan. These differ in level of detail and assessment of alternatives based on the scale of the policy issues as discussed in the main Interim SA/SEA Report. Where commentary is given, this provides evidence of how the option is positive, negative or neutral against the particular objective of the SA framework. These commentaries are then summarised and pulled together in a justification statement in the main SA report. The Policy option and alternatives follow the following structure in line with the how the policies areas are structured in the Regulation 18 version of the Rother District Local Plan.

- Green to the Core
- Live Well Locally – these have been assessed in detail in the main SA/SEA report as they are new policies with no alternatives, and therefore the assessment is not repeated here
- Development Strategy and Principles – these have been assessed in detail in main SA/SEA report and are not repeated here
- Health and Wellbeing
- Infrastructure
- Housing
- Economy
- Landscape Character
- Environmental Management
- Heritage

Green to the Core

Policy option 1: Net Zero Development Building Standards

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	Existing policy
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	+	+	+	The increase in gas and oil prices means that people are increasingly turning to wood fuelled heating alternatives, which has an impact on air quality in the form of particulate matter (PM2.5), a contributor to particulate pollution. An increase in renewable energy generation and associated lower costs for households will reduce the amount of solid fuel being used in homes.	Existing policy is DEN1: Environmental Pollution. This would have some impact on the objective as air quality is mentioned however the new policy will have a greater impact for the reasons given in the column to the left.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not directly impact on this objective</i>	

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	Existing policy
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO ₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?	++	++	++	The overall intent of the policy is to reduce GHG emissions. The objective will be met through net zero development moving away from gas/fossil fuels to low carbon/ renewable energy supplies.	Existing policies SRM1: Towards a Low Carbon Future, DRM3: Energy Requirements and DRM1: Water Efficiency all have a positive impact on the objective, however the new policy contains more targeted criteria to address energy effici. New policy GTC4: Water efficiency specifically addresses water consumption.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?	0	0	0	The policy does not directly address water consumption, it's an assumption that this would be an outcome of sustainable development. The opportunities to create clusters and link settlements more clearly may give the opportunity for Neighbourhood Plans and community groups to provide strategies at a local level for local communities to work together to implement water conservation technologies. <i>The policy does not directly impact on this objective</i>	

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	Existing policy
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not directly impact on this objective</i>	
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not directly impact on this objective</i>	
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	+	+	+	The policy aims to meet this objective through high quality, energy efficient housing that will contribute to a reduction in fuel poverty in the district.	Existing policy SRM1 :Towards a Low Carbon Future would impact on the objective however the new policy has a more positive impact due to its likely impact on fuel poverty.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not directly impact on this objective</i>	

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	Existing policy
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not directly impact on this objective</i>	
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not directly impact on this objective</i>	
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not directly impact on this objective</i>	
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not directly impact on this objective</i>	

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	Existing policy
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not directly impact on this objective</i>	
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not directly impact on this objective</i>	
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not directly impact on this objective</i>	
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not directly impact on this objective</i>	
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not directly impact on this objective</i>	

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	Existing policy
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not directly impact on this objective</i>	
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not directly impact on this objective</i>	
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not directly impact on this objective</i>	
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Policy option 2: Net Zero Retrofit Standards

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	Existing policy
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not directly impact on this objective</i>	
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not directly impact on this objective</i>	
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	++	++	++	The purpose of the policy is to have a positive impact on energy efficiency and carbon emissions.	Existing policies SRM1: Towards a Low Carbon Future, DRM3: Energy Requirements and DRM1: Water Efficiency all have a positive impact on the objective, however the new policy contains more targeted criteria to address energy efficiency. New policy GTC4: Water efficiency specifically addresses water consumption.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not directly impact on this objective</i>	

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	Existing policy
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not directly impact on this objective</i>	
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not directly impact on this objective</i>	
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not directly impact on this objective</i>	
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	+	+	+	The policy will have a positive impact on the objective by improving the energy efficiency existing housing stock and contributing to reducing fuel poverty.	Existing policy SRM1 :Towards a Low Carbon Future would impact on the objective however the new policy has a more positive impact due to its likely impact on fuel poverty.

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Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not directly impact on this objective</i>	
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not directly impact on this objective</i>	
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	+	+	+	Historic dwellings and commercial buildings may be sensitively retrofitted to enable higher living/working standards and reduce the possibility of fuel poverty. This is likely to extend their functional lifespan resulting in them being less likely to fall into disrepair due to being uninhabitable.	There is not an existing policy on net zero retrofit, therefore the new policy is a significant improvement on the objective.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not directly impact on this objective</i>	

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Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	+	+	+	Retrofitting and re-using existing building stock will have an impact on the number of new buildings required and therefore reduce construction waste.	There is not an existing policy on net zero retrofit, therefore the new policy is a significant improvement on the objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not directly impact on this objective</i>	
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not directly impact on this objective</i>	
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not directly impact on this objective</i>	
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not directly impact on this objective</i>	

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Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not directly impact on this objective</i>	
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not directly impact on this objective</i>	
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not directly impact on this objective</i>	
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Policy option 3: Construction Materials and Waste

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	Existing Policy
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	+	+	+	The intent of the policy to manage construction waste and re-use materials, including land, when feasible will somewhat reduce the need for construction and transportation to waste sites, and have a positive impact on air quality.	The existing pertinent policy is DEN7: Environmental Pollution. The new policy does not tackle air pollution directly, therefore the sustainability impact of continuing with the existing policy on this objective will of medium significance.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not impact on this objective</i>	
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	+	+	+	The policy will have a positive impact on the objective through a higher consideration of sustainable construction materials from specifying materials which can be re-used after demolition to supporting the provision of space to foster high levels of recycling domestic and commercial waste.	The existing policy is SRM1: Towards a Low Carbon Future and the ESCC Waste and Minerals Plan 2013. The new policy will impact positively on this objective; therefore continuing with the existing will have a lower sustainability impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	Existing Policy
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not impact on this objective</i>	
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not impact on this objective</i>	
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not impact on this objective</i>	
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not impact on this objective</i>	
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not impact on this objective</i>	

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	Existing Policy
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	

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Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	++	++	++	The purpose of the policy is to minimise waste in the construction industry through re-using land and buildings, reuse and recycling materials from demolition, and implementing design principles to ensure buildings can be reused after disassembly.	ESCC Waste and Minerals Plan 2013 contains the existing policy, which impacts on the sustainability objective however the new policy is directed at minimising waste and therefore has a greater impact.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not impact on this objective</i>	
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not impact on this objective</i>	
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not impact on this objective</i>	

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Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not impact on this objective</i>	
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not impact on this objective</i>	
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not impact on this objective</i>	
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	0	0	0	<i>The policy does not impact on this objective</i>	
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Policy option 4: Water Efficiency

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	Existing Policy
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	++	++	++	The purpose of the policy is to reduce water consumption to a standard of 100 litres per day per person.	The existing policy DEN 1: Water Efficiency had a efficiency target of 110 Litres per person per day and therefore the new policy has a more positive impact on the SA objective.

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Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	

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Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	Existing Policy
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	Existing Policy
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
SCORING							

Policy option 5: Heat Networks

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	Existing policy
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on the objective	
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on the objective	
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	++	++	++	The purpose of the policy is to support district heat networks where feasible; a more sustainable way of heating groups of buildings and reducing CO ₂	Existing policy DRM2: Renewable Energy Developments has some impact on this objective but less than the new policy which is more explicit in its encouragement of renewable energy .
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on the objective	

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	Existing policy
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on the objective	
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on the objective	
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on the objective	

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	Existing policy
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	<p>Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes?</p> <p>Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless?</p> <p>Encourage housing types that meet local needs?</p>	+	+	+	The policy could potentially reduce fuel poverty and contribute to an improvement in health and well-being through warmer homes and workplaces.	Existing policies SRM1: Towards a Low Carbon Future and DRM3: Energy Requirements would impact on this objective. Where the new policy is targeted at supporting heat networks these will have a direct positive impact on the objective in terms of fuel poverty and providing the means for occupants to heat their homes.
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on the objective	
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on the objective	

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	Existing policy
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets? Reduce the number of buildings at risk? Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage? Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies? Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on the objective	
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	Reduce land contamination? Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on the objective	
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on the objective	
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on the objective	

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	Existing policy
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on the objective	
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on the objective	
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on the objective	
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on the objective	

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	Existing policy
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	<p>Improve the qualifications and skills of young people?</p> <p>Improve the qualifications and skills of adults?</p> <p>Address the skills gap and enable skills progression?</p> <p>Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages?</p> <p>Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?</p>	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on the objective	
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	<p>Reduce the need to travel by private car?</p> <p>Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport?</p> <p>Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure?</p> <p>Reduce road traffic accidents?</p>	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on the objective	
SCORING			3	3	3		

Health and Well-being

Policy option 1a: Provision and improvement of health and community wellbeing

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?	+	+	+	The policy option includes the need to avoid or mitigate risks from various forms of pollution, including air, as part of a range of measures to improve health and wellbeing.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?	0	0	0	The policy option does not have a direct link to biodiversity enhancements, though any enhancements to biodiversity would likely have an improvement to health and wellbeing.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO ₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?	+	+	+	Through promoting accessible and inclusive design, this policy option addresses the need to encourage more sustainable travel. The policy option signposts to the two key policy areas of the Local Plan which directly address the other appraisal questions.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?	0	0	0	The policy option does not address water consumption and therefore has a neutral impact on this objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	+	+	+	Improving green infrastructure networks is a component of this policy option and therefore will help to address climate change as well as improving health and wellbeing.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	○	○	○	This policy option does not address coastal erosion/land stability and therefore does not have any impact on the objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	++	++	++	As this policy option is designed to be an overarching policy to address health and wellbeing, taking all of the parts of the policy meets all of the appraisal questions.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	○	○	○	This policy option does not address this objective and therefore has a neutral impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	+	+	+	This policy promotes new and improved health facilities as well as open space and as such would lead to a positive impact when assessed against the objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	+	+	+	The positive impact is because part of this policy option is aimed to improve community safety and cohesion through high quality design.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective, hence the neutral score.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	o	o	o	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective, hence the neutral score.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	○	○	○	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective, hence the neutral score.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	○	○	○	Whilst this policy does intend to avoid or mitigate harmful impacts from forms of pollution, it does not expressly address water pollution from runoff. This is why it has been given a neutral score.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	+	+	+	Improving the natural environment and encouraging access to it forms a part of this policy option and has therefore scored positively against this objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	○	○	○	This policy does not directly address this objective and therefore has been given a neutral score.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	○	○	○	This policy does not directly address this objective and therefore has been given a neutral score.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	0	0	0	This policy does not directly address this objective and therefore has been given a neutral score. It could be possible that improving infrastructure to address health and wellbeing could have a positive impact on reducing deprivation.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	0	0	0	This policy does not directly address this objective and therefore has been given a neutral score.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	+	+	+	Similar to objectives 1, 3 and 9, the design of new development should encourage healthy, inclusive and safe places will lead to more sustainable transport being used.
SCORING			9	9	9	Overall, this options scores positively on the objectives that it was first envisioned to address. As the policy is overarching in nature, there is scope to add more subpoints to have a more overt positive impact. However, this would need to be balanced against repletion of other policies, which could be referenced to in this policy.

Policy option 2a: HIAs on all non-domestic applications

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health?</p> <p>Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	++	++	++	As the HIA scopes in air quality, and the policy option requirement considers all new dwellings and commercial floorspace, this policy has a very positive impact.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	++	++	++	As the HIA scopes in biodiversity, and the policy option requirement considers all new dwellings and commercial floorspace, this policy has a very positive impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	++	++	++	As the HIA scopes in health and sustainable travel, and the policy option requirement considers all new dwellings and commercial floorspace, this policy has a very positive impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	+	+	+	As the HIA broadly scopes in nature, and the policy option requirement considers all new dwellings and commercial floorspace, this policy has a positive impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	+	+	+	As the HIA broadly scopes in nature, and the policy option requirement considers all new dwellings and commercial floorspace, this policy has a positive impact.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	o	o	o	This policy option has a neutrally impact as there is no direct impact, though an HIA may consider land stability.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	++	++	++	As the HIA naturally scopes in health, and the policy option requirement considers all new dwellings and commercial floorspace, this policy has a very positive impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	++	++	++	As the HIA naturally scopes in health, and the policy option requirement considers all new dwellings and commercial floorspace, this policy has a very positive impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	++	++	++	As the HIA scopes in local services, and the policy option requirement considers all new dwellings and commercial floorspace, this policy has a very positive impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	++	++	++	As the HIA scopes in crime/safety, and the policy option requirement considers all new dwellings and commercial floorspace, this policy has a very positive impact.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	0	0	0	This policy option has a neutral impact as there is no direct impact on this objective.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	+	+	+	As the HIA scopes in indirect health issues, and the policy option requirement considers all new dwellings and commercial floorspace, this policy has a positive impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	○	○	○	This policy option has a neutral impact as there is no direct impact on this objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	○	○	○	This policy option has a neutral impact as there is no direct impact on this objective.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	++	++	++	As the HIA scopes in the natural environment, and the policy option requirement considers all new dwellings and commercial floorspace, this policy has a very positive impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	+	+	+	As the HIA broadly scopes in the economy, and the policy option requirement considers all new dwellings and commercial floorspace, this policy has a very positive impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	++	++	++	As the HIA scopes in employment, and the policy option requirement considers all new dwellings and commercial floorspace, this policy has a very positive impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	++	++	++	As the HIA scopes in social exclusion, and the policy option requirement considers all new dwellings and commercial floorspace, this policy has a very positive impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	++	++	++	As the HIA scopes in education, and the policy option requirement considers all new dwellings and commercial floorspace, this policy has a very positive impact.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	++	++	++	As the HIA scopes in active travel, and the policy option requirement considers all new dwellings and commercial floorspace, this policy has a very positive impact.
SCORING			28	28	28	This policy option scores extremely highly as the working HIA guidance covers almost every aspect of the SA, highlighting how these two processes complement each other. As this policy option also scopes in so many different forms and scales of development, the positive impacts would be felt very widely.

Policy option 2b: HIAs on all major applications

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	++	++	++	As the HIA scopes in air quality, and the policy option requirement considers all major development, this policy has a very positive impact.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	++	++	++	As the HIA scopes in biodiversity, and the policy option requirement considers all major development, this policy has a very positive impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	++	++	++	As the HIA scopes in health and sustainable travel, and the policy option requirement considers all major development, this policy has a very positive impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	+	+	+	As the HIA broadly scopes in nature, and the policy option requirement considers all major development, this policy has a positive impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	+	+	+	As the HIA broadly scopes in nature, and the policy option requirement considers all major development, this policy has a positive impact.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	o	o	o	This policy option has a neutrally impact as there is no direct impact, though an HIA may consider land stability.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	++	++	++	As the HIA naturally scopes in health, and the policy option requirement considers all major development, this policy has a very positive impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	++	++	++	As the HIA naturally scopes in health, and the policy option requirement considers all major development, this policy has a very positive impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	++	++	++	As the HIA scopes in local services, and the policy option requirement considers all major development, this policy has a very positive impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	++	++	++	As the HIA scopes in crime/safety, and the policy option requirement considers all major development, this policy has a very positive impact.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	0	0	0	This policy option has a neutral impact as there is no direct impact on this objective.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	+	+	+	As the HIA scopes in indirect health issues, and the policy option requirement considers all major development, this policy has a positive impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	○	○	○	This policy option has a neutral impact as there is no direct impact on this objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	○	○	○	This policy option has a neutral impact as there is no direct impact on this objective.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	++	++	++	As the HIA scopes in the natural environment, and the policy option requirement considers all major development, this policy has a very positive impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	+	+	+	As the HIA broadly scopes in the economy, and the policy option requirement considers all major development, this policy has a very positive impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	++	++	++	As the HIA scopes in employment, and the policy option requirement considers all major development, this policy has a very positive impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	++	++	++	As the HIA scopes in social exclusion, and the policy option requirement considers all major development, this policy has a very positive impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	++	++	++	As the HIA scopes in education, and the policy option requirement considers all major development, this policy has a very positive impact.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	++	++	++	As the HIA scopes in active travel, and the policy option requirement considers all major development, this policy has a very positive impact.
SCORING			28	28	28	This policy option scores extremely highly as the working HIA guidance covers almost every aspect of the SA, highlighting how these two processes complement each other. As this policy option also scopes in so many different forms and scales of development, the positive impacts would be felt very widely.

Policy option 2c: HIAs on all large-scale applications

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	+	+	+	As the HIA scopes in air quality this policy has a positive impact.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	+	+	+	As the HIA scopes in biodiversity this policy has a positive impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	+	+	+	As the HIA scopes in health and sustainable travel this policy has a positive impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	+	+	+	As the HIA broadly scopes in nature this policy has a positive impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	+	+	+	As the HIA broadly scopes in nature this policy has a positive impact.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	0	0	0	This policy option has a neutrally impact as there is no direct impact, though an HIA may consider land stability.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	+	+	+	As the HIA naturally scopes in health this policy has a positive impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	+	+	+	As the HIA naturally scopes in health this policy has a positive impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	+	+	+	As the HIA scopes in local services this policy has a positive impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	+	+	+	As the HIA scopes in crime/safety this policy has a positive impact.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	0	0	0	This policy option has a neutral impact as there is no direct impact on this objective.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	+	+	+	As the HIA scopes in indirect health issues this policy has a positive impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	○	○	○	This policy option has a neutral impact as there is no direct impact on this objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	○	○	○	This policy option has a neutral impact as there is no direct impact on this objective.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	+	+	+	As the HIA scopes in the natural environment this policy has a positive impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	+	+	+	As the HIA broadly scopes in the economy this policy has a very positive impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	+	+	+	As the HIA scopes in employment this policy has a positive impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	+	+	+	As the HIA scopes in social exclusion this policy has a positive impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	+	+	+	As the HIA scopes in education this policy has a very positive impact.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	+	+	+	As the HIA scopes in active travel this policy has a positive impact.
SCORING			16	16	16	This policy option scores very highly as the working HIA guidance covers almost every aspect of the SA, highlighting how these two processes complement each other. As this policy option scopes in only some of the largest forms of development, the positive impacts would be felt less widely than in other policy options. However, it could be argued that these larger sites will have the ability to have a larger impact than the smaller sites scoped in in other policies.

Policy option 2d: HIAs within deprived areas

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	+	+	+	As the HIA scopes in air quality this policy has a positive impact.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	+	+	+	As the HIA scopes in biodiversity this policy has a positive impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	+	+	+	As the HIA scopes in health and sustainable travel this policy has a positive impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	+	+	+	As the HIA broadly scopes in nature this policy has a positive impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	+	+	+	As the HIA broadly scopes in nature this policy has a positive impact.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	0	0	0	This policy option has a neutrally impact as there is no direct impact, though an HIA may consider land stability.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well- being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	+	+	+	As the HIA naturally scopes in health this policy has a positive impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	+	+	+	As the HIA naturally scopes in health this policy has a positive impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	+	+	+	As the HIA scopes in local services this policy has a positive impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	+	+	+	As the HIA scopes in crime/safety this policy has a positive impact.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	0	0	0	This policy option has a neutral impact as there is no direct impact on this objective.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	+	+	+	As the HIA scopes in indirect health issues this policy has a positive impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	○	○	○	This policy option has a neutral impact as there is no direct impact on this objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	○	○	○	This policy option has a neutral impact as there is no direct impact on this objective.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	+	+	+	As the HIA scopes in the natural environment this policy has a positive impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	+	+	+	As the HIA broadly scopes in the economy this policy has a very positive impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	+	+	+	As the HIA scopes in employment this policy has a positive impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	+	+	+	As the HIA scopes in social exclusion this policy has a positive impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	+	+	+	As the HIA scopes in education this policy has a very positive impact.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	+	+	+	As the HIA scopes in active travel this policy has a positive impact.
SCORING			16	16	16	This policy option scores very highly as the working HIA guidance covers almost every aspect of the SA, highlighting how these two processes complement each other. As this policy option scopes in only some forms of development in specific parts of the district, the positive impacts would be felt less widely than in other policy options. However, it could be argued that these larger sites will have the ability to have a larger impact than the smaller sites scoped in in other policies.

Policy option 2e: No requirement for an HIA

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	+	+	+	This aspect that was scoped in by the HIA is also covered in other aspects of the plan, so for the district there will still be an indirect positive.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	+	+	+	This aspect that was scoped in by the HIA is also covered in other aspects of the plan, so for the district there will still be an indirect positive.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	+	+	+	This aspect that was scoped in by the HIA is also covered in other aspects of the plan, so for the district there will still be an indirect positive.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	+	+	+	This aspect that was scoped in by the HIA is also covered in other aspects of the plan, so for the district there will still be an indirect positive.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	+	+	+	This aspect that was scoped in by the HIA is also covered in other aspects of the plan, so for the district there will still be an indirect positive.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	0	0	0	As this policy option was not scoped in by the HIA, there is no loss from not having an HIA.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	+	+	+	This aspect that was scoped in by the HIA is also covered in other aspects of the plan, so for the district there will still be an indirect positive.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	+	+	+	This aspect that was scoped in by the HIA is also covered in other aspects of the plan, so for the district there will still be an indirect positive.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	+	+	+	This aspect that was scoped in by the HIA is also covered in other aspects of the plan, so for the district there will still be an indirect positive.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	+	+	+	This aspect that was scoped in by the HIA is also covered in other aspects of the plan, so for the district there will still be an indirect positive.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	0	0	0	As this policy option was not scoped in by the HIA, there is no loss from not having an HIA.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	+	+	+	This aspect that was scoped in by the HIA is also covered in other aspects of the plan, so for the district there will still be an indirect positive.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	○	○	○	As this policy option was not scoped in by the HIA, there is no loss from not having an HIA.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	○	○	○	As this policy option was not scoped in by the HIA, there is no loss from not having an HIA.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	+	+	+	This aspect that was scoped in by the HIA is also covered in other aspects of the plan, so for the district there will still be an indirect positive.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	+	+	+	This aspect that was scoped in by the HIA is also covered in other aspects of the plan, so for the district there will still be an indirect positive.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	+	+	+	This aspect that was scoped in by the HIA is also covered in other aspects of the plan, so for the district there will still be an indirect positive.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	+	+	+	This aspect that was scoped in by the HIA is also covered in other aspects of the plan, so for the district there will still be an indirect positive.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	+	+	+	This aspect that was scoped in by the HIA is also covered in other aspects of the plan, so for the district there will still be an indirect positive.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	+	+	+	This aspect that was scoped in by the HIA is also covered in other aspects of the plan, so for the district there will still be an indirect positive.
SCORING			16	16	16	Ultimately, a lack of HIA policy would likely not have a major negative impact on the district as the SA objectives are met by other local and national policies. However, an HIA does offer a framework to compile these impacts in one document.

Policy option 3a: restricting hot food takeaways in Sidley District Centre

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	+	+	+	This policy option intends to tackle reducing levels of obesity by restricting the numbers of hot food takeaways. However, as this policy option only looks at Sidley District Centre, in essence the High Street, the positive benefits aren't widely realised across the district.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	0	0	0	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	0	0	0	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	0	0	0	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
SCORING			1	1	1	This policy option has a narrow and specific purpose and therefore does not have any positive or negative impacts on the vast majority of objectives. Where the policy option does score, it is slightly positive on the objective around reducing obesity as that is a major rationale for the policy.

Policy option 3b: Restricting hot food takeaways around schools and parks

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	+	+	+	This policy option intends to tackle reducing levels of obesity by restricting the numbers of hot food takeaways. As this policy option looks at areas around schools and parks, the positive benefits will likely be most realised in the more built-up parts of the district as that is where there is most likely going to be a suitable site for a hot food takeaway to potentially come forward.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	0	0	0	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	0	0	0	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	0	0	0	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
SCORING			1	1	1	The specific purpose of this option means it does not have any positive or negative impacts on the vast majority of objectives. The slightly positive score on Objective 7 reflects a major rationale for the policy. Whilst scoring the same as 3a, this policy option would have a greater coverage across the district.

Policy option 3c: Reducing harmful impacts on health through a limit on various uses

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health?</p> <p>Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	++	++	++	This policy option intends to address various commercial uses that are known to have an impact on health and wellbeing. As this policy option looks to cover the whole district on various, the positive benefits therefore extend further than options 3a and 3b.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	○	○	○	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	0	0	0	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	0	0	0	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	0	0	0	Due to the intended narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impact when assessed against this objective.
SCORING			2	2	2	The specific purpose of this option means it does not have any positive or negative impacts on the vast majority of objectives. The major positive score on Objective 7 reflects a key rationale for the policy. As the remit of the policy is greater, it scores higher than options 3a and 3b.

Policy option 4a: Community facilities and services

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not address air quality, and as such does not have a positive or negative impact.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not address biodiversity, and as such does not have a positive or negative impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not address energy and water consumption, and as such does not have a positive or negative impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not address energy and water consumption, and as such does not have a positive or negative impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	○	○	○	This policy option does not address climate change, flooding, or coastal change, and as such does not have a positive or negative impact.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	○	○	○	This policy option does not address climate change, flooding, or coastal change, and as such does not have a positive or negative impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	+	+	+	Through the improved provision of community and social facilities, this policy option yields a positive benefit on some of the appraisal questions.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	○	○	○	This policy option does not address improving housing stock as a mechanism to improve health and wellbeing, and as such does not have a positive or negative impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	++	++	++	As the policy's main premise is to permit and improve community and social facilities, this policy option scores very highly on this objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	o	o	o	This policy option does not address crime as a mechanism to improve health and wellbeing, and as such does not have a positive or negative impact.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	This policy option does not address heritage, and as such does not have a positive or negative impact.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	o	o	o	This policy option does not address land and water quality, and as such does not have a positive or negative impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	○	○	○	This policy option does not address land and water quality, and as such does not have a positive or negative impact.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	○	○	○	This policy option does not address land and water quality, and as such does not have a positive or negative impact.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	+	+	+	The policy's scope includes leisure and recreation uses. Therefore, this option meets some of the appraisal questions, and therefore score slightly positively.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	○	○	○	This policy option does not address economic performance as a means to improve skills, employment and economic development and as such does not have a positive or negative impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	○	○	○	This policy option does not address unemployment as a means to improve skills, employment and economic development and as such does not have a positive or negative impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	+	+	+	Through promoting and retaining community facilities, it is hoped that this will help to reduce the deprivation gap where this policy is applied in areas of higher deprivation.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	0	0	0	Whilst education facilities are within the scope of uses this policy option applies to, it is felt that this is not enough of a factor to score this objective as more than neutral due to the other appraisal questions not being met by this option.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	0	0	0	Whilst this policy option is supportive of co-locating facilities which could help reduce trips, it is felt that this is not enough of a factor to score this objective as more than neutral due to the other appraisal questions not being met by this option.
SCORING			5	5	5	Overall this policy option score positively on the objectives that are linked with health and wellbeing due to the multiple points of the policy covering a wide range of linked circumstances. This policy is linked with another policy which sets out more details on resisting the loss of community and social facilities which, if combined, may have scored more highly as the policy would be stronger in its position.

Policy option 5a: Green and blue infrastructure

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?	+	+	+	Green and blue infrastructure can help to improve air quality through absorbing and filtering pollutants and as such this policy option can have a positive impact on the air quality objective.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?	+	+	+	The designated sites are by definition green and/or blue infrastructure which are in many cases statutorily protected. As such, this policy option will create further considerations if development is proposed in the sites. Furthermore, sub-point (v) considers the need for sensitive water-based recreation having regard to any biodiversity or environmental considerations.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO ₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?	o	o	o	This policy option does not directly impact this objective and has therefore scored neutrally. However, the creation, retention, and enhancements to green and blue infrastructure may, at the development scale, help to encourage more walking and cycling within developments.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?	o	o	o	The policy option scores neutrally on this objective as it does not have a positive or negative impact either way.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	+	+	+	As improving and extending green infrastructure is part of the appraisal questions for this objective, this policy option therefore scores positively when assessed on this objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	o	o	o	Whilst the coast forms part of the district's blue infrastructure, there are other policy options in other parts of the Local Plan that seek to protect the coast specifically. As such, this policy option scores neutrally.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	++	++	++	Improving access to green and blue infrastructure forms a key part of this policy option. In addition, there are specific sub-points within the policy which address the need for sports provision across the district as well as within certain new developments. As such, this policy option scores very positively when assessed on this objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	o	o	o	The policy option is not seeking to address this objective and therefore scores neutrally.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	+	+	+	As referenced in Objective 8 above, this policy option seeks to improve access to green and blue infrastructure as well as specifically scoping in sports provision in places. Therefore, any provision in facilities will yield a positive benefit.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	o	o	o	There is a naturally a need to ensure any new green or blue infrastructure is safe to use for its users. However, the policy option does not explicitly address this, and as such has scored neutrally.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	This policy option does not address any of the appraisal questions for this objective, and therefore scores neutrally.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	+	+	+	Protecting soils means there is likely overlap with land that is the best and most versatile agricultural land. Therefore, this policy options should have a positive impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	○	○	○	The neutral score reflects that this objective is not addressed by this policy option and therefore no impact is created.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	○	○	○	Whilst this policy does address blue infrastructure, the specifics of this Objective are not covered by this policy option.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	++	++	++	A key tenet of this policy option is to improve access to the natural environment as well as its protection and enhancement, hence why this policy options score very positively for this Objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	○	○	○	Improving economic performance is not addressed by this policy option and therefore scores neutrally.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	○	○	○	Addressing employment opportunities is not covered by this policy options and therefore has a neutral impact against the Objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	0	0	0	Addressing poverty and deprivation is not part of this policy option, hence the neutral scoring, but this policy option may consequentially lead to reducing the deprivation gap if larger green and blue infrastructure is provided in areas in greater deprivation.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	0	0	0	The neutral score is reflective of the policy option not looking to address improving qualifications and skills.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	0	0	0	On balance, it is felt that this policy scores neutrally as it does not go far enough to address the Objective, though promoting green infrastructure may help to enable active travel within development depending on the specific provision.
SCORING			9	9	9	Overall, this policy option scores most strongly on the objectives that are linked to the natural environment as this policy option has sought to meet these criteria.

Policy option 6a: Public Rights of Way

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?	○	○	○	This policy option does not have an impact and therefore scores neutrally, though the option could lead to less car trips being taken which may improve air quality.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?	○	○	○	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective, though any public rights of way would need to be sensitive to any protected sites.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO ₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?	+	+	+	Promoting growth and enhancement of public rights of way will lead to a positive impact when assessed against this objective.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?	○	○	○	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	+	+	+	Promoting improvements to public rights of way should lead to greater access to green infrastructure networks.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	o	o	o	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	+	+	+	By promoting public rights of way, this policy option should lead to improved health, and therefore scores positively.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	o	o	o	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	+	+	+	Improving the public rights of way network should lead to improving access to services without the need for a car.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	o	o	o	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	o	o	o	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	○	○	○	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	○	○	○	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	++	++	++	This policy option should lead to encouraging access to the natural environment, as well as enhancing the natural environment.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	○	○	○	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	○	○	○	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	0	0	0	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	0	0	0	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	+	+	+	This policy option should enable the reduction in car usage through providing active travel options.
SCORING			7	7	7	Overall, this policy option has positive impacts across a number both health and wellbeing related objectives as well as those to do with the environment. Though, any new public rights of way would need to be designed sensitively, particularly in the rural areas, to avoid any negative impacts on the natural environment.

Policy option 7a: Combe Valley Countryside Park

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	++	++	++	As the Countryside Park contains protected sites, this policy option will lead their protection and therefore scores very positively.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	+	+	+	As the Countryside Park forms a major green infrastructure network, this policy option scores positively against the objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	o	o	o	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	+	+	+	Through providing access to the Countryside Park, this policy option scores positively against the objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	o	o	o	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	+	+	+	The Countryside Park, which partly acts as a strategic gap, will help to improve accessibility to open space as well as improve residential amenity, and therefore scores positively against the objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	o	o	o	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	o	o	o	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	○	○	○	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	○	○	○	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	++	++	++	As the Countryside Park is a large open space with recreational opportunities, this policy option scores very positively against the objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	○	○	○	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	○	○	○	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	0	0	0	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	0	0	0	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	0	0	0	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective.
SCORING			7	7	7	Overall, the Countryside Park serves two major purposes. It acts as a strategic gap against development and the coalescence of Bexhill to West St. Leonards, and therefore offering the opportunity for a managed open and recreational space. This therefore means that the policy option scores positively on the objectives that seek to conserve and enhance the environment.

Infrastructure

Policy option 1a: infrastructure delivery across the district

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	21. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	○	○	○	It is felt that overall this policy option has a neutral impact as it does not cause a direct impact.
Biodiversity	22. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	○	○	○	It is felt that overall this policy option has a neutral impact as it does not cause a direct impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	23. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	○	○	○	It is felt that overall this policy option has a neutral impact as on balance the positives of providing walking, cycling and public transport infrastructure aren't enough to have a positive impact when assessed against the whole objective.
Energy and Water Consumption	24. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	+	+	+	Increasing the amount of water available, through infrastructure improvements, should aid demand not outstripping supply.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	25. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	+	+	+	Infrastructure improvements in the form of flood defences will help to create a positive impact against this objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	26. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	+	+	+	As with Objective 5 above, infrastructure delivery to aid land stability will lead to a positive impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	27. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	+	+	+	Facilitating new and high quality health facilities, in tandem with other policies in the Local Plan, will lead to positive impacts.
Population Health and Wellbeing	28. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	0	0	0	It is felt that this policy option will have a neutral impact overall as it does not cause a direct impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	29. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	+	+	+	As this policy option concerns improving infrastructure and community facilities, this option
Population Health and Wellbeing	30. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	o	o	o	It is felt that overall this policy option has a neutral impact as it does not cause a direct impact., though the provision of new policing facilities may help to meet this objective.
Heritage	31. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	It is felt that overall this policy option has a neutral impact as it does not cause a direct impact.
Land and Water Quality	32. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	o	o	o	It is felt that overall this policy option has a neutral impact as it does not cause a direct impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	33. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	○	○	○	It is felt that overall this policy option has a neutral impact as it does not cause a direct impact.
Land and Water Quality	34. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	+	+	+	Through wastewater infrastructure improvements, this policy option should enable the improvement of water quality through reducing the levels of pollution released from wastewater treatment works.
Natural Landscape	35. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	○	○	○	It is felt that overall this policy option has a neutral impact as it does not cause a direct impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	36. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	○	○	○	It is felt that overall this policy option has a neutral impact as it does not cause a direct impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	37. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	○	○	○	It is felt that overall this policy option has a neutral impact as it does not cause a direct impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	38. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	0	0	0	It is felt that overall this policy option has a neutral impact as it does not cause a direct impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	39. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	+	+	+	This policy option has a positive impact owing to the fact that it supports new and improved infrastructure, including educational and training facilities.
Transport	40. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	+	+	+	As public transport is a form of infrastructure, this policy option should have a positive impact.
SCORING			8	8	8	Owing to the fact that infrastructure can be delivered in many different forms by many sectors, this policy option should create positive impacts across all these areas as reflected by the number of objectives where a positive impact has been assessed.

Policy option 2a: a requirement to demonstrate that necessary infrastructure will be delivered

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	○	○	○	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	○	○	○	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	○	○	○	It is felt that overall this policy option has a neutral impact as on balance the trying to provide walking, cycling and public transport infrastructure early in the development phase aren't enough to have a positive impact when assessed against the whole objective.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	+	+	+	By requiring evidence of any freshwater infrastructure works that might be needed to support development, it is hoped this will have a positive impact against the objective through ensuring demand does not outstrip supply.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	+	+	+	Through setting a requirement to have any infrastructure works demonstrated, this should mean that the chance of development being at risk of flooding is reduced, and therefore a positive impact.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	+	+	+	As with Objective 5 above, through setting a requirement to have any infrastructure works demonstrated, this should mean that the chance of development being at risk of instability is reduced, and therefore a positive impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	o	o	o	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	o	o	o	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	+	+	+	As with other assessments for this policy option, there should be a positive impact by requiring different forms of infrastructure early in the development phasing.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	o	o	o	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	o	o	o	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	○	○	○	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	+	+	+	As with other objectives, this option should enable more timely improvements to wastewater infrastructure and therefore cause less pollution as a result of the current deficits in this sector.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	○	○	○	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	○	○	○	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	○	○	○	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	0	0	0	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	+	+	+	Like with the other objectives, by providing educational infrastructure early in the development phasing this should relieve pressures on existing infrastructure resulting from new development.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	+	+	+	By trying to get transport infrastructure (where appropriate) running as early as possible, it should facilitate changes in habits sooner than if the infrastructure was deployed later in the development when many occupiers (for residential development) have already established travel patterns.
SCORING			7	7	7	As with policy option 1a, this policy option is all-inclusive for all forms of infrastructure and therefore will have an impact on many different objectives. However, this broadness means that it is difficult to state any objective is met very positively as the nuances of infrastructure requirements will vary from site to site.

Policy option 2b: a requirement for early engagement for infrastructure delivery

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	○	○	○	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	○	○	○	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	○	○	○	It is felt that overall this policy option has a neutral impact as on balance the trying to provide walking, cycling and public transport infrastructure early in the development phase aren't enough to have a positive impact when assessed against the whole objective.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	+	+	+	By requiring evidence of any freshwater infrastructure works that might be needed to support development, it is hoped this will have a positive impact against the objective through ensuring demand does not outstrip supply.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	+	+	+	Through setting a requirement to have any infrastructure works demonstrated, this should mean that the chance of development being at risk of flooding is reduced, and therefore a positive impact.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	+	+	+	As with Objective 5 above, through setting a requirement to have any infrastructure works demonstrated, this should mean that the chance of development being at risk of instability is reduced, and therefore a positive impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	o	o	o	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	o	o	o	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	+	+	+	As with other assessments for this policy option, there should be a positive impact by requiring evidence of the different forms of infrastructure required.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	o	o	o	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	o	o	o	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	○	○	○	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	+	+	+	As with other objectives, this option should enable more timely improvements to wastewater infrastructure and therefore cause less pollution as a result of the current deficits in this sector.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	○	○	○	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	○	○	○	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	○	○	○	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	0	0	0	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	+	+	+	Like with the other objectives, by requiring evidence of any educational infrastructure needed, this should have a positive impact.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	+	+	+	Evidence of any transport infrastructure needed should provide assurances that this will be delivered to enable sustainable development.
SCORING			7	7	7	Whilst this policy option scores the same as option 2a, due to the all-inclusive nature of the forms of infrastructure that could fall under this policy. However, in practice, this policy option would have less power to compel infrastructure improvements early in the development.

Policy option 3a: Safeguarding strategic infrastructure

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	○	○	○	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	○	○	○	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	○	○	○	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	+	+	+	By safeguarding infrastructure, it is hoped this will have a positive impact against the objective through ensuring demand does not outstrip supply.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	+	+	+	Through safeguarding infrastructure, this means that the chance of development being at risk of flooding is reduced, and therefore a positive impact.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	+	+	+	As with Objective 5 above, through safeguarding infrastructure, this should mean that the chance of development being at risk of instability is reduced, and therefore a positive impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	o	o	o	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	o	o	o	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	+	+	+	As with other assessments for this policy option, there should be a positive impact by safeguarding different forms of infrastructure.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	o	o	o	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	o	o	o	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	○	○	○	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	+	+	+	As with other objectives, this option should enable infrastructure being safeguarded and therefore cause less pollution.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	○	○	○	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	○	○	○	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	○	○	○	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	0	0	0	Overall, this policy option has a neutral impact due to there being no direct impacts.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	+	+	+	Like with the other objectives, by safeguarding any educational infrastructure, this should have a positive impact.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	+	+	+	Whilst the loss of transport infrastructure (in the built form) is not common, this policy should have a positive impact if a proposal does come forward.
SCORING			7	7	7	This policy option has a similar positive impact to other options that precede this as there are certain objectives that affect infrastructure. Through requiring infrastructure to be safeguarded, or replaced with something no worse, this will help communities continue to benefit from the needed infrastructure.

Policy option 4a: FTTP for all major developments

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	+	+	+	With the number of people working at home growing, improving broadband will enable people to travel less and therefore emit less.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	○	○	○	Having faster broadband would improve housing quality but the policy options doesn't meet enough of the other criteria to bring an overall positive impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	○	○	○	Whilst an improvement to employment access could be achieved through faster broadband, this policy option doesn't meet enough of these appraisal questions to bring a positive impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	++	++	++	Faster broadband for most new developments will make locating employment more attractive, as well as enabling existing employment to operate better.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	++	++	++	Faster broadband for most new developments will make locating employment more attractive.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	+	+	+	Faster broadband will allow people to gain access to services that otherwise are difficult.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	0	0	0	This policy option would have no impact on this objective, though access to these opportunities would likely be improved.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	+	+	+	Allowing people to access services online that otherwise would have required a trip will mean this objective is met.
SCORING			7	7	7	By setting the threshold of major applications, this would ensure that faster broadband speeds are the standard for many new developments. This could also have the knock-on effect of FTTP being rolled out to existing buildings that are now, as a result of this policy option, in direct proximity to the new cables being laid.

Policy option 4b: FTTP agreed on a site-by-site basis through S106 agreements

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	+	+	+	With the number of people working at home growing, improving broadband will enable people to travel less and therefore emit less.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	○	○	○	Having faster broadband would improve housing quality but the policy options doesn't meet enough of the other criteria to bring an overall positive impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	○	○	○	Whilst an improvement to employment access could be achieved through faster broadband, this policy option doesn't meet enough of these appraisal questions to bring a positive impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	+	+	+	Faster broadband for some new developments (most likely the largest) will make locating employment more attractive, as well as enabling existing employment to operate better.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	+	+	+	Faster broadband for some new developments (most likely the largest) will make locating employment more attractive.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	+	+	+	Faster broadband will allow people to gain access to services that otherwise are difficult.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	0	0	0	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	+	+	+	Allowing people to access services online that otherwise would have required a trip will mean this objective is met.
SCORING			5	5	5	This policy options scores well as employment opportunities will become more attractive to potential businesses. Also, this policy option would secure better broadband for certain residential sites, most likely larger sites meaning less trips taken as people can more easily access services online.

Policy option 4c: Supporting the rollout of faster broadband including FTTP

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO ₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?	+	+	+	With the number of people working at home growing, improving broadband will enable people to travel less and therefore emit less.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	○	○	○	Having faster broadband would improve housing quality but the policy options doesn't meet enough of the other criteria to bring an overall positive impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	○	○	○	Whilst an improvement to employment access could be achieved through faster broadband, this policy option doesn't meet enough of these appraisal questions to bring a positive impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	○	○	○	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	+	+	+	Faster broadband for some new developments will make locating employment more attractive, as well as enabling existing employment to operate better.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	+	+	+	Faster broadband for some new developments will make locating employment more attractive.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	+	+	+	Faster broadband will allow people to gain access to services that otherwise are difficult.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	0	0	0	This policy option would have no impact on this objective.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	+	+	+	Allowing people to access services online that otherwise would have required a trip will mean this objective is met.
SCORING			5	5	5	By encouraging the provision of faster broadband throughout the district, this will help to enable these connections to come forward. However, without any requirements on the provision of FTTP, these positive benefits are less likely to be realised compared to other policy options.

Economy

Policy option 1a: Setting development targets for employment development

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	This policy option would encourage employment development, which may increase air pollution. However, increased employment development in the district may reduce the need to travel further for employment, including the need to out commute. Impact considered neutral.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	o	o	o	This policy option would encourage employment development, which could by itself have an adverse impact on biodiversity. However, BNG legislation requires at least a 10% net gain from qualifying development. Given the uncertainties of BNG as a new approach, the policy impact is considered neutral for now.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	-	-	-	This policy option would increase development, and therefore, even with mitigation levels, would ultimately incur increased energy consumption. To some extent, this would be additionally mitigated for the potential for reducing the distance needed to travel for work. Overall, a slight negative impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?	-	-	-	This policy option would increase development, and therefore, even with mitigation levels, would ultimately incur increased water consumption. Slight negative impact.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	o	o	o	The impact is considered neutral as the policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	o	o	o	It is not clear how this policy option would have any specific identifiable bearing on coastal erosion and its management.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	o	o	o	The impact is considered neutral as the policy option has no identifiable direct bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	<p>Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes?</p> <p>Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless?</p> <p>Encourage housing types that meet local needs?</p>	o	o	o	The impact is considered neutral as the policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	+	+	+	The policy option would encourage employment development, thereby improving accessibility to employment opportunities.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	o	o	o	The impact is considered neutral as the policy option has no direct bearing on this SA objective.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	Given the requirements of national policy, there is no definite reason to consider that this policy option would adversely impact on the historic environment or townscape.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	Reduce land contamination? Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?	-	-	-	As this policy option would encourage development, including in rural areas, there maybe some adverse impact (before considering other policy requirements in the Local Plan). Taken by itself, some potential risk to land and soils.
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	-	-	-	As this policy option would encourage development, including in rural areas, there maybe some adverse impact (before considering other policy requirements in the Local Plan). Taken by itself, some potential risk to land and soils.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	-	-	-	As this policy option would encourage development, including in rural areas, there maybe some adverse impact (before considering other policy requirements in the Local Plan).
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	+	++	++	By setting development targets for employment land supply, this policy would directly encourage new economic development. Strong positive in the medium and long term.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	+	++	++	By setting development targets for employment land supply, this policy would directly encourage new economic development. Strong positive in the medium and long term.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	+	+	+	By setting development targets for employment land supply, this policy would directly encourage new economic development and increased employment, which would help to reduce poverty and deprivation.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	<p>Improve the qualifications and skills of young people?</p> <p>Improve the qualifications and skills of adults?</p> <p>Address the skills gap and enable skills progression?</p> <p>Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages?</p> <p>Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?</p>	+	+	+	A positive impact linked to the overall improvement in economic performance identified for SA objective 16.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	<p>Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport?</p> <p>Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure?</p> <p>Reduce road traffic accidents?</p>	o	o	o	Increased employment development in the district may reduce the need to travel further for employment, including the need to out commute. It may allow for employment development that is more frequently accessible by active and public transport. However, increased employment levels would at the same time increase the overall quantity of traffic on the roads. Impact considered neutral.
SCORING			0	2	2	The policy option would promote economic development, and in doing so would have a positive impact on economic growth, employment and income levels. However, taken by itself and without other policy intervention, the increased levels of development would have to be considered to have a negative impact on a number of environmental objectives.

Policy option 1b: Setting development targets for employment development

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	This policy option would encourage employment development, which may increase air pollution. However, increased employment development in the district may reduce the need to travel further for employment, including the need to out commute. Impact considered neutral.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	o	o	o	This policy option would encourage employment development, which could by itself have an adverse impact on biodiversity. However, BNG legislation requires at least a 10% net gain from qualifying development. Given the uncertainties of BNG as a new approach, the policy impact is considered neutral for now.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	-	-	-	This policy option would increase development, and therefore, even with mitigation levels, would ultimately incur increased energy consumption. To some extent, this would be additionally mitigated for the potential for reducing the distance needed to travel for work. Overall, a slight negative impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?	-	-	-	This policy option would increase development, and therefore, even with mitigation levels, would ultimately incur increased water consumption. Slight negative impact.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	o	o	o	The impact is considered neutral as the policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	o	o	o	It is not clear how this policy option would have any specific identifiable bearing on coastal erosion and its management.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	o	o	o	The impact is considered neutral as the policy option has no identifiable direct bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	<p>Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes?</p> <p>Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless?</p> <p>Encourage housing types that meet local needs?</p>	o	o	o	The impact is considered neutral as the policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	+	+	+	The policy option would encourage employment development, thereby improving accessibility to employment opportunities.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	o	o	o	The impact is considered neutral as the policy option has no direct bearing on this SA objective.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	Given the requirements of national policy, there is no definite reason to consider that this policy option would adversely impact on the historic environment or townscape.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	Reduce land contamination? Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?	-	-	-	As this policy option would encourage development, including in rural areas, there maybe some adverse impact (before considering other policy requirements in the Local Plan). Taken by itself, some potential risk to land and soils.
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	-	-	-	As this policy option would encourage development, including in rural areas, there maybe some adverse impact (before considering other policy requirements in the Local Plan). Taken by itself, some potential risk to land and soils.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	-	-	-	As this policy option would encourage development, including in rural areas, there maybe some adverse impact (before considering other policy requirements in the Local Plan).
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	+	++	++	By setting development targets for employment land supply, this policy would directly encourage new economic development. Strong positive in the medium and long term.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	+	++	++	By setting development targets for employment land supply, this policy would directly encourage new economic development and increased employment. Strong positive in the medium and long term.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	+	+	+	By setting development targets for employment land supply, this policy would directly encourage new economic development and increased employment, which would help to reduce poverty and deprivation.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	<p>Improve the qualifications and skills of young people?</p> <p>Improve the qualifications and skills of adults?</p> <p>Address the skills gap and enable skills progression?</p> <p>Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages?</p> <p>Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?</p>	+	+	+	A positive impact linked to the overall improvement in economic performance identified for SA objective 16.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	<p>Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport?</p> <p>Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure?</p> <p>Reduce road traffic accidents?</p>	o	o	o	Increased employment development in the district may reduce the need to travel further for employment, including the need to out commute. It may allow for employment development that is more frequently accessible by active and public transport. However, increased employment levels would at the same time increase the overall quantity of traffic on the roads. Impact considered neutral.
SCORING			0	2	2	The policy option would promote economic development, and in doing so would have a positive impact on economic growth, employment and income levels. However, taken by itself and without other policy intervention, the increased levels of development would have to be considered to have a negative impact on a number of environmental objectives.

Policy option 1c: Setting development targets for employment development

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	This policy option would not in itself encourage new employment development. No impact.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	o	o	o	This policy option would not in itself encourage new employment development. No impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	This policy option would not in itself encourage new employment development. No impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	o	o	o	This policy option would not in itself encourage new employment development. No impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	o	o	o	This policy option would not in itself encourage new employment development. No impact.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	o	o	o	This policy option would not in itself encourage new employment development. No impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	o	o	o	This policy option would not in itself encourage new employment development. No impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	o	o	o	This policy option would not in itself encourage new employment development. No impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	o	o	o	This policy option would not in itself encourage new employment development. No impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	o	o	o	This policy option would not in itself encourage new employment development. No impact.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	This policy option would not in itself encourage new employment development. No impact.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	o	o	o	This policy option would not in itself encourage new employment development. No impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	o	o	o	This policy option would not in itself encourage new employment development. No impact.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	o	o	o	This policy option would not in itself encourage new employment development. No impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	o	o	o	This policy option would not in itself encourage new employment development. No impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	o	o	o	This policy option would not in itself encourage new employment development. No impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	o	o	o	This policy option would not in itself encourage new employment development. No impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	o	o	o	This policy option would not in itself encourage new employment development. No impact.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	o	o	o	This policy option would not in itself encourage new employment development. No impact.
SCORING			0	0	0	The policy option is considered neutral on all SA objectives. It would not encourage and promote new employment development, therefore doing nothing for economic and employment growth, and deprivation. Without promoting development the policy option would have no impact on environmental objectives.

Policy option 3a: Meeting employment need through supportive policy

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	This policy option would encourage employment development, which may increase air pollution. However, increased employment development in the district may reduce the need to travel further for employment, including the need to out commute. Impact considered neutral.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	o	o	o	This policy option would support employment development, which could by itself have an adverse impact on biodiversity. However, BNG legislation requires at least a 10% net gain from qualifying development. Given the uncertainties of BNG as a new approach, the policy impact is considered neutral for now.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	-	-	-	This policy option would increase development, and therefore, even with mitigation levels, would ultimately incur increased energy consumption. To some extent, this would be additionally mitigated for the potential for reducing the distance needed to travel for work. Overall, a slight negative impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?	-	-	-	This policy option would support new development, and therefore, even with mitigation levels, would ultimately incur increased water consumption. Slight negative impact.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	o	o	o	The impact is considered neutral as the policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	o	o	o	It is not clear how this policy option would have any specific identifiable bearing on coastal erosion and its management.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	o	o	o	The impact is considered neutral as the policy option has no identifiable direct bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	<p>Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes?</p> <p>Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless?</p> <p>Encourage housing types that meet local needs?</p>	o	o	o	The impact is considered neutral as the policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	+	+	+	The policy option would encourage employment development, thereby improving accessibility to employment opportunities.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	o	o	o	The impact is considered neutral as the policy option has no direct bearing on this SA objective.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	Given the requirements of national policy, there is no definite reason to consider that this policy option would adversely impact on the historic environment or townscape.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	Reduce land contamination? Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?	-	-	-	As this policy option would encourage development, including in rural areas, there maybe some adverse impact (before considering other policy requirements in the Local Plan). Taken by itself, some potential risk to land and soils.
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	-	-	-	As this policy option would encourage development, including in rural areas, there maybe some adverse impact (before considering other policy requirements in the Local Plan).
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	-	-	-	As this policy option would support development, including in rural areas, there may be some adverse impact (before considering other policy requirements in the Local Plan). However, as this policy option works in conjunction with Development Boundary considerations, while restricting the forms of development permitted outside of Development Boundaries, it is considered that any negative impacts would be slight.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	+	++	++	By supporting new and existing employment development, this policy would directly encourage new economic development. Strong positive in the medium and long term.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	+	++	++	By supporting new and existing employment development, this policy would directly encourage new economic development and increased employment. Strong positive in the medium and long term.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	+	+	+	By supporting new and existing employment development, this policy would directly encourage new economic development and increased employment, which would help to reduce poverty and deprivation.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	+	+	+	A positive impact linked to the overall improvement in economic performance identified for SA objective 16.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	0	0	0	Increased employment development in the district may reduce the need to travel further for employment, including the need to out commute. It may allow for employment development that is more frequently accessible by active and public transport. However, increased employment levels would at the same time increase the overall quantity of traffic on the roads. Impact considered neutral.
SCORING			0	2	2	The policy option would support economic development, and in doing so would have a positive impact on economic growth, employment and income levels. However, taken by itself and without other policy intervention, the increased levels of development would have to be considered to have a negative impact on a number of environmental objectives.

Policy option 3b: Meeting employment need through supportive policy

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	This policy option would encourage employment development, which may increase air pollution. However, increased employment development in the district may reduce the need to travel further for employment, including the need to out commute. Impact considered neutral.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	o	o	o	This policy option would support employment development in Development Boundaries, which could by itself have an adverse impact on biodiversity. However, BNG legislation requires at least a 10% net gain from qualifying development. Given the uncertainties of BNG as a new approach, the policy impact is considered neutral for now.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	-	-	-	This policy option would support new development within Development Boundaries, and therefore, even with mitigation levels, would ultimately incur increased energy consumption. To some extent, this would be additionally mitigated for the potential for reducing the distance needed to travel for work. Overall, a slight negative impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	-	-	-	This policy option would support some new development, and therefore, even with mitigation levels, would ultimately incur increased water consumption. Slight negative impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	o	o	o	The impact is considered neutral as the policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	o	o	o	It is not clear how this policy option would have any specific identifiable bearing on coastal erosion and its management.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	o	o	o	The impact is considered neutral as the policy option has no identifiable direct bearing on this SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	o	o	o	The impact is considered neutral as the policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	+	+	+	The policy option would encourage some employment development, thereby improving accessibility to employment opportunities.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	o	o	o	The impact is considered neutral as the policy option has no direct bearing on this SA objective.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	Given the requirements of national policy, there is no definite reason to consider that this policy option would adversely impact on the historic environment or townscape.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	Reduce land contamination? Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?	-	-	-	As this policy option would encourage development, including in rural areas, there maybe some adverse impact (before considering other policy requirements in the Local Plan). Taken by itself, some potential risk to land and soils.
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	-	-	-	As this policy option would encourage development, including in rural areas, there maybe some adverse impact (before considering other policy requirements in the Local Plan).
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	-	-	-	As this policy option would support development, including in rural areas, there may be some adverse impact (before considering other policy requirements in the Local Plan). However, as this policy option works in conjunction with Development Boundary considerations, while supported forms of development permitted outside of Development Boundaries are not identified, it is considered that any negative impacts would be slight, though its slight impact would be less guaranteed than through the clarity provided by policy option 3A.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	+	++	++	By supporting new and existing employment development, this policy would directly encourage new economic development. Strong positive in the medium and long term.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	+	+	+	By supporting new and existing employment development, this policy would directly encourage new economic development and increased employment. However, this policy option is considered to have a lesser positive impact than policy 3A owing to the fact that there is no clarity to say what forms of economic development are supported outside of Development Boundaries, therefore affecting rural areas.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	+	+	+	By supporting new and existing employment development, this policy would directly encourage new economic development and increased employment, which would help to reduce poverty and deprivation.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	+	+	+	A positive impact linked to the overall improvement in economic performance identified for SA objective 16.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	o	o	o	Increased employment development in the district may reduce the need to travel further for employment, including the need to out commute. It may allow for employment development that is more frequently accessible by active and public transport for residents in urban areas. However, increased employment levels would at the same time increase the overall quantity of traffic on the roads. Impact considered neutral.
SCORING			0	1	1	The policy option would support economic development, although less clearly than policy option 3A, and in doing so would have a positive impact on economic growth, employment and income levels. However, taken by itself and without other policy intervention, the increased levels of development would have to be considered to have a negative impact on a number of environmental objectives.

Policy option 4a: Protecting existing sites and premises of economic value

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way. Although the policy is intended to maximise existing employment development, such development under this policy would be instead of an alternative use. Neutral impact.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way. Although the policy is intended to maximise existing employment development, such development under this policy would be instead of an alternative use. Neutral impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way. Although the policy is intended to maximise existing employment development, such development under this policy would be instead of an alternative use. Neutral impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way. Although the policy is intended to maximise existing employment development, such development under this policy would be instead of an alternative use. Neutral impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way. Although the policy is intended to maximise existing employment development, such development under this policy would be instead of an alternative use. Neutral impact.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way. Although the policy is intended to maximise existing employment development, such development under this policy would be instead of an alternative use.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	++	++	++	The provisions of this policy option regarding tests for determining the viability of community uses will protect existing community uses, which include health and wellbeing related development. Strong positive.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	+	+	+	The policy option requires that, as an alternative site use, affordable forms of housing development are considered before market housing can be permitted. A positive impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	++	++	++	The policy option sets out to protect existing employment and community uses, requiring that non viability is first demonstrated before alternative uses can be considered. Strong positive.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	+	+	+	In protecting sites of community use, it is considered that this policy option would ensure the continued use where viable of buildings and sites that foster community interaction and vitality. A positive impact.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	Reduce land contamination? Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way. Although the policy is intended to maximise existing employment development, such development under this policy would be instead of an alternative use. Neutral impact.
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way. Although the policy is intended to maximise existing employment development, such development under this policy would be instead of an alternative use. Neutral impact.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way. Although the policy is intended to maximise existing employment development, such development under this policy would be instead of an alternative use. Neutral impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way. Although the policy is intended to maximise existing employment development, such development under this policy would be instead of an alternative use. Neutral impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	++	++	++	The policy option provides policy protection to existing employment uses, requiring that non viability is first demonstrated before alternative uses can be considered. Strong positive.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	++	++	++	The policy option provides policy protection to existing employment uses, requiring that non viability is first demonstrated before alternative uses can be considered. Strong positive.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	++	++	++	The policy option provides policy protection to existing employment uses, requiring that non viability is first demonstrated before alternative uses can be considered. This is an important step in preventing poverty and deprivation. Strong positive.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	<p>Improve the qualifications and skills of young people?</p> <p>Improve the qualifications and skills of adults?</p> <p>Address the skills gap and enable skills progression?</p> <p>Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages?</p> <p>Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?</p>	+	+	+	The policy option provides policy protection to existing employment uses, requiring that non viability is first demonstrated before alternative uses can be considered. Continued employment opportunities would assist in the development of new skills and education. Positive impact.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	<p>Reduce the need to travel by private car?</p> <p>Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport?</p> <p>Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure?</p> <p>Reduce road traffic accidents?</p>	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way. Although the policy is intended to maximise existing employment development, such development under this policy would be instead of an alternative use. Neutral impact.
SCORING			13	13	13	The policy option would ensure that, in applicable locations, all viable employment and community-related uses, would remain in their existing use. In preventing such losses, it is considered that it would have a positive impact on employment, economic growth, and community and health facilities. It is not considered that the policy option would have any identifiable impact on environmental objectives, as the loss of these uses is in any case predicated on alternative uses proving more viable, such as housing.

Policy option 4b: Protecting existing sites and premises of economic value

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way. Although the policy is intended to maximise existing employment development, such development under this policy would be instead of an alternative use. Neutral impact.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way. Although the policy is intended to maximise existing employment development, such development under this policy would be instead of an alternative use. Neutral impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way. Although the policy is intended to maximise existing employment development, such development under this policy would be instead of an alternative use. Neutral impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way. Although the policy is intended to maximise existing employment development, such development under this policy would be instead of an alternative use. Neutral impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way. Although the policy is intended to maximise existing employment development, such development under this policy would be instead of an alternative use. Neutral impact.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way. Although the policy is intended to maximise existing employment development, such development under this policy would be instead of an alternative use.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	+	+	+	The provisions of this policy option regarding tests for determining the viability of community uses will protect existing community uses, which include health and wellbeing related development. Positive impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	+	+	+	The policy option requires that, as an alternative site use, affordable forms of housing development are considered before market housing can be permitted. A positive impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	+	+	+	The policy option sets out to protect existing employment and community uses, requiring that non viability is first demonstrated before alternative uses can be considered. Positive impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	+	+	+	In protecting sites of community use, it is considered that this policy option would ensure the continued use where viable of buildings and sites that foster community interaction and vitality. A positive impact.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	Reduce land contamination? Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way. Although the policy is intended to maximise existing employment development, such development under this policy would be instead of an alternative use. Neutral impact.
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way. Although the policy is intended to maximise existing employment development, such development under this policy would be instead of an alternative use. Neutral impact.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way. Although the policy is intended to maximise existing employment development, such development under this policy would be instead of an alternative use. Neutral impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way. Although the policy is intended to maximise existing employment development, such development under this policy would be instead of an alternative use. Neutral impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	+	+	+	The policy option provides policy protection to existing employment uses, requiring that non viability is first demonstrated before alternative uses can be considered. Positive impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	+	+	+	The policy option provides policy protection to existing employment uses, requiring that non viability is first demonstrated before alternative uses can be considered. Positive impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	+	+	+	The policy option provides policy protection to existing employment uses, requiring that non viability is first demonstrated before alternative uses can be considered. This is an important step in preventing poverty and deprivation. Positive impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	<p>Improve the qualifications and skills of young people?</p> <p>Improve the qualifications and skills of adults?</p> <p>Address the skills gap and enable skills progression?</p> <p>Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages?</p> <p>Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?</p>	+	+	+	The policy option provides policy protection to existing employment uses, requiring that non viability is first demonstrated before alternative uses can be considered. Continued employment opportunities would assist in the development of new skills and education. Positive impact.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	<p>Reduce the need to travel by private car?</p> <p>Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport?</p> <p>Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure?</p> <p>Reduce road traffic accidents?</p>	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way. Although the policy is intended to maximise existing employment development, such development under this policy would be instead of an alternative use. Neutral impact.
SCORING			8	8	8	The policy option would ensure that, in applicable locations, all viable employment and community-related uses, would remain in their existing use. In preventing such losses, it is considered that it would have a positive impact on employment, economic growth, and community and health facilities. This policy option has been judged to score lower in these categories than Policy Option 4A, as the marketing requirements to determine viability would be lower, and therefore the policy would be comparatively weaker in its protections. It is not considered that the policy option would have any identifiable impact on environmental objectives, as the loss of these uses is in any case predicated on alternative uses proving more viable, such as housing.

Policy option 5a: Retail and Leisure Development Need

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	The additional policy wording would promote designated centres, which would advance the accessibility of services and facilities, thereby reducing car journeys. Neutral impact.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	o	o	o	The additional policy wording would promote designated centres, which encourage additional development within urban areas instead of out of town greenfield sites. Neutral impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	The additional policy wording would promote designated centres, which would advance the accessibility of services and facilities, thereby reducing car journeys. Neutral impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	-	-	-	The wording may promote additional retail and leisure development. Negative impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	+	+	+	The additional policy wording would promote designated centres, which would advance the accessibility of services and facilities, thereby reducing car journeys. Town centres promote accessibility and the range of services and facilities, both of which are important for the vitality of communities and healthy living. Positive impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	+	+	+	The additional policy wording would promote designated centres, which would advance the accessibility of services and facilities, thereby reducing car journeys. Town centres promote accessibility (including by public and active transport) and the range of services and facilities, both of which are important for the vitality of communities and healthy living. Positive impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	+	+	+	The additional policy wording would promote designated centres, which would advance the accessibility of services and facilities, thereby reducing car journeys. Town centres promote accessibility and the range of services and facilities, both of which are important for the vitality of communities and consequently crime prevention. Positive impact.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	+	+	+	The additional wording would maximise the possible policy support for additional retail and leisure development, in town centre locations, thereby promoting town centres and their significance in the local economy. Positive impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	+	+	+	The additional wording would maximise the possible policy support for additional retail and leisure development, in town centre locations, thereby promoting town centres and their significance in the local economy. All of this would encourage employment. Positive impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	+	+	+	The additional wording would maximise the possible policy support for additional retail and leisure development, in town centre locations, thereby promoting town centres and their significance in the local economy. All of this would encourage employment, and have a positive impact in areas with increased household economic deprivation.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	o	o	o	The additional wording would maximise the possible policy support for additional retail and leisure development, in town centre locations, thereby promoting town centres and their significance in the local economy. All of this would encourage employment, although it is uncertain the extent to which it would constitute higher skilled employment. Neutral impact.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	+	+	+	While the wording may facilitate additional retail and leisure development, it would also prioritise designated centres and edge of centre locations, which promote accessibility of services and facilities, thereby reducing car journeys. Positive impact in terms of car usage.
SCORING			6	6	6	This policy option is designed to make clear that new town centre uses development is supported where it relates to designated centres. It therefore benefits town centres, and services & facilities, thereby having an overall positive impact on the economy and local communities.

Policy option 5b: Retail and Leisure Development Need

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
SCORING			0	0	0	This policy option would not modify town centre designation policy, which is assessed by itself below. Unlike the additional wording as proposed in policy option 5a, the policy option to forgo the additional wording in respect of in principle support for town centre uses development. The policy may therefore forego the sustainability benefits that would accompany any increased policy support for town centre development.

Policy option 6a: Town Centre Hierarchy and Designated Areas

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	+	+	+	The designation of town and district centre areas, promote accessibility of services and facilities, thereby reducing car journeys. Positive impact.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	o	o	o	The designation of town and district centre areas ensures that additional retail and leisure development is delivered in urban areas instead of out-of-town greenfield sites. Neutral impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	+	+	+	The designation of town and district centre areas, promote accessibility of services and facilities, thereby reducing car journeys. Positive impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	+	+	+	The designation of town and district centre areas, promote accessibility of services and facilities and the viability of town centres, both of which are important for the vitality of communities and healthy living. Positive impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	+	+	+	The designation of town and district centre areas, promote accessibility (including by public and active transport) and the range of services and facilities, both of which are important for the vitality of communities and healthy living. Positive impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	+	+	+	The designation of town and district centre areas, promote accessibility and the range of services and facilities, both of which are important for the vitality of communities and consequently crime prevention. Positive impact.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	+	+	+	The designation of town and district centre areas, would promote their vitality and viability, and their significance in the local economy. Positive impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	+	+	+	The designation of town and district centre areas, would promote their vitality and viability, and their significance in the local economy. This would encourage employment. Positive impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	+	+	+	The designation of town and district centre areas, would promote their vitality and viability, and their significance in the local economy. This would encourage employment, and if anything this would have a positive impact in areas with increased household economic deprivation.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	o	o	o	The designation of town and district centre areas, would promote their vitality and viability, and their significance in the local economy. This would encourage employment, although it is uncertain the extent to which it would constitute higher skilled employment. Neutral impact.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	+	+	+	The designation of town and district centre areas, would promote their vitality and viability and their role in the accessibility of services and facilities, thereby reducing car journeys. Positive impact in terms of car usage.
SCORING			9	9	9	The designation of town and district centres would ensure the vitality and viability of town centres, and services & facilities, thereby having an overall positive impact on the economy and local communities, while reducing dependence on private vehicles.

Policy option 6b: Town Centre Hierarchy and Designated Areas

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	+	+	+	The designation of primary shopping areas would promote the accessibility and viability of retail, thereby reducing car journeys to out of town, or edge of town options. Positive impact.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	o	o	o	The designation of primary shopping areas encourages additional retail development to be delivered in urban areas instead of out-of-town greenfield sites. Neutral impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	+	+	+	The designation of primary shopping areas would promote the accessibility and viability of retail, thereby reducing car journeys. Positive impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	+	+	+	The designation of primary shopping areas within town centres would promote the accessibility and viability of retail, while protecting a core role of town centres, both of which are important for the vitality of communities and healthy living. Positive impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	+	+	+	The designation of primary shopping areas within town centres would promote the accessibility and viability of retail, while protecting a core role of town centres, both of which are important for the vitality of communities and healthy living. Positive impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	+	+	+	The designation of primary shopping areas within town centres would promote the accessibility and viability of retail, while protecting a core role of town centres, both of which are important for the vitality of communities and consequently crime prevention. By protecting the retail core of town centres, there would be a reduced chance of vacant shops, leading to higher levels of footfall and natural surveillance. Positive impact.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	+	+	+	The designation of primary shopping areas within town centres would promote the accessibility and viability of retail, while protecting a core role of town centres, and their significance in the local economy. Positive impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	+	+	+	The designation of primary shopping areas within town centres would promote the accessibility and viability of retail, while protecting a core role of town centres, and their significance in the local economy. This would encourage employment. Positive impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	+	+	+	The designation of primary shopping areas within town centres would promote the accessibility and viability of retail, while protecting a core role of town centres, and their significance in the local economy. This would encourage employment, and would have a positive impact in areas with increased household economic deprivation.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	o	o	o	The designation of primary shopping areas within town centres would promote the accessibility and viability of retail, while protecting a core role of town centres, and their significance in the local economy. This would encourage employment, although it is uncertain the extent to which it would constitute higher skilled employment. Neutral impact.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	+	+	+	The designation of primary shopping areas would promote the accessibility and viability of retail, thereby reducing car journeys. Positive impact in terms of car usage.
SCORING			9	9	9	The designation of primary shopping areas within town centres would promote the accessibility and viability of retail, while protecting a core role of town centres, thereby having an overall positive impact on the economy and local communities, while reducing dependence on private vehicles.

Policy option 6c: Town Centre Hierarchy and Designated Areas

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	Given that there is no evidence of the loss of the essential core of a Primary Shopping Area in the District, while GDPR Class MA does not apply to listed buildings or within National Landscapes, it is considered that the policy option to apply Article 4 directions to restrict Class MA would have a neutral impact.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	Given that there is no evidence of the loss of the essential core of a Primary Shopping Area in the District, while GDPR Class MA does not apply to listed buildings or within National Landscapes, it is considered that the policy option to apply Article 4 directions to restrict Class MA would have a neutral impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	o	o	o	Given that there is no evidence of the loss of the essential core of a Primary Shopping Area in the District, while GDPR Class MA does not apply to listed buildings or within National Landscapes, it is considered that the policy option to apply Article 4 directions to restrict Class MA would have a neutral impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	o	o	o	Given that there is no evidence of the loss of the essential core of a Primary Shopping Area in the District due to residential development, it is not considered that GPDR Class MA would deliver any significant level of housing to meet housing need. Neutral Impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	o	o	o	Given that there is no evidence of the loss of the essential core of a Primary Shopping Area in the District, while GDPR Class MA does not apply to listed buildings or within National Landscapes, it is considered that the policy option to apply Article 4 directions to restrict Class MA would have a neutral impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	o	o	o	Given that there is no evidence of the loss of the essential core of a Primary Shopping Area in the District, while GDPR Class MA does not apply to listed buildings or within National Landscapes, it is considered that the policy option to apply Article 4 directions to restrict Class MA would have a neutral impact.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	Given that there is no evidence of the loss of the essential core of a Primary Shopping Area in the District, while GDPR Class MA does not apply to listed buildings or within National Landscapes, it is considered that the policy option to apply Article 4 directions to restrict Class MA would have a neutral impact.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	o	o	o	Given that there is no evidence of the loss of the essential core of a Primary Shopping Area in the District, while GDPR Class MA does not apply to listed buildings or within National Landscapes, it is considered that the policy option to apply Article 4 directions to restrict Class MA would have a neutral impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	o	o	o	Given that there is no evidence of the loss of the essential core of a Primary Shopping Area in the District, while GDPR Class MA does not apply to listed buildings or within National Landscapes, it is considered that the policy option to apply Article 4 directions to restrict Class MA would have a neutral impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	o	o	o	Given that there is no evidence of the loss of the essential core of a Primary Shopping Area in the District, while GDPR Class MA does not apply to listed buildings or within National Landscapes, it is considered that the policy option to apply Article 4 directions to restrict Class MA would have a neutral impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	o	o	o	Given that there is no evidence of the loss of the essential core of a Primary Shopping Area in the District, while GDPR Class MA does not apply to listed buildings or within National Landscapes, it is considered that the policy option to apply Article 4 directions to restrict Class MA would have a neutral impact.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	o	o	o	Given that there is no evidence of the loss of the essential core of a Primary Shopping Area in the District, while GDPR Class MA does not apply to listed buildings or within National Landscapes, it is considered that the policy option to apply Article 4 directions to restrict Class MA would have a neutral impact.
SCORING			0	0	0	Given that there is no evidence of the loss of the essential core of a Primary Shopping Area in the District, while GDPR Class MA does not apply to listed buildings or within National Landscapes, it is considered that the policy option to apply Article 4 directions to restrict Class MA would have a neutral impact.

Policy option 7a: Retail & Leisure Impact Assessment Thresholds

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	+	+	+	A lower threshold protects the function of designated centres, which are centrally located in terms of public transport access, are generally walkable. At the same time, further out or out of town retail, and other facilities, would require travel that is more dependent on the private car. Positive impact.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	+	+	+	A lower threshold protects the function of designated centres, which are centrally located in terms of public transport access, are generally walkable. At the same time, further out or out of town retail, and other facilities, would require travel that is more dependent on the private car. Positive impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	+	+	+	Promotes active travel insofar as it protects the function of designated centres, which are centrally located in terms of public transport access, are generally walkable. At the same time, protecting town centres is significant for their role in the vitality of communities and healthy living, as well as the accessibility of health facilities. Positive impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	+	+	+	Having a lower threshold helps to focus development to centrally located designated areas that are inherently more accessible, including by sustainable and public transport. This is because of a higher chance of having smaller scale development within town centres. Positive impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	+	+	+	A lower threshold would protect the core role of town centres, both of which are important for the vitality of communities and consequently crime prevention. Their vitality implies a higher footfall and natural surveillance. Positive impact.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	++	++	++	The evidence base recommends a smaller threshold on the basis that existing shops and business would be impacted by larger retail units outside of designated centres. Therefore, a smaller threshold directly protects the viability of these existing businesses and the role of designated centres. Strong positive impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	+	+	+	By helping to promote the health of designated centres, a smaller threshold would promote the creation of further employment in these centres. At the same time, similar employment may otherwise be created elsewhere, while employment opportunities for retail and leisure are unlikely to result in higher wage jobs.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	+	+	+	Having a lower threshold helps to focus development to centrally located designated areas that are inherently more accessible, including by sustainable and public transport. This is due to the higher likelihood of having smaller scale development within town centres.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	o	o	o	While a healthy town centre may promote new jobs, these are not likely to be skilled jobs that would include a certain level of training or education.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	+	+	+	Having a lower threshold helps to focus development to centrally located designated areas that are inherently more accessible, including by sustainable and public transport. This would enable alternatives to car usage. This is because of a higher chance of having smaller scale development within town centres.
SCORING			10	10	10	A lower threshold of 280sqm is reflective of the size of units in Rother's designated centres, and would more effectively protect businesses and facilities in town centres from potential larger scale development. This would help to promote town centre functions in terms of accessibility of services and facilities, and reducing the need to travel by car for which town centres play an important role.

Policy option 7b: Retail & Leisure Impact Assessment Thresholds

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	A higher threshold would not adequately protect the function of designated centres, which are centrally located in terms of public transport access, are generally walkable. At the same time, further out or out of town retail, and other facilities, would require travel that is more dependent on the private car. Neutral Impact
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	A higher threshold would not protect the function of designated centres, which are centrally located in terms of public transport access, are generally walkable. On the other hand, further out or out of town retail, and other facilities, would require travel that is more dependent on the private car.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	o	o	o	A higher threshold would not promote active travel insofar as it does not protect the function of designated centres, which are centrally located in terms of public transport access, are generally walkable. At the same time, protecting town centres is significant for their role in the vitality of communities and healthy living, as well as the accessibility of health facilities.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	o	o	o	A higher threshold would not protect the function of designated centres, which contain and promote a range of services and facilities related to this policy objective. It is noted that designated centres are accessibly located in terms of public transport access, are generally walkable. On the other hand, further out or out of town retail, and other facilities, would require travel that is more dependent on the private car.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	o	o	o	A higher threshold would not protect the core role of town centres, both of which are important for the vitality of communities and consequently crime prevention. Their vitality implies a higher footfall and natural surveillance.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	0	0	0	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	0	0	0	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	0	0	0	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	0	0	0	The evidence base recommends a smaller threshold on the basis that existing shops and business would be impacted by larger retail units outside of designated centres. Therefore a high threshold would not adequately protect the viability of these existing businesses.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	0	0	0	The policy would not promote the health of designated centres, the policy would not therefore promote the creation of further employment in these centres. At the same time, similar employment may otherwise be created elsewhere. Neutral impact,

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	0	0	0	Having a higher threshold would do little to focus development to centrally located designated areas that are inherently more accessible, including by sustainable and public transport.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	0	0	0	While a healthy town centre may promote new jobs, these are not likely to be skilled jobs that would include a certain level of training or education.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	0	0	0	Having a higher threshold would not promote leisure and retail development to centrally located designated areas that are inherently more accessible, including by sustainable and public transport. This would not enable alternatives to car usage.
SCORING			0	0	0	A higher threshold of 2,500sqm does poorly reflect the smaller size of units within Rother's designated centres, and would not protect businesses and facilities in town centres from potential larger scale development. This threshold would not therefore promote town centre functions in that they represent an accessibility of services and facilities, and a reduction of the need to travel by car for which town centres play an important role.

Policy option 8a: Tourism Activities, Facilities and Accommodation

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health?</p> <p>Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	-	-	-	Though the policy option is necessarily restrictive in its support for tourism development, increased tourism development could at the same time lead to increased car use due to visitors to the district. A small adverse impact.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests?</p> <p>Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	o	o	o	Forms of development allowed by this policy would be restricted in scale. Neutral impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets?</p> <p>Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	-	-	-	Though the policy option is necessarily restrictive in its support for tourism development, increased tourism development could at the same time lead to increased car use due to visitors to the district. A small adverse impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	o	o	o	Forms of development allowed by this policy would be restricted in scale. Neutral impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	o	o	o	Forms of development allowed by this policy would be restricted in scale. Neutral impact.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	+	+	+	In supporting new tourism uses, this policy option would facilitate additional leisure activities, which may include contact with the outdoors and sport. Positive impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	+	+	+	In supporting new tourism uses, this policy option would facilitate additional leisure activities, which may include contact with the outdoors and sport, as well as cultural activities related to the history, the landscape and the arts. This would increase the accessibility of such facilities, and therefore a small positive impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	+	+	+	This policy option would seek to develop markets that support cultural assets, including the district's heritage assets. Small positive impact.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	o	o	o	While it is possible that developments could occur on agricultural land, the policy would encourage schemes that promote the district's agricultural produce. Neutral overall impact.

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Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	-	-	-	Forms of development allowed by this policy would be restricted in scale, however, taken by itself, the policy could have a small adverse impact.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	o	o	o	While it is possible that developments could occur in the countryside, the policy would encourage schemes that promote the district's agricultural produce, therefore safeguarding the landscape. Neutral overall impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	++	++	++	By encouraging sustainable tourism related development, the policy option could have a significant positive impact on the district's economy.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	+	+	+	By encouraging sustainable tourism related development, the policy option could have a significant positive impact on the district's economy, which would facilitate employment.

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Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	+	+	+	By encouraging sustainable tourism related development, the policy option could have a significant positive impact on the district's economy, which would facilitate employment and help to reduce income deprivation.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	0	0	0	By encouraging sustainable tourism related development, the policy option could have a significant positive impact on the district's economy, which would facilitate employment. However, this would be unlikely to deliver skilled employment and therefore training and skills opportunities would be limited.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	-	-	-	Though the policy option is necessarily restrictive in its support for tourism development, increased tourism development could at the same time lead to increased car use due to visitors to the district. A small adverse impact.
SCORING			3	3	3	The policy option would have significant benefits in terms of employment and economic growth, while impacts to the landscape, traffic and emissions would generally be limited.

Policy option 8b: Tourism Activities, Facilities and Accommodation

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way. Although the policy is intended to maximise existing tourism facilities development, such development under this policy would be instead of an alternative use. Neutral impact.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way. Although the policy is intended to maximise existing tourism facilities development, such development under this policy would be instead of an alternative use. Neutral impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way. Although the policy is intended to maximise existing tourism facilities development, such development under this policy would be instead of an alternative use. Neutral impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way. Although the policy is intended to maximise tourism facilities development, such development under this policy would be instead of an alternative use. Neutral impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way. Although the policy is intended to maximise tourism facilities development, such development under this policy would be instead of an alternative use. Neutral impact.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	+	+	+	The provisions of this policy option regarding tests for determining the viability of tourism facilities will protect existing uses that include leisure facilities used by communities, which may also include health and wellbeing related development. Positive impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	-	-	-	The policy option requires could reduce the amount of changes of use to residential that occur, which would have a small impact on the housing stock. Slight negative.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	+	+	+	The policy option sets out to protect existing employment, culture and leisure uses in terms of tourism facilities, requiring that non viability is first demonstrated before alternative uses can be considered. Positive impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	Reduce land contamination? Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way. Although the policy is intended to maximise existing tourism development, such development under this policy would be instead of an alternative use. Neutral impact.
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way. Although the policy is intended to maximise existing tourism development, such development under this policy would be instead of an alternative use. Neutral impact.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way. Although the policy is intended to maximise existing tourism development, such development under this policy would be instead of an alternative use. Neutral impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way. Although the policy is intended to maximise existing tourism development, such development under this policy would be instead of an alternative use. Neutral impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	++	++	++	The policy option provides policy protection to existing tourism uses, requiring that non viability is first demonstrated before alternative uses can be considered. Strong positive.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	++	++	++	The policy option provides policy protection to existing tourism uses, requiring that non viability is first demonstrated before alternative uses can be considered. Strong positive.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	++	++	++	The policy option provides policy protection to existing tourism uses, requiring that non viability is first demonstrated before alternative uses can be considered. This is an important step in preventing poverty and deprivation. Strong positive.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	<p>Improve the qualifications and skills of young people?</p> <p>Improve the qualifications and skills of adults?</p> <p>Address the skills gap and enable skills progression?</p> <p>Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages?</p> <p>Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?</p>	+	+	+	The policy option provides policy protection to existing tourism uses, requiring that non viability is first demonstrated before alternative uses can be considered. Continued employment opportunities would assist in the development of new skills and education, although this would be limited due to the lack of skilled and all year round jobs typically found in the tourism sector.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	<p>Reduce the need to travel by private car?</p> <p>Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport?</p> <p>Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure?</p> <p>Reduce road traffic accidents?</p>	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way. Although the policy is intended to maximise existing tourism development, such development under this policy would be instead of an alternative use. Neutral impact.
SCORING			8	8	8	The policy option would ensure that, in applicable locations, all viable tourism-related uses, would remain in their existing use. In preventing such losses, it is considered that it would have a positive impact on employment, economic growth, culture and leisure facilities. It is not considered that the policy option would have any identifiable impact on environmental objectives, as the loss of these uses is in any case predicated on alternative uses proving more viable, such as housing.

Policy option 8c: Tourism Activities, Facilities and Accommodation

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way, one form of development would be exchanged for another.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way, one form of development would be exchanged for another.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way, one form of development would be exchanged for another.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way, one form of development would be exchanged for another.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way, one form of development would be exchanged for another.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	-	-	-	This policy option would not protect existing uses that include leisure facilities used by communities, which may also include health and wellbeing related development. Negative impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	+	+	+	The policy option would potentially enable changes of use to residential that occur, which would have a small impact on the housing stock. Slight positive

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Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	-	-	-	The policy option would not protect existing employment, culture and leisure uses in terms of tourism facilities. Negative impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way, one form of development would be exchanged for another.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way, one form of development would be exchanged for another.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way, one form of development would be exchanged for another.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way, one form of development would be exchanged for another.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	-	-	-	The policy option could enable the loss of viable tourism related uses. Negative impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	-	-	-	The policy option could enable the loss of viable tourism related uses, including employment. Negative impact.

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Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	-	-	-	The policy option could enable the loss of viable tourism related uses, including leisure and cultural facilities. Negative impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	-	-	-	The policy option could enable the loss of viable tourism related uses, including employment, although this would be limited due to the lack of skilled and all year round jobs typically found in the tourism sector. Negative impact.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	0	0	0	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way, one form of development would be exchanged for another.
SCORING			-5	-5	-5	The loss of tourism facilities would have an adverse impact on the local economy, employment, as well as cultural and leisure facilities that could benefit the community.

Policy option 8d: Tourism Activities, Facilities and Accommodation

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way – without it one form of development would be exchanged for another.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way – without it one form of development would be exchanged for another.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way – without it one form of development would be exchanged for another.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way – without it one form of development would be exchanged for another.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way – without it one form of development would be exchanged for another.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	-	-	-	The policy option could reduce the amount of changes of use to residential that occur, which would have a small impact on the housing stock. Slight negative.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way – without it one form of development would be exchanged for another.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way – without it one form of development would be exchanged for another.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way – without it one form of development would be exchanged for another.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way – without it one form of development would be exchanged for another.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	+	+	+	The policy option restricts the occupancy of new visitor accommodation to that for holiday purposes, ensuring that it remains used for the visitor economy.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	+	+	+	The policy option restricts the occupancy of new visitor accommodation to that for holiday purposes, ensuring that it remains used for the visitor economy.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	+	+	+	The policy option restricts the occupancy of new visitor accommodation to that for holiday purposes, ensuring that it remains used for the visitor economy. Increased employment and contributions to the local economy.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	+	+	+	The policy option restricts the occupancy of new visitor accommodation to that for holiday purposes, ensuring that it remains used for the visitor economy. Continued employment opportunities would assist in the development of new skills and education, although this would be limited due to the lack of skilled and all year round jobs typically found in the tourism sector.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	o	o	o	It is considered that any positive or negative impacts of this policy option cannot be determined either way – without it one form of development would be exchanged for another.
SCORING			3	3	3	Restricting occupancy for new visitor accommodation where relevant for holiday purposes would protect the tourism offer of the district as well as the overall visitor economy. It is not considered that the policy option would have any identifiable impact on environmental objectives, as the loss of these uses is in any case predicated on alternative uses proving more viable, such as housing.

Policy option 9a: Holiday Sites

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	-	-	-	Though the policy option is necessarily restrictive in its support for holiday sites development, increased tourism development could at the same time lead to increased car use due to visitors to the district. A small adverse impact.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	o	o	o	It is considered that the policy option carries enough provision that biodiversity would not be meaningfully impacted. Neutral impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	-	-	-	Though the policy option is necessarily restrictive in its support for holiday sites development, increased tourism development could at the same time lead to increased car use due to visitors to the district. A small adverse impact
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	o	o	o	Forms of development allowed by this policy would be restricted in scale. Neutral impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	o	o	o	Forms of development allowed by this policy option would be restricted in scale, while it contains provisions regarding areas at risk of flooding and flood risk assessments. Neutral impact.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	+	+	+	In supporting new tourism uses, this policy option may facilitate additional leisure activities, which may include contact with the outdoors and sport. Positive impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	+	+	+	In supporting new tourism uses, this policy option may facilitate additional leisure activities, which may include contact with the outdoors and sport, as well as activities related to the district's history and the landscape. This would increase the accessibility of such facilities, and therefore a small positive impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	+	+	+	This policy option may help to bring increased awareness of and appreciation of the district's heritage assets. Small positive impact.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	o	o	o	Forms of development allowed by this policy option would be restricted in scale, while it considers impacts on agricultural land. Neutral impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	-	-	-	Holiday sites could produce additional household waste.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	-	-	-	Forms of development allowed by this policy would be restricted in scale and location, however, taken by itself, the policy could have a small adverse impact.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	o	o	o	While it is possible that developments could occur in the countryside, the policy would ensure that the key challenges relating to holiday sites in respect of the countryside are considered, therefore safeguarding the landscape compared to having no policy in which such matters may be more open to interpretation. Neutral overall impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	++	++	++	By encouraging sustainable tourism related development, the policy option could have a significant positive impact on the district's economy.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	+	+	+	By encouraging sustainable tourism related development, the policy option could have a significant positive impact on the district's economy, which would facilitate employment.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	+	+	+	By encouraging sustainable tourism related development, the policy option could have a significant positive impact on the district's economy, which would facilitate employment and help to reduce income deprivation.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	0	0	0	By encouraging sustainable tourism related development, the policy option could have a significant positive impact on the district's economy, which would facilitate employment. However, this would be unlikely to deliver skilled employment and therefore training and skills opportunities would be limited.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	-	-	-	Though the policy option is necessarily restrictive in its support for tourism development, increased tourism development could at the same time lead to increased car use due to visitors to the district. A small adverse impact.
SCORING			2	2	2	As with PO8a, this policy option would have significant benefits in terms of employment and economic growth, while impacts to the landscape, traffic and emissions would generally be limited.

Policy option 9b: Holiday Sites

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	-	-	-	It is considered that forms of Holiday Sites accommodation would come forward regardless of whether a policy is in place. Increased tourism development could lead to increased car use due to visitors to the district. A small adverse impact.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	-	-	-	Without a guiding policy as represented by PO9a, harmful development may come forward. Negative impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	-	-	-	It is considered that forms of Holiday Sites accommodation would come forward regardless of whether a policy is in place. Increased tourism development could lead to increased car use due to visitors to the district. A small adverse impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	o	o	o	Even without a policy in place, forms of development allowed by this policy would be restricted in scale. Neutral impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	o	o	o	Without a guiding policy as represented by PO9a, harmful development may come forward. Negative impact.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	+	+	+	It is considered that forms of Holiday Sites accommodation would come forward regardless of whether a policy is in place. Increased tourism may facilitate additional leisure activities, which may include contact with the outdoors and sport. Positive impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	o	o	o	It is considered that forms of Holiday Sites accommodation would come forward regardless of whether a policy is in place. Increased tourism may facilitate additional leisure activities, which may include contact with the outdoors and sport. Positive impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	+	+	+	It is considered that forms of Holiday Sites accommodation would come forward regardless of whether a policy is in place. Increased tourism may facilitate additional leisure activities, which may include contact with the outdoors and sport. Positive impact. This would increase the accessibility of such facilities, and therefore a small positive impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	+	+	+	It is considered that forms of Holiday Sites accommodation would come forward regardless of whether a policy is in place. This policy option may help to bring increased awareness of and appreciation of the district's heritage assets. Small positive impact.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	-	-	-	Without a guiding policy as represented by PO9a, harmful development may come forward. Negative impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	-	-	-	Holiday sites could produce additional household waste.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	-	-	-	It is considered that forms of Holiday Sites accommodation would come forward regardless of whether a policy is in place. Forms of development would likely be restricted in scale and location, however, taken by itself, the policy could have a small adverse impact.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	-	-	-	Without a guiding policy as represented by PO9a, harmful development may come forward. Negative impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	+	+	+	It is considered that forms of Holiday Sites accommodation would come forward regardless of whether a policy is in place, which would benefit the visitor economy. However, there would be reduced clarity compared to having a policy in place, and this may serve to restrict schemes coming forward.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	+	+	+	It is considered that forms of Holiday Sites accommodation would come forward regardless of whether a policy is in place, which would benefit the visitor economy, which would facilitate employment.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	+	+	+	It is considered that forms of Holiday Sites accommodation would come forward regardless of whether a policy is in place, which would benefit the visitor economy, which would facilitate employment and help to reduce income deprivation.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	0	0	0	It is considered that forms of Holiday Sites accommodation would come forward regardless of whether a policy is in place, which would benefit the visitor economy, which would facilitate employment. However, this would be unlikely to deliver skilled employment and therefore training and skills opportunities would be limited.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	-	-	-	It is considered that forms of Holiday Sites accommodation would come forward regardless of whether a policy is in place. Increased tourism development could lead to increased car use due to visitors to the district. A small adverse impact.
SCORING			-2	-2	-2	It is considered that forms of Holiday Sites accommodation would come forward regardless of whether a policy is in place, which would benefit the visitor economy. However, 9a sets out a number of key considerations, without which there could be adverse impacts in respect of the environment and landscape.

Policy option 10a: Local Employment & Skills Plans

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on air pollution or air quality.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective. This is dealt with under other policy areas.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective. This is dealt with under other policy areas.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective. This is dealt with under other policy areas.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	○	○	○	The policy option has no bearing on the SA objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	○	○	○	The policy option has no bearing on coastal erosion and its management.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	+	+	+	Matters of threshold and financial contributions aside, the policy option could have a positive impact on this SA objective as it would help to develop construction skills within the District, which would develop its capacity to deliver more homes, including sustainably built homes.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	+	+	+	By requiring local employment and skills plans and associated financial contributions, this policy option would ensure that development over a given threshold would be contributing to the creation of jobs for more deprived sections of the community.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	+	+	+	It is considered that forms of Holiday Sites accommodation would come forward regardless of whether a policy is in place. Increased tourism may facilitate additional leisure activities, which may include contact with the outdoors and sport. Positive impact. This would increase the accessibility of such facilities, and therefore a small positive impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	0	0	0	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	0	0	0	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	0	0	0	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	+	+	+	By requiring local employment and skills plans, this policy option would ensure that development over a given threshold would be directly contributing to the creation of jobs and the District's overall performance.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	+	+	+	By requiring local employment and skills plans, this policy option would ensure that development over a given threshold would be directly contributing to the creation of jobs and equal opportunity for more deprived sections of the community.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	+	+	+	By requiring local employment and skills plans, this policy option would ensure that development over a given threshold would be directly contributing to the creation of jobs for more deprived sections of the community, which would help to reduce the poverty gap.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	+	+	+	By requiring local employment and skills plans, this policy option would ensure that development over a given threshold would by directly creating trainee and educational opportunities.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	0	0	0	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
SCORING			7	7	7	The requirement for employment and skills plans are a means by which planning policy can actively improve opportunities for employment, training and skills development in the District, which has associated benefits for the overall economy and the reduction of deprivation. Indeed, the development of skills related to construction within the local area could improve labour shortages and would help housing delivery going forward.

Policy option 10b: Local Employment & Skills Plans

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on air pollution or air quality.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective. This is dealt with under other policy areas.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective. This is dealt with under other policy areas.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective. This is dealt with under other policy areas.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	○	○	○	The policy option has no bearing on the SA objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	○	○	○	The policy option has no bearing on coastal erosion and its management.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	O	O	O	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	○	○	○	This policy option would make no positive contribution to economic performance in the District.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	○	○	○	This policy option would make no to the levels and opportunity for employment within the District.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	0	0	0	This policy option would not improve levels of poverty and social exclusion in more deprived areas.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	0	0	0	This policy option would make no to the levels and opportunity for skills or education within the District.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	0	0	0	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
SCORING			0	0	0	Having no policy would risk forgoing opportunities associated with new development that could improve the district's position on employment, skills training and education.

Policy option 10c: Local Employment & Skills Plans

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on air pollution or air quality.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective. This is dealt with under other policy areas.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective. This is dealt with under other policy areas.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective. This is dealt with under other policy areas.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	○	○	○	The policy option has no bearing on the SA objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	○	○	○	The policy option has no bearing on coastal erosion and its management.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	○	○	○	It is considered that these thresholds would not overburden new housing development, while the training and skills development opportunities provided would help future housing delivery.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	+	+	+	This threshold for LESP's would increase the number of jobs secured for local people.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	+	+	+	This threshold for LESP's would increase the number of jobs secured for local people, improving salaries and spend within the local economy.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	++	++	++	This threshold for LESP's would increase the number of jobs secured for local people.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	+	+	+	This threshold for LESP's would increase the number of jobs secured for local people.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	++	++	++	This threshold for LESP's would increase the amount of training opportunities and skills development available for local people.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	0	0	0	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
SCORING			7	7	7	The requirement for employment and skills plans are a means by which planning policy can actively improve opportunities for employment, training and skills development in the District, which has associated benefits for the overall economy and the reduction of deprivation. It is considered that the thresholds identified in this policy option would not significantly impact on development viability. Indeed, the development of skills related to construction within the local area could improve labour shortages and would help housing delivery going forward.

Policy option 10d: Local Employment & Skills Plans

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on air pollution or air quality.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective. This is dealt with under other policy areas.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective. This is dealt with under other policy areas.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective. This is dealt with under other policy areas.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	O	O	O	The policy option has no bearing on the SA objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	O	O	O	The policy option has no bearing on coastal erosion and its management.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	O	O	O	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	-	-	-	It is considered that these thresholds may overburden new housing development, while the training and skills development opportunities provided would help future housing delivery.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	+	+	+	This threshold for LESP's would increase the number of jobs secured for local people.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	+	+	+	This threshold for LESP's would increase the number of jobs secured for local people, improving salaries and spend within the local economy.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	++	++	++	This threshold for LESP's would increase the number of jobs secured for local people.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	+	+	+	This threshold for LESP's would increase the number of jobs secured for local people.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	++	++	++	This threshold for LESP's would increase the amount of training opportunities and skills development available for local people.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	0	0	0	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
SCORING			6	6	6	The requirement for employment and skills plans are a means by which planning policy can actively improve opportunities for employment, training and skills development in the District, which has associated benefits for the overall economy and the reduction of deprivation. It is considered that the thresholds identified in this policy option may adversely impact on development viability. This may outbalance the potential that the development of skills related to construction within the local area could improve labour shortages and would help housing delivery going forward.

Policy option 10e: Local Employment & Skills Plans

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on air pollution or air quality.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective. This is dealt with under other policy areas.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective. This is dealt with under other policy areas.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective. This is dealt with under other policy areas.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	○	○	○	The policy option has no bearing on the SA objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	○	○	○	The policy option has no bearing on coastal erosion and its management.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	○	○	○	It is considered that these thresholds would not overburden new housing development, while the training and skills development opportunities provided would help future housing delivery.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	+	+	+	This threshold for LESP's would increase the number of jobs secured for local people.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	0	0	0	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	0	0	0	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	0	0	0	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	+	+	+	This threshold for LESP's would increase the number of jobs secured for local people, improving salaries and spend within the local economy.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	+	+	+	This threshold for LESP's would increase the number of jobs secured for local people, but to a more limited degree than policy options 10c and 10d.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	+	+	+	This threshold for LESP's would increase the number of jobs secured for local people.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	+	+	+	This threshold for LESP's would increase the amount of training opportunities and skills development available for local people, but to a more limited degree than policy options 10c and 10d.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	0	0	0	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
SCORING			5	5	5	The requirement for employment and skills plans are a means by which planning policy can actively improve opportunities for employment, training and skills development in the District, which has associated benefits for the overall economy and the reduction of deprivation. It is considered that these thresholds would not adversely impact on the viability of new development, they may not require that all schemes would be captured by the policy. This would reduce the amount of skills development related to construction within the local area that could improve labour shortages and would help housing delivery going forward.

Policy option 10f: Local Employment & Skills Plans

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on air pollution or air quality.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective. This is dealt with under other policy areas.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective. This is dealt with under other policy areas.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective. This is dealt with under other policy areas.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	○	○	○	The policy option has no bearing on the SA objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	○	○	○	The policy option has no bearing on coastal erosion and its management.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	○	○	○	It is considered that these contribution requirements would not overburden new housing development, while the training and skills development opportunities provided would help future housing delivery.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	+	+	+	These contribution levels would enable monitoring of LESP, which would increase the number of jobs secured for local people.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	+	+	+	These contribution levels would enable monitoring of LESP, therefore increasing the number of jobs secured for local people, improving salaries and spend within the local economy.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	++	++	++	These contribution levels would enable monitoring of LESP, therefore increasing the number of jobs secured for local people.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	+	+	+	These contribution levels would enable monitoring of LESP, therefore increasing the number of jobs secured for local people.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	++	++	++	These contribution levels would enable monitoring of LESP, therefore increasing the amount of training opportunities and skills development available for local people.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	0	0	0	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
SCORING			7	7	7	The requirement for employment and skills plans are a means by which planning policy can actively improve opportunities for employment, training and skills development in the District, which has associated benefits for the overall economy and the reduction of deprivation. These contribution levels would enable monitoring of LESP's, and would not significantly impact on development viability. The development of skills related to construction within the local area could improve labour shortages and would help housing delivery going forward.

Policy option 11a: Agriculture & Forestry

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no significant bearing on air pollution or air quality.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	-	-	-	The policy option could have some adverse impact on biodiversity given it relates to development in the countryside.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no significant bearing on this SA objective. This is dealt with under other policy areas.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective. This is dealt with under other policy areas.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on coastal erosion and its management.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	O	O	O	While the policy option could have an adverse impact on agricultural land, it would also permit development that would help the viability of farming, therefore ensuring that agricultural land remains in agricultural use.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	0	0	0	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	0	0	0	The policy option has no significant bearing on the SA objective.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	+	+	+	While the policy option could have an adverse impact on the landscape, it would also permit development that would help the viability of farming, therefore ensuring that agricultural land remains in agricultural use, which is a significant aspect of the landscape.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	+	+	+	Additional flexibility for farm related development would improve the economic performance of agriculture.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	0	0	0	The policy option has no significant bearing on the SA objective, as there are limited employment opportunities in this sector.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	0	0	0	The policy option has no significant bearing on the SA objective, as there are limited employment opportunities in this sector.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	0	0	0	The policy option has no significant bearing on the SA objective, as there are limited employment and training opportunities in this sector.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	0	0	0	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
SCORING			1	1	1	This policy option would improve the viability of agriculture, which would have benefits for the local economy and the preservation of the landscape. There are small risks to biodiversity environmental issues.

Policy option 11b: Agriculture & Forestry

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no significant bearing on this SA objective. This is dealt with under other policy areas.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective. This is dealt with under other policy areas.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on coastal erosion and its management.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	O	O	O	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	○	○	○	The policy option has no significant bearing on the SA objective.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	○	○	○	The policy option would add no flexibility in terms of how new farm buildings are considered, and would therefore have no impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	○	○	○	The policy option would add no flexibility in terms of how new farm buildings are considered, and would therefore have no impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	○	○	○	The policy option has no significant bearing on the SA objective, while there are limited employment opportunities in this sector.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	0	0	0	The policy option has no significant bearing on the SA objective, while there are limited employment opportunities in this sector.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	0	0	0	The policy option has no significant bearing on the SA objective, while there are limited employment and training opportunities in this sector.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	0	0	0	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
SCORING			0	0	0	The policy option would add no flexibility in terms of how new farm buildings are considered, and would therefore have no benefits for the local economy and the preservation of the landscape.

Policy option 12a: Agricultural Diversification

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	Given that this policy option is aimed at rural areas, it is unlikely that it would have any bearing on air pollution or air quality.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	-	-	-	The policy option could have some adverse impact on biodiversity given it relates to development in the countryside.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	-	-	-	Increases in economic development in the countryside, including associated business activity, may increase the level of car and vehicle use.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective. This is dealt with under other policy areas.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on coastal erosion and its management.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	O	O	O	While the policy option could have an adverse impact on agricultural land, it would also permit development that would help the viability of farming, therefore ensuring that agricultural land remains in agricultural use.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	0	0	0	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	0	0	0	The policy option has no significant bearing on the SA objective.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	+	+	+	While the policy option could have an adverse impact on the landscape, it would also permit development that would help the viability of farming, therefore ensuring that agricultural land remains in agricultural use, which is a significant aspect of the landscape.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	++	++	++	Additional flexibility through farm diversification would improve the economic performance of the rural areas.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	+	+	+	Additional flexibility through farm diversification would improve the economic performance of the rural areas, although evidence indicates that diversification has not typically led to increased employment. Still there may be some additional employment opportunities, or at least mitigation against losses.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	0	0	0	Additional flexibility through farm diversification would improve the economic performance of the rural areas, although evidence indicates that diversification has not typically led to increased employment.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	0	0	0	Additional flexibility through farm diversification would improve the economic performance of the rural areas, although evidence indicates that diversification has not typically led to increased employment, while there would be limited opportunities for skills and training.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	-	-	-	Increases in economic development in the countryside, including associated business activity, may increase the level of car and vehicle use.
SCORING			1	1	1	This policy option would improve the viability of agriculture, including allowing for it to diversify for the future. This would have benefits for the local economy and the preservation of the landscape. There are small risks to biodiversity environmental issues.

Policy option 12b: Agricultural Diversification

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable net bearing on this SA objective.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable net bearing on this SA objective.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable net bearing on this SA objective.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable net bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on coastal erosion and its management.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable net bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	o	o	o	The policy option has no significant bearing on the SA objective.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable net bearing on this SA objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable net bearing on this SA objective. Diversification within agriculture would need to align with policies that allow for the intensification and expansion of existing rural businesses.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable net bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable net bearing on this SA objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable net bearing on this SA objective.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable net bearing on this SA objective.
SCORING			0	0	0	Having no specific policy relating to agricultural diversification would mean that diversification within agriculture would need to align with policies that allow for the intensification and expansion of existing rural businesses. This would provide a narrower and more limited framework for considering such schemes. Consequently, this policy option would not have the same economic benefit of policy option 12a.

Policy option 13a: Equestrian Developments

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	+	+	+	The detailed criteria within this policy option would protect against development on land that includes habitats that are designated internationally, nationally and locally. Biodiversity is specifically protected through this policy option.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable net bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on coastal erosion and its management.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	o	o	o	The detailed criteria within this policy option would protect against development on higher quality agricultural land. Biodiversity is specifically protected through this policy option.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	0	0	0	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	+	+	+	The policy option requires that hardstanding and ancillary structures do not have an adverse impact on the surrounding countryside.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	+	+	+	The policy option establishes a series of measures that ensure that equestrian development does not harm the landscape.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable net bearing on this SA objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable net bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable net bearing on this SA objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable net bearing on this SA objective.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	+	+	+	The policy option requires that development is located in respect of suitable roads and to the bridgeway network.
SCORING			4	4	4	This policy option ensures that equestrian development would not have any significant adverse impacts on the landscape, biodiversity, higher quality soils and designated habitats, the environment generally, while also considering the road network.

Policy option 13b: Equestrian Developments

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no positive bearing on this SA objective.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable net bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on coastal erosion and its management.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on this SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	o	o	o	The policy option has no positive bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable bearing on the SA objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	○	○	○	The policy option has no positive bearing on this SA objective.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	○	○	○	The policy option has no positive bearing on this SA objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable net bearing on this SA objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	○	○	○	The policy option has no identifiable net bearing on this SA objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	0	0	0	The policy option has no identifiable net bearing on this SA objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	0	0	0	The policy option has no identifiable net bearing on this SA objective.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	0	0	0	The policy option has no positive bearing on this SA objective.
SCORING			0	0	0	This policy option would not protect against the subtle but accumulative impacts that equestrian development can have on the landscape, biodiversity, higher quality soils and designated habitats, the environment generally, while also considering the road network.

Landscape Character

Policy 1: Rural Environments and Landscape Character

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	No policy
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?	+	+	+	The High Weald National Landscape makes a significant contribution to carbon sequestration, as will other designated landscapes, therefore the policy has a positive impact on air quality.	There is no national policy concerning landscape that would have an equal impact on the SA objective.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?	++	++	++	The intention of the policy is to maintain and reinforce the natural and built landscape character of the district, and the conservation and enhancement of the nationally and locally designated landscapes. The policy impacts strongly on this objective.	NPPF para 180 d) would have a positive impact on the SA objective in the absence of this policy.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO ₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	No policy
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	+	+	+	The policy intends to conserve and enhance local landscapes, all of which form part of the district's green infrastructure. This infrastructure contributes to the mitigation of flooding and increases the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change. The policy has a positive impact on the objective.	There is no national policy concerning landscape that would have an equal impact on the SA objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	+	+	+	As above.	There is no national policy concerning landscape that would have an equal impact on the SA objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	No policy
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	No policy
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	+	+	+	The intent of the policy is to conserve and enhance the district's nationally and locally designated landscapes and protect them from unsuitable development. The policy has a positive impact on the objective.	
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	+	+	+	Conservation and enhancement of national and locally designated landscapes improves the tourist offer of the district and therefore the economic performance. The policy has a positive impact on the objective.	

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	No policy
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
SCORING			7	7	7		

Policy 2: Trees, Woodlands and Hedgerows

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	No policy
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	++	++	++	<p>The intent of the policy is to protect and enhance key features of the district's natural environment: trees, hedges and woodlands.</p> <p>The policy sets out that trees must be protected and maintained, and this resource expanded when possible, making a strong contribution to the objective.</p>	NPPF paras 180 and 186 would give protection to trees and woodland in the absence of this policy. The policy adds additional, targeted protection and increases the positive impact on the SA objective.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	+	+	+	<p>Trees sequester carbon, removing it from the atmosphere and reducing overall the volume of GHG to positively impact on climate change.</p> <p>The policy will have a positive impact on achieving the objective.</p>	The NPPF does not address the benefits of trees, hedges and woodlands in this way therefore no policy would lead to a neutral impact on the objective

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	No policy
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	+	+	+	Trees, woodlands and hedges make a significant contribution to mitigating the effects of flooding. The policy proposal to increase tree planting when possible will add to this contribution. The policy will make a positive impact on this objective.	The NPPF does not address the benefits of trees, hedges and woodlands in this way therefore no policy would lead to a neutral impact on the objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	+	+	+	Trees, woodlands and hedges make a significant contribution to land stability and conversely where trees are removed land stability is reduced. This policy has a positive impact on the objective.	The NPPF does not address the benefits of trees, hedges and woodlands in this way therefore no policy would lead to a neutral impact on the objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	No policy
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	+	+	+	Trees and woodland contribute positively to well-being, by contributing to positive place-making which encourages people to spend more time outside and also be more active. There is a direct link between urban greening/green infrastructure and the value and pride people place on their local environments. The policy will have a positive impact on the objective.	The NPPF does not address the benefits of trees, hedges and woodlands in this way therefore no policy would lead to a neutral impact on the objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)? Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services? Make access easier for those without a car? Improve residential amenity and sense of place?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	No policy
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	Reduce actual levels of crime? Reduce the fear of crime?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets? Reduce the number of buildings at risk? Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage? Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies? Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	Reduce land contamination? Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	No policy
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	+	+	+	The protection of and increase in the numbers of trees, woodlands, hedges will contribute to the enhancement of the countryside, as they form the backbone of the district's landscape character. The policy impacts positively on this objective.	
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	No policy
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	<p>Improve the qualifications and skills of young people?</p> <p>Improve the qualifications and skills of adults?</p> <p>Address the skills gap and enable skills progression?</p> <p>Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages?</p> <p>Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?</p>	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	<p>Reduce the need to travel by private car?</p> <p>Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport?</p> <p>Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure?</p> <p>Reduce road traffic accidents?</p>	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
SCORING			7	7	7		

Policy 3: Dark Skies

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	No policy
Air quality	41. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Biodiversity	42. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	++	++	++	<p>The policy states that artificial lighting must seek to protect wildlife rich sites and habitats. A key policy intention is to protect wildlife from the damaging effects of overly bright and intrusive night lighting, proven to disrupt the migration, feeding and breeding and circadian rhythms of all animal groups including invertebrates, mammals, birds and amphibians.</p> <p>The enforcement of this policy will have a strong positive impact on the objective.</p>	NPPF para 191 c) sets out that new development must be appropriate for its location and 'limit the impact of light pollution from artificial light on local amenity, intrinsically dark landscapes and nature conservation.' No policy would lead to the SA objective being achieved to a lesser extent.
Energy and Water Consumption	43. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	No policy
Energy and Water Consumption	44. Minimise water consumption.	Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	45. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	46. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Population Health and Wellbeing	47. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	+	+	+	A reduction in obtrusive night lighting is proven to have a positive impact on not only wildlife but humans as well. The policy will have a positive impact on the health and well-being of the population and on this objective.	NPPF para 191 c) sets out that new development must be appropriate for its location and 'limit the impact of light pollution from artificial light on local amenity, intrinsically dark landscapes and nature conservation.' No policy would lead to the SA objective being achieved to a lesser extent.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	No policy
Population Health and Wellbeing	48. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Population Health and Wellbeing	49. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)? Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services? Make access easier for those without a car? Improve residential amenity and sense of place?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Population Health and Wellbeing	50. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	Reduce actual levels of crime? Reduce the fear of crime?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Heritage	51. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets? Reduce the number of buildings at risk? Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage? Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies? Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	No policy
Land and Water Quality	52. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	Reduce land contamination? Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Land and Water Quality	53. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Land and Water Quality	54. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Natural Landscape	55. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	+	+	+	The policy impacts positively on this objective through protecting and conserving the night-time natural environment and the tranquillity in rural Rother.	NPPF para 191 c) sets out that new development must be appropriate for its location and 'limit the impact of light pollution from artificial light on local amenity, intrinsically dark landscapes and nature conservation.' No policy would lead to the SA objective being achieved to a lesser extent.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	No policy
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	56. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	+	+	+	The policy intends to assist in raising the district's reputation for intrinsic dark skies which will have a positive impact on the associated tourism offer in this area.	NPPF para 191 c) sets out that new development must be appropriate for its location and 'limit the impact of light pollution from artificial light on local amenity, intrinsically dark landscapes and nature conservation.' No policy would lead to the SA objective being achieved to a lesser extent.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	57. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	58. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	59. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary	No policy
Transport	60. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	0	0	0	The policy does not impact on this objective	
SCORING			5	5	5		

Environmental Management

Policy option 3a: Sustainable drainage

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	61. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not look to address air quality issues, and as such has scored neutrally for this objective.
Biodiversity	62. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	++	++	++	A part of this policy option looks to protect the environment, with enhanced protection for the international designated sites, this policy scores very positively against this objective.
Energy and Water Consumption	63. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not look to address this aspect of climate change and as such has a neutral score.
Energy and Water Consumption	64. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	○	○	○	Whilst this policy option does look at water issues, it does not directly concern consumption and therefore scores neutrally.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	65. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	++	++	++	As SuDS can play a vital role in reducing flood risk, and act as a form of green infrastructure (depending on the type of drainage) then this policy option scores positively.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	66. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	+	+	+	SuDS can play a role in reducing land stability issues due to reducing runoff. Therefore, this policy has a positive impact. The policy option would have scored more positively on this appraisal questions had it addressed them directly. However, this policy option signposts to two specific policies on land stability and protecting coastal communities instead.
Population Health and Wellbeing	67. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	0	0	0	Whilst some forms of SuDS may provide for green space which would have a positive impact on health and wellbeing, overall the policy option would have a neutral impact overall.
Population Health and Wellbeing	68. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	0	0	0	Housing issues are not covered by this policy option and therefore a neutral score has been given.

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Population Health and Wellbeing	69. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	0	0	0	This policy option does not seek to address accessibility to services and car dependency and therefore has no impact either way.
Population Health and Wellbeing	70. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	0	0	0	Creating safe and secure environments is not impacted by this policy option and therefore has a neutral score.
Heritage	71. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	0	0	0	The neutral score reflects the fact this policy option does not look to address heritage issues, though any SuDS will need to be designed such that harms to heritage assets are minimised.
Land and Water Quality	72. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	0	0	0	When judging the policy option against the appraisal questions, this policy option would have a neutral impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	73. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	0	0	0	Household and construction waste issues are not addressed in this policy and therefore score neutrally.
Land and Water Quality	74. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	+	+	+	SuDS play a key role in reducing runoff from development and therefore this policy option scores positively.
Natural Landscape	75. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	++	++	++	As with Objective 2, this policy option will help to improve the natural environment and protect sensitive areas. Also, SuDS may be able to offer a localised recreational benefit and as such this option scores very positively.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	76. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	0	0	0	This policy option does not seek to address economic issues and therefore has no impact either way on this objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	77. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	0	0	0	This policy option does not seek to address employment issues and therefore has no impact either way on this objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	78. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	0	0	0	This policy option does not seek to address poverty and therefore has no impact either way on this objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	79. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	0	0	0	This policy option does not seek to address economic issues and therefore has no impact either way on this objective.
Transport	80. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	0	0	0	This policy option does not seek to address transport issues and therefore has no impact either way on this objective.
SCORING			8	8	8	To summarise, this policy option on SuDS addresses very well the objectives that it has an impact on. As SuDS are intended to be multi-functional, the assessment reflects this with the option scoring positively or very positively on a number of environmental issues.

Policy option 4a: Coastal, water and flood risk management

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	0	0	0	This policy option does not focus on air quality and therefore scores neutrally.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	+	+	+	As part of this policy option seeks to protect watercourses, as well as looking to reduce the impacts of non-mains drainage systems on the environment, this policy option scores positively.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	0	0	0	This policy option does not focus on the emissions/greenhouse gases aspect of climate change and therefore does not have an impact on the objective.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	+	+	+	The first part of this policy directly relates to ensuring new development does not affect the potential yield of water and therefore scores positively. Aspects around water conservation are covered in another policy option.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	++	++	++	There are many parts of this policy option that seek to address the objective and appraisal questions such as seeking improvements to flood defences and ensuring watercourses are not impacted from development which may increase the flood risk. Therefore, this option scores very positively.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	0	0	0	Land stability is covered in a separate policy option and therefore scores neutrally for this particular option.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	0	0	0	This policy option does not seek to address these issues and therefore does not have an impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	0	0	0	This policy option does not seek to address these issues and therefore does not have an impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	0	0	0	This policy option does not seek to address these issues and therefore does not have an impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	0	0	0	This policy option does not seek to address these issues and therefore does not have an impact.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	0	0	0	This policy option does not seek to address these issues and therefore does not have an impact.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	0	0	0	This policy option does not seek to address these issues and therefore does not have an impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	0	0	0	This policy option does not seek to address these issues and therefore does not have an impact.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	++	++	++	This policy option makes direct reference to the River Basin Management Plan, which is the key aim of the Water Framework Directive. Therefore, this policy option scores very highly.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	+	+	+	Non-mains drainage can cause an issue to the environment if the wastewater is not treated sufficiently. Also, ensuring watercourses are protected from development is another positive. However, there is the potential that certain flood defences, particularly 'hard engineering' schemes, could limit access to the coasts and watercourses. Therefore, this policy scores slightly positively.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	0	0	0	This policy option does not seek to address this issues and therefore does not have an impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	0	0	0	This policy option does not seek to address these issues and therefore does not have an impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	0	0	0	This policy option does not seek to address these issues and therefore does not have an impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	0	0	0	This policy option does not seek to address these issues and therefore does not have an impact.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	0	0	0	This policy option does not seek to address these issues and therefore does not have an impact.
SCORING			7	7	7	Overall, this policy option seeks to cover a range of issues whilst avoiding repeating the NPPF and PPG which cover flooding issues in depth already. Additionally, this option looks to address non-mains drainage in policy incorporating standing advice from the Environment Agency to bolster the NPPF and PPG.

Policy option 5a: Water efficiency

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	+	+	+	The sole purpose of this policy option is to minimise water consumption in new developments, and therefore scores slightly positive.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	○	○	○	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	○	○	○	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	○	○	○	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	○	○	○	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	○	○	○	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	○	○	○	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	○	○	○	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	○	○	○	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	○	○	○	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	0	0	0	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	0	0	0	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	0	0	0	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.
SCORING			1	1	1	Due to the very narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impacts on all bar one of the objectives. Where it does score, this is only a slightly positive impact due to not going further than is necessary to trigger the reduced water consumption requirement in Building Regulations.

Policy option 5b: Water efficiency (with strengthened wording)

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	++	++	++	The sole purpose of this policy option is to minimise water consumption in new developments. When compared to the previous option, this policy pushes further and therefore scores very positively.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	○	○	○	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	○	○	○	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	○	○	○	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	○	○	○	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	○	○	○	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	○	○	○	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	○	○	○	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	○	○	○	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	○	○	○	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	0	0	0	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	0	0	0	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	0	0	0	This policy option does not cause any direct impacts when assessed against this objective.
SCORING			2	2	2	Due to the very narrow focus of this policy option, it does not have any impacts on all bar one of the objectives. Where it does score, this is only very positive impact due to going further on water efficiency measures.

Policy option 6a: land stability

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not have a direct impact on this objective and therefore scores neutrally.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not have a direct impact on this objective and therefore scores neutrally.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not have a direct impact on this objective and therefore scores neutrally.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not have a direct impact on this objective and therefore scores neutrally.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	+	+	+	As land stability issues can be exacerbated by climate change, this policy option scores slightly positively as it should help to increase resilience of the built and natural environment.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	++	++	++	The core of this policy options lies within this objective, and therefore scores very positively.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well- being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	0	0	0	This policy option does not have a direct impact on this objective and therefore scores neutrally.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	0	0	0	This policy option does not have a direct impact on this objective and therefore scores neutrally.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not have a direct impact on this objective and therefore scores neutrally.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not have a direct impact on this objective and therefore scores neutrally.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not have a direct impact on this objective and therefore scores neutrally.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not have a direct impact on this objective and therefore scores neutrally.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	0	0	0	This policy option does not have a direct impact on this objective and therefore scores neutrally.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	0	0	0	This policy option does not have a direct impact on this objective and therefore scores neutrally.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	+	+	+	Protecting the environment from land stability issues, and the harms and impacts that land instability can bring, means this policy options has a slightly positive impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	0	0	0	This policy option does not have a direct impact on this objective and therefore scores neutrally.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	0	0	0	This policy option does not have a direct impact on this objective and therefore scores neutrally.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	0	0	0	This policy option does not have a direct impact on this objective and therefore scores neutrally.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	0	0	0	This policy option does not have a direct impact on this objective and therefore scores neutrally.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	0	0	0	This policy option does not have a direct impact on this objective and therefore scores neutrally.
SCORING			4	4	4	As with many of the policy options in this background paper, this option does not have any direct impact on many of the indicators. There are no negative impacts identified from this policy options, with the positive impacts relating to protecting the environment, particularly with the growing impacts climate change may bring.

Policy option 7a: Coastal Change Management Areas in the Fairlight Cove area

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not impact this objective, and therefore has a neutral impact.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not impact this objective, and therefore has a neutral impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not impact this objective, and therefore has a neutral impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not impact this objective, and therefore has a neutral impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	++	++	++	The key tenet of this policy is to protect the coast from inappropriate development. Also, the land area covered by this policy is designed to take into account long term projections of where the coast would erode to. Therefore, there is a strong positive impact.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	++	++	++	The rationale for this policy is to protect the most vulnerable parts of the coastline from inappropriate development over the long term. Therefore, as with Objective 5, there is a strong positive impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	0	0	0	This policy option does not impact this objective, and therefore has a neutral impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	0	0	0	This policy option does not impact this objective, and therefore has a neutral impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not impact this objective, and therefore has a neutral impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not impact this objective, and therefore has a neutral impact.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not impact this objective, and therefore has a neutral impact.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not impact this objective, and therefore has a neutral impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	0	0	0	This policy option does not impact this objective, and therefore has a neutral impact.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	0	0	0	This policy option does not impact this objective, and therefore has a neutral impact.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	+	+	+	Due to the policy protecting a part of the coast that is at risk, this policy has a slight positive impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	0	0	0	This policy option does not impact this objective, and therefore has a neutral impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	0	0	0	This policy option does not impact this objective, and therefore has a neutral impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	0	0	0	This policy option does not impact this objective, and therefore has a neutral impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	0	0	0	This policy option does not impact this objective, and therefore has a neutral impact.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	0	0	0	This policy option does not impact this objective, and therefore has a neutral impact.
SCORING			5	5	5	Due to the requirements of the NPPF and PPG, the breadth and depth of this policy option is somewhat predefined. Nonetheless, this appraisal validates that where this policy does have an impact it is a positive one.

Policy option 7c: Relocating uses away from the Coastal Change Management Area

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not impact this objective, and therefore has a neutral impact.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not impact this objective, and therefore has a neutral impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not impact this objective, and therefore has a neutral impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not impact this objective, and therefore has a neutral impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	+	+	+	As this policy option seeks to facilitate the relocation of buildings at forthcoming risk from coastal change, it should help protect the coast, particularly when climate change increases the deterioration of the unprotected coast.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	++	++	++	By allowing certain developments to be relocated outside of the vulnerable area, this will reduce the risk posed to the land as the amount of built form causing any risk.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	0	0	0	This policy option does not impact this objective, and therefore has a neutral impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	0	0	0	This policy option does not impact this objective, and therefore has a neutral impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not impact this objective, and therefore has a neutral impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not impact this objective, and therefore has a neutral impact.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not impact this objective, and therefore has a neutral impact.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not impact this objective, and therefore has a neutral impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	0	0	0	This policy option does not impact this objective, and therefore has a neutral impact.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	0	0	0	This policy option does not impact this objective, and therefore has a neutral impact.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	+	+	+	As with the other positive impacts identified, allowing some forms of development to relocate elsewhere will protect the environment at risk.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	0	0	0	This policy option does not impact this objective, and therefore has a neutral impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	0	0	0	This policy option does not impact this objective, and therefore has a neutral impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	0	0	0	This policy option does not impact this objective, and therefore has a neutral impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	0	0	0	This policy option does not impact this objective, and therefore has a neutral impact.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	0	0	0	This policy option does not impact this objective, and therefore has a neutral impact. Whilst the policy makes reference to new development
SCORING			4	4	4	This policy option is also somewhat guided by the NPPF and PPG in terms of the time frame for allowing developments to relocate. Nevertheless, the appraisal shows that where any notable impacts are present these are positive.

Policy option 8a: Habitats and species

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health?</p> <p>Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	○	○	○	Whilst this policy option may help to improve air quality in terms of providing more green infrastructure and protecting trees and woodland, it is felt that against the objective as a whole it has a neutral impact.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	++	++	++	As this policy option, in part, directly relates to ensuring the statutory duty on protecting designated areas, habitats and species, there is naturally a very positive impact from this policy option.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets?</p> <p>Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective and therefore has a neutral impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective and therefore has a neutral impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	+	+	+	Part of this policy option includes having regard to Natural England's Green Infrastructure Framework and therefore scores slightly positively. However, it's not felt that the policy meets enough of the appraisal questions to meet the objective as a whole.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	0	0	0	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective and therefore has a neutral impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	0	0	0	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective and therefore has a neutral impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	0	0	0	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective and therefore has a neutral impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective and therefore has a neutral impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective and therefore has a neutral impact.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective and therefore has a neutral impact.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	○	○	○	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective and therefore has a neutral impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	○	○	○	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective and therefore has a neutral impact.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	○	○	○	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective and therefore has a neutral impact.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	++	++	++	The positive impact is similar to Objective 2 in so far as this policy is shaped to protect the natural landscape and environment, which includes those that are sensitive and special.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	○	○	○	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective and therefore has a neutral impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	○	○	○	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective and therefore has a neutral impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	0	0	0	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective and therefore has a neutral impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	0	0	0	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective and therefore has a neutral impact.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	0	0	0	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective and therefore has a neutral impact.
SCORING			5	5	5	As this wide reaching policy option is aimed at protecting and enhancing the environment, its habitats and species, as well as green infrastructure more generally, the positive impacts are borne out from the environmentally focused objectives.

Policy option 9a: Environmental pollution

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Air quality	1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	<p>Improve air quality? Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	++	++	++	Whilst Rother does not currently have any AQMAs, this policy option will have major positive impacts on improving air quality. Putting good design first should mean that development is steered away from areas at greatest risk to air quality.
Biodiversity	2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	<p>Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? Protect, conserve and enhance the district's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? Protect and enhance ecological networks?</p>	+	+	+	Through trying to minimise the impacts of pollution, ecology and biodiversity should be protected from harm therefore gaining a positive impact.
Energy and Water Consumption	3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	<p>Reduce energy consumption? Reduce CO₂ to contribute to identified national targets? Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?</p>	0	0	0	This policy does not have an impact on this objective, though if the appraisal questions are met by other policies, then these will likely result in reduced pollution.
Energy and Water Consumption	4. Minimise water consumption.	<p>Reduce water consumption? Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?</p>	0	0	0	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective and therefore has a neutral impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?	○	○	○	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective and therefore has a neutral impact.
Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change	6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? Protect coastal areas from deterioration?	○	○	○	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective and therefore has a neutral impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? Reduce health inequalities? Improve access to high quality health facilities?	○	○	○	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective and therefore has a neutral impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to be in a suitable home to meet their needs.	Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? Encourage housing types that meet local needs?	○	○	○	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective and therefore has a neutral impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Population Health and Wellbeing	9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	<p>Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)?</p> <p>Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services?</p> <p>Make access easier for those without a car?</p> <p>Improve residential amenity and sense of place?</p>	0	0	0	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective and therefore has a neutral impact.
Population Health and Wellbeing	10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>	0	0	0	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective and therefore has a neutral impact.
Heritage	11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	<p>Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets?</p> <p>Reduce the number of buildings at risk?</p> <p>Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage?</p> <p>Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?</p>	0	0	0	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective and therefore has a neutral impact.
Land and Water Quality	12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	<p>Reduce land contamination?</p> <p>Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?</p>	+	+	+	Land contamination is one of the forms of pollution defined as needing to have regard to, and therefore there is a positive impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Land and Water Quality	13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	Minimise the production of household waste? Reduce waste in the construction industry?	0	0	0	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective and therefore has a neutral impact.
Land and Water Quality	14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?	+	+	+	Like with land contamination in Objective 12, water quality is a defined pollutant to have regard to.
Natural Landscape	15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? Protect and enhance the natural environment? Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? Protect sensitive and special landscapes?	++	++	++	All forms of pollution can impact the natural environment, and therefore the policy option scores very positively, particularly when considering light pollution issues are typically most noticed in the rural parts of the district. There is a separate policy on Dark Skies which is a particular issue to the High Weald.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	16. Economic performance is improved.	Improve economic performance?	0	0	0	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective and therefore has a neutral impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	Reduce short and long-term unemployment? Help to improve earnings? Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?	0	0	0	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective and therefore has a neutral impact.

SA theme	SA objective	Appraisal questions... will the option/proposal help to...	Short term impact	Medium term impact	Long term impact	Commentary
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?	0	0	0	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective and therefore has a neutral impact.
Skills, Employment and Economic Development	19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?	0	0	0	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective and therefore has a neutral impact.
Transport	20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	Reduce the need to travel by private car? Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? Reduce road traffic accidents?	0	0	0	This policy option does not have an impact on this objective and therefore has a neutral impact.
SCORING			7	7	7	Overall, this policy option scores positively across a number of objectives due to the nature of scoping in many different forms of pollution as well as seeking to ensure that development doesn't harm many aspects of the built and natural environment.

