

## **Sustainability Appraisal Report Annex 3 – Assessment of Local Plan Review Objectives and Proposed Policies**

### **Assessment of Local Plan Objectives against the SA Framework**

**Local Plan Objective 1: Economic development** - Wiltshire needs to have a buoyant, resilient and 'green' local economy in order to boost the local economy and provide high quality, accessible employment opportunities. The plan enables development to take place and encourages economic vitality, providing local jobs for Wiltshire's population. Residents within Wiltshire should have access to facilities and retail choice in convenient locations throughout Wiltshire. The plan should strengthen the role and function of established town centres to secure their future vitality and viability. They should fulfil the roles appropriate to their sizes and the communities they serve and should complement one another. The potential of tourism should be realised as a major growth sector, capitalising on the quality of the environment and location Wiltshire benefits from.

**Local Plan Objective 2: Climate change** - Along with the council's Climate Strategy and Local Transport Plan 4 the plan will help tackle climate change by contributing to delivering sustainable development and helping to ensure that communities are resilient to the unavoidable consequences of a changing climate.

**Local Plan Objective 3: Providing new homes** - There needs be provision for at least 36,740 new homes in Wiltshire in the plan period from 2020 to 2038. There should be an appropriate mix of types, sizes and tenures, particularly to address affordable housing needs, and will ensure a continuous supply of housing over the plan period that is aligned to job growth and the delivery of infrastructure.

**Local Plan Objective 4: Planning for resilient and healthy communities** - Wiltshire's communities should be enabled to help themselves and supported to improve their quality of life, have healthier lifestyles and to foster a sense of community belonging, safety, social inclusion and self-sufficiency.

**Local Plan Objective 5: Environmental quality** - New development will protect and enhance our natural, built and historic environment; including making effective use of land, enhancing biodiversity, embedding multifunctional and strategically linked green and blue infrastructure, using natural resources prudently, meeting open space standards, improving water management and security and, conserving and enhancing features of historical, archaeological and cultural value alongside Wiltshire's landscape character.

**Local Plan Objective 6: Infrastructure** - Infrastructure requirements need to be appropriately planned, secured and implemented to ensure the timely delivery of development proposals.

Local Plan objective	SA obj 1 Biodiversity	SA obj 2 Land and soil resources	SA obj 3 Water Resources	SA obj 4 Environmental Pollution	SA obj 5 Climatic Factors	SA obj 6 Energy	SA obj 7 Historic Environment	SA obj 8 Landscapes	SA obj 9 Population and Housing	SA obj 10 Healthy and Inclusive communities	SA obj 11 Transport	SA obj 12 Economy and Enterprise
1 Economic development	0	-	0	-	0	+	-	-	0	++	-	++
2 Climate change	+	0	+	+	++	++	0	+	+	++	+	+
3 Providing new homes	0	--	--	--	-	0	-	-	+++	++	--	++
4 Resilient and healthy communities	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	++	++	0	+
5 Environmental quality	++	++	+	+	++	0	++	++	0	++	0	+
6 Infrastructure	0	+	++	+	++	++	0	0	+++	++	++	+

Key to likely significance of effects:			
+++	Major positive effect	0	Neutral effect
++	Moderate positive effect		
+	Minor positive effect		
---	Major adverse effect	0	Neutral effect
--	Moderate adverse effect		
-	Minor adverse effect		

## Assessment of Plan Policies against the SA Framework and recommendations for making policies more sustainable

<b>Policy 1 – Settlement Strategy</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy does not provide or introduce information to suggest significant impacts are likely against this objective. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of greenfield development taking place to fulfil the settlement strategy at the settlements within the hierarchy, some of which are ecologically constrained, results in likely negative effects against this objective.	Minor adverse
2	There is an extremely limited amount of brownfield land available within settlements in the settlement hierarchy and therefore very likely that the majority of development will need to take place on greenfield land, some of which is likely to be BMV agricultural land. This policy is therefore likely to have moderate adverse effects against this policy.	Moderate adverse
3	This policy does not provide or introduce information to suggest significant impacts are likely against this objective. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of greenfield development taking place to fulfil the settlement strategy at the settlements within the hierarchy, some of which will impact on the local water network to a greater degree than others. As a result, this is likely to result in minor adverse effects overall against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
4	This policy does not provide or introduce information to suggest significant impacts are likely against this objective. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of greenfield development taking place to fulfil the settlement strategy at the settlements within the hierarchy, will have some impact on air quality and environmental pollution. As a result, this is likely to result in minor adverse effects overall against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
5	This policy does not provide or introduce information to suggest significant impacts are likely against this objective. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of greenfield development taking place to fulfil the settlement strategy at the settlements within the hierarchy, some of which will be located in areas at risk of flooding. That said, some benefits will occur at settlements where renewable energy installations are provided on site. As a result, this is likely to have a minor adverse effect overall against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
6	This settlement strategy policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective being achieved. This policy creates a strategy to enable proportionate, sequential allocation of development in a hierarchy of five categories, in order sustainable geographic development across the county, partly to reduce energy in terms of trips and encourage active /sustainable travel.	Neutral
7	This policy does not provide or introduce information to suggest significant impacts are likely against this objective. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of greenfield development taking place to fulfil the settlement strategy at the settlements within the hierarchy, some of which are constrained in terms of heritage both within and without the settlement boundary, the resulting impacts will not be as great for some settlements as it will be for others. Minor negative effects are likely overall against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
8	This policy does not provide or introduce information to suggest significant impacts are likely against this objective. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of greenfield development taking place to fulfil the settlement strategy at the settlements within the hierarchy, some of which are constrained in landscape terms, results in likely negative effects against this objective.	Minor adverse
9	This policy will provide affordable housing and support the provision of a range of house types and sizes at all settlements identified in the settlement strategy although resulting benefits will not be as great for some settlements as it will be for others. Overall, there will be a moderate positive effect against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate positive
10	This policy does not provide or introduce information of sufficient detail to suggest significant benefits are likely against this objective. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood that development will be undertaken to fulfil the settlement strategy will mean the resulting benefits will not be as great for some settlements as it will be for others. That said, some benefits will still occur at all settlements. As such, this will result in an overall minor positive effect against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor positive
11	This policy does not provide or introduce information of sufficient detail to allow a rigorous analysis of the degree of impact likely against this objective. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of development taking place to fulfil the settlement strategy at the settlements within the hierarchy, this would likely put	Minor adverse

	pressure on local transport capacity and existing transport infrastructure and increase the need to travel. As a result, this is likely to result in minor adverse effects overall against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	
12	This policy does not provide or introduce information of sufficient detail to suggest significant benefits are likely against this objective. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood that development will be undertaken to fulfil the settlement strategy will mean the resulting benefits will not be as great for some settlements as it will be for others. That said, some benefits will still occur at all settlements. As such, this will result in an overall minor positive effect against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b> None.		

<b>Policy 2 – Delivery strategy</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy does not provide or introduce information to suggest significant impacts are likely against this objective. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of greenfield development taking place to fulfil the delivery strategy, coupled with the ecological sensitivities around the county, results in likely negative effects against this objective.	Minor adverse
2	This policy seeks to deliver 115ha of new employment land and at least 36,740 homes. It prioritises the release of employment land and the re-use of previously developed land to deliver regeneration opportunities, and to limit the need for development on Greenfield sites, with approximately 35% of development taking place on previously developed. However, there is an extremely limited amount of brownfield land available within settlements in the settlement hierarchy and therefore very likely that the majority of development will need to take place on greenfield land, some of which is likely to be BMV agricultural land. This policy is therefore likely to have moderate adverse effects against this policy.	Moderate adverse
3	This policy does not provide or introduce information to suggest significant impacts are likely against this objective. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of greenfield development taking place to fulfil the settlement strategy at the settlements within the hierarchy, some of which would potentially impact on the local water network to a greater degree than others. As a result, this is likely to result in minor adverse effects overall against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
4	This policy does not provide or introduce information to suggest significant impacts are likely against this objective. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of greenfield development taking place to fulfil the settlement strategy at the settlements within the hierarchy, would potentially have some impact on air quality and environmental pollution to a greater degree than others. As a result, this is likely to result in minor adverse effects overall against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
5	This policy does not provide or introduce information to suggest significant impacts are likely against this objective. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of greenfield development taking place to fulfil the settlement strategy at the settlements within the hierarchy, some of which will be located in areas at risk of flooding. As a result, this is likely to have a minor adverse effect overall against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
6	This delivery strategy policy does not include any evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective being achieved. This policy creates a strategy to enable proportionate, sequential allocation of sustainable development in a hierarchy of five categories, including timings and defines the hierarchy in order sustainable geographic development across the county, partly to reduce energy in terms of trips and encourage active /sustainable travel.	Neutral
7	This policy does not provide or introduce information to suggest significant impacts are likely against this objective. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of greenfield development taking place to fulfil the settlement strategy at the settlements within the hierarchy, some of which are constrained in terms of	Minor adverse

	heritage both within and without the settlement boundary, the resulting impacts will not be as great for some settlements as it will be for others. Minor negative effects are likely overall against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	
8	This policy does not provide or introduce information to suggest significant impacts are likely against this objective. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of greenfield development taking place to fulfil the delivery strategy, coupled with the landscape sensitivities around the county, results in likely negative effects against this objective.	Minor adverse
9	This policy will provide affordable housing and support the provision of a range of house types and sizes at all settlements identified in the settlement strategy although resulting benefits will not be as great for some settlements as it will be for others. Overall, there will be a moderate positive effect against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate positive
10	This policy does not provide or introduce information of sufficient detail to allow a rigorous analysis of the degree of benefit likely against this objective. However, the Delivery Strategy does set out the general approach to delivering development in a sustainable manner, which in the light of the detail provided, would appear to have a beneficial impact towards the aims of reducing poverty and deprivation and promoting more inclusive communities. As such, without more specific detailed information, an overall minor positive effect is considered against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor positive
11	This policy does not provide or introduce information of sufficient detail to allow a rigorous analysis of the degree of impact likely against this objective. Reviewing the information available and the scale of development proposed to fulfil the delivery strategy, this would likely put pressure on local transport capacity and existing transport infrastructure and increase the need to travel. As a result, this is likely to result in minor adverse effects overall against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
12	This policy does not provide or introduce information of sufficient detail to allow a rigorous analysis of the degree of benefit likely against this objective. However, the Delivery Strategy does set out the general approach to delivering development in a sustainable manner, which in the light of the detail provided, would appear to have beneficial impact in encouraging a vibrant and diverse economy and providing for long-term sustainable growth. As such, without more specific detailed information, an overall minor positive effect is considered against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b>		
None.		

<b>Policy 3 – Housing Delivery</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	When dealing with reserve sites, this policy does not provide or introduce information to suggest significant impacts are likely against this objective. Reviewing the information available for the broad locations of growth, and the likelihood of substantial greenfield development taking place within these locations, some of which are ecologically constrained, results in likely significant negative effects against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation.	Moderate adverse
2	This policy outlines requirements for reserve sites and lists three broad locations for growth. Reserve sites and the broad locations for growth outlined in the Plan cover a significant area of greenfield land, some of which is BMV agricultural land. There is very little potential for development of PDL on these sites. Refer to the SA of reasonable alternative sites in Annex 2 for further information. Overall, a moderate adverse effect is considered likely.	Moderate adverse
3	This policy does not provide or introduce information of sufficient detail to allow a rigorous analysis of the degree of impact likely against this objective. However, proposals for reserve sites for housing development and the broad locations of growth would likely result in potential negative effects on the local water network in some areas to a greater degree than in others. As a result, this is likely to result in moderate adverse effects overall against this objective. A reduction in the	Moderate adverse

	significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	
4	This policy does not provide or introduce information of sufficient detail to allow a rigorous analysis of the degree of impact likely against this objective. However, proposals for reserve sites for housing development and the broad locations of growth would likely result in potential negative effects on air quality and environmental pollution. As a result, this is likely to result in moderate adverse effects overall against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
5	This policy does not provide or introduce information of sufficient detail to allow a rigorous analysis of the degree of impact likely against this objective. However, proposals for reserve sites for housing development and the broad locations of growth would likely result in development in areas that are susceptible to flooding that could be within Flood Zones 2 or 3. These sites could however contribute to the creation of renewable energy installations and the deliver resilient development, a minor adverse effect is therefore likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
6	The policy defines broad locations for growth. It does not include evidence to suggest significant effects contrary to this objective are likely or any barriers to prevent the objective being positively achieved.	Neutral
7	This policy does not provide or introduce information to suggest significant impacts are likely against this objective. Reviewing the information available and that reserve sites and broad locations of growth are significant areas of greenfield development, some of the locations may be sensitive in heritage terms. Moderate adverse effects are likely overall against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
8	When dealing with reserve sites, this policy does not provide or introduce information to suggest significant impacts are likely against this objective. Reviewing the information available for the broad locations of growth, and the likelihood of substantial greenfield development taking place within these locations, some of which are sensitive in landscape terms, results in likely significant negative effects against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation.	Moderate adverse
9	This policy will provide affordable housing and support the provision of a range of house types and sizes at the broad locations of growth and at settlement with reserve sites if they are triggered. Overall, there will be a moderate positive effect against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate positive
10	This policy does not provide or introduce information of sufficient detail to allow a rigorous analysis of the degree of impact likely against this objective. The circumstances and conditions under which planning permission will be granted for reserve sites for housing development and the broad locations of growth may result in moderate positive effects in terms of related affordable housing provision and the creation of better services and facilities. As such, a moderate positive effect is assessed against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate positive
11	This policy does not provide or introduce information of sufficient detail to allow a rigorous analysis of the degree of impact likely against this objective. However, proposals for reserve sites for housing development and the broad locations of growth would likely put pressure on local transport capacity and existing transport infrastructure and increase the need to travel. As a result, this is likely to result in moderate adverse effects overall against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
12	This policy does not provide or introduce information of sufficient detail to allow a rigorous analysis of the degree of impact likely against this objective. The circumstances and conditions under which planning permission will be granted for reserve sites for housing development and the broad locations of growth may result in moderate positive effects in terms of a more diverse and vibrant economy and providing for long-term sustainable growth. As such, a moderate positive effect is assessed against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b> None.		

<b>Policy 4 – Addressing climate change</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures aimed at tackling climate change. These include, but are not restricted to, measures regarding minimising carbon emissions, maximising the multifunctional benefits of green and blue infrastructure and mitigating the impacts of climate change. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood that these measures will help to tackle climate change, which has a significant bearing on the biological features of Wiltshire, results in likely significant positive effects against this objective.	Moderate positive
2	Effects of this policy are likely to be positive against this objective through requirements to deliver a density of development that makes the most efficient use of land, protecting high grade agricultural land and locating development to minimise the need to travel and where there are opportunities to maximise the ability to make trips by sustainable modes of transport – this would support the development of brownfield sites in town centre locations. However, the policy could include additional mitigation features to maximise sustainability benefits against this objective and these are listed in recommendations below.	Minor positive
3	This policy provides a series of measures to address climate change and move towards carbon neutrality. Whilst information is not present to suggest likely significant impacts against this objective, some measures do promote improvement in the use and management of water resources. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood that these measures will help to tackle climate change and their significant bearing on improvements to the use and management of water resources in a sustainable manner, results in likely moderate positive effects against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate positive
4	This policy provides a series of measures to address climate change and move towards carbon neutrality. Whilst information is not present to suggest likely significant impacts against this objective, some measures do promote improvement in air quality and reduced environmental pollution. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood that these measures will help to tackle climate change and their significant bearing on improved air quality and reduced environmental pollution, results in likely moderate positive effects against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate positive
5	This policy provides a series of measures to address climate change and move towards carbon neutrality. This policy looks to facilitate development that mitigates and adapts to the impacts of climate change, manages flood risk from all sources of flooding and promotes the generation of renewable and low carbon energy. This results in likely major positive effects against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Major positive
6	This tackling climate change policy outlines policy to minimise carbon emissions, maximise carbon storage, responding to climate change and Energy Statement policy. This policy will be a significant and key policy to help positively achieve the objective, by minimising carbon emissions and promoting the increase the proportion of energy generated by renewable and low carbon sources of energy.	Major positive
7	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures aimed at tackling climate change. Whilst information is not present to suggest likely significant impacts against this objective, some measures do ensure impact on heritage will be considered such as delivering density of development to make the most efficient use of land and ensuring retrofitting of sources of renewable energy to buildings is in a manner consistent with their heritage. Overall minor positive effects are considered likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor positive
8	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures aimed at tackling climate change. Whilst information is not present to suggest likely significant impacts against this objective, measures maximising the multifunctional benefits of green and blue infrastructure as part of the built environment and mitigating the impacts of climate change upon the environment are likely to have positive effects against this objective.	Minor positive
9	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures aimed at tackling climate change. The information present suggests the likely effects against this objective are neutral. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Neutral
10	This policy provides a series of measures to address climate change and move towards carbon neutrality. Whilst information is not present to suggest likely significant impacts against this objective, some measures do promote social inclusion such as the reduced reliance on the private vehicle; development locations minimising the need to travel and maximising the ability to make trips by sustainable modes of transport and the creation of places that positively promote social inclusion. These are all positive effects when assessed against this objective and therefore a moderate positive effect is scored. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate positive

11	This policy provides a series of measures to address climate change and move towards carbon neutrality. These include, but are not restricted to, measures that minimise the need to travel, maximise the ability to make trips by sustainable transport modes, promote active travel, reduce need for private vehicle use and the sustainable movement of freight. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood that these measures will help to tackle climate change, it is considered that it will result in likely moderate positive effects against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate positive
12	This policy provides a series of measures to address climate change and move towards carbon neutrality. Whilst information is not present to suggest likely significant effects against this objective, some measures do encourage a vibrant and diversified economy and provide for long-term sustainable economic growth, such as promoting active travel, maximising the ability to make trips by sustainable modes of transport and taking opportunities to generate, incorporate and connect to renewable and low energy infrastructure wherever possible. These all have a positive effect against this objective and as such this policy is assessed as having a moderate positive effect scored against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective. .	Moderate positive

**Overall policy assessment score: Moderate positive effect**

**Recommendations**

1. To increase the sustainability benefits of this policy, Policy 4 could include the benefits of developing brownfield sites in preference to greenfield sites as a way of mitigating and adapting to the effects of climate change.
2. To increase the sustainability benefits of this policy, Policy 4 could include the benefits of protecting viable mineral resources as a way of mitigating and adapting to the effects of climate change.
3. To increase the sustainability benefits of this policy, Policy 4 could include the benefits of incorporating sustainable waste management facilities and integrated recycling infrastructure in new developments as a way of mitigating and adapting to the effects of climate change.

**Policy 5 – Securing infrastructure provision from new development**

SA Objective	Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy	Assessment score
1	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures with regards how infrastructure provision will be secured from new development. Reviewing the information available this policy does not provide or introduce information to suggest significant impacts are likely against this objective.	Neutral
2	Effects of this policy are likely to be positive against this objective through requirements to deliver waste management services such as recycling and collection facilities as essential infrastructure and open space provision.	Minor positive
3	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures with regards to how infrastructure provision will be secured from new development, with prioritisation being given to essential, followed by, place-shaping infrastructure. When considering this objective, measures to improve the use and management of water resources in a sustainable manner would result in significant positive effects and as such this policy is assessed as having a moderate positive effect scored against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate positive
4	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures with regards to how infrastructure provision will be secured from new development, with prioritisation being given to essential, followed by, place-shaping infrastructure. Reviewing the information available this policy does not provide or introduce information to suggest significant impacts are likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Neutral
5	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures with regards to how infrastructure provision will be secured from new development, with prioritisation being given to essential, followed by, place-shaping infrastructure. When considering this objective, measures to improve drainage and the generation of renewable energy would result in a significant positive effect and as such the policy is assessed as having a moderate positive effect on this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against the objective.	Moderate positive
6	This policy securing infrastructure and delivery responsibility relates to timings, delivery mechanisms against essential and place shaping priorities. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective being achieved. The context to the policy provides opportunity.	Neutral



7	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures with regards to how infrastructure provision will be secured from new development, with prioritisation being given to essential, followed by, place-shaping infrastructure. This includes maintenance and improvement of heritage assets and storage of archaeological remains under place shaping infrastructure. Likely effects are considered to be minor positive. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor positive
8	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures with regards how infrastructure provision will be secured from new development. Reviewing the information available this policy does not provide or introduce information to suggest significant impacts are likely against this objective.	Neutral
9	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures with regards to how infrastructure provision will be secured from new development, with prioritisation being given to essential, followed by, place-shaping infrastructure. Reviewing the information available this policy does not provide or introduce information to suggest significant impacts are likely against this objective although providing essential infrastructure will contribute towards ensuring housing is good quality therefore likely effects are considered to be minor positive. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor positive
10	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures with regards to how infrastructure provision will be secured from new development, with prioritisation being given to essential, followed by, place-shaping infrastructure, When considering this objective, measures such as active travel schemes, education and healthcare facilities, provision of public open space and cultural and community facilities will result in significant positive effects and as such this policy is assessed as having a major positive effect scored against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Major positive
11	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures with regards to how infrastructure provision will be secured from new development, with prioritisation being given to essential, followed by, place-shaping infrastructure. When considering this objective, sustainable transport measures which fall under essential infrastructure and the variety of uses that falls within the place-shaping infrastructure, would result in significant positive effects and as such this policy is assessed as having a moderate positive effect scored against this objective.	Moderate positive
12	This policy effectively sets out a series of measures with regards to how infrastructure provision will be secured from new development, with prioritisation being given to essential, followed by, place-shaping infrastructure, Reviewing the information available this policy does not provide or introduce information to suggest significant impacts are likely against this objective. However, the policy will deliver new infrastructure, which will have direct implications for promoting and sustaining the economic growth of Wiltshire and as such, when assessed against this objective, this policy is scored as having a moderate positive effect. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b> None.		

<b>Policy 6 – Chippenham Principal Settlement</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy primarily sets out how development at Chippenham is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Chippenham. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on greenfield land surrounding the settlement, impacting the associated ecological/geological sensitivities, this policy introduces information to suggest significant effects are likely against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation.	Moderate adverse
2	This policy supports approximately 5,850 homes and 15ha of employment land at Chippenham. It allocates land for approximately 2,530 additional dwellings, 5ha of land for employment and a broad location for growth which could accommodate a further 2,200 dwellings and employment uses. Much of this growth will be located on greenfield agricultural land, some of which is likely to be BMV agricultural land. A moderate adverse effect is considered likely against this objective.	Moderate adverse
3	This policy primarily sets out how development at Chippenham is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Chippenham. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase the probability of effects on water	Moderate adverse

	protection areas. This policy introduces information to suggest significant effects are likely against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	
4	This policy primarily sets out how development at Chippenham is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Chippenham. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase the probability of negative effects on air quality and environmental pollution. This policy introduces information to suggest significant effects are likely against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
5	This policy primarily sets out how development at Chippenham is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Chippenham. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase the probability of development taking place on areas at risk of flooding, potentially increasing flood risk elsewhere. This policy introduces information that suggest significant effects are likely against this objective, however the level of development at Chippenham could support the generation of renewable energy. A minor adverse effect is therefore likely against his objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
6	This development at Chippenham policy broadly outlines key issues/infrastructure / items to encourage sustainable development for the town centre and the town as a whole. Please refer to SA Site Assessments in annex 2.4. 2,535 additional dwellings and 16ha of land for employment allocated. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective being positively achieved, opportunity exists with this level of development across this area.	Neutral
7	This policy primarily sets out how growth will occur at Chippenham over the plan period, bringing forward some 5,850 homes and 15 ha of employment land. This includes greenfield allocations and a greenfield broad location of growth. Reviewing the information available and greenfield development there are various heritage assets in and around Chippenham and effects are considered likely to be moderate adverse. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
8	This policy primarily sets out how development at Chippenham is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Chippenham. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on greenfield land surrounding the settlement, in locations unlikely to impact designated landscapes, this policy introduces information to suggest minor negative effects are likely against this objective.	Minor adverse
9	This policy primarily sets out how growth will occur at Chippenham over the plan period, bringing forward 5,850 homes at the town. This level of growth at the town will provide affordable housing and support the provision of a range of house types and sizes therefore likely effects are considered likely to be moderate positive. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate positive
10	This policy primarily sets out how growth will occur at Chippenham over the plan period, bringing forward some 5,850 homes and 15 ha of employment land. This will result in some significant positives effects against this objective such as the provision of more affordable homes, job creation, a vibrant town centre and improved accessibility to the River Avon and other amenity green spaces. A major positive effect is scored against this objective.	Major positive
11	This policy primarily sets out how development at Chippenham is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Chippenham. Despite the proposals for Chippenham promoting a number of mixed-use developments and redevelopment of much of the Town Centre (supporting investment and use of sustainable transport modes), the development proposed is of such a scale, that local constraints are varied and widespread and will include capacity insufficiencies in the town centre and onto the Principal Road network. Therefore, this policy introduces information to suggest significant effects are likely against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
12	This policy primarily sets out how growth will occur at Chippenham over the plan period, both in terms of housing and additional employment land. Measures such as new employment opportunities, enabling people to live and work locally, the importance of the town centre (in term of vitality and viability), improvements to Chippenham railway station plus more active travel and public transport choice will result in major positive effects being scored against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Major positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect</b>		

<b>Recommendations</b>	
1. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.	

<b>Policy 7 – Land south of Chippenham and East of Showell Farm</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy allocates land south of Chippenham for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy includes ecological mitigation requirements for habitat creation associated with the River Avon. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	Moderate adverse
2	This policy allocates a large greenfield site for development of approximately 2,525 dwellings and approximately 15ha of employment. This site has been assessed in the SA – refer to Annex 2.4. Likely effects of developing this site are moderate adverse. The SA assessment of the site notes the likelihood of some specific impacts with mitigation measures that have not been covered by this policy – these are dealt with as recommendations below.	Moderate adverse
3	The policy allocates land south of Chippenham for mixed use development, informing type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. It is recommended that the policy is amended.	Moderate adverse
4	The policy allocates land south of Chippenham for mixed use development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. It is recommended that the policy is amended.	Moderate adverse
5	The policy allocates land south of Chippenham for mixed use development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site is significant less than as reported in the SA site assessment and recommendations have been addressed in the accompanying masterplan, however these have not been addressed in this policy. Development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, minor adverse effect.	Minor adverse
6	I refer to the SA of the site in annex 2.4. Overall, given the opportunities for future renewable energy generation and the use of sustainable construction materials and sustainable green technologies, but considering the potential cost implications for increasing the demand on the grid, a neutral effect is likely against this objective.	Neutral
7	This policy allocates land south of Chippenham for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, this includes mitigation for most of the heritage issues raised in the SA assessment of sites. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. There are two further mitigation requirements that would further strengthen the policy as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reference could be made to avoiding areas of high value archaeological assets. Suggest amending the archaeology bullet as follows (changes in italics): “There are possible impacts on archaeological remains across the site. <i>High value archaeological remains should be avoided and preservation in situ is likely to be required. An archaeological survey...</i>”</li> <li>Reference should be made into taking into account the setting of grade 2 listed Showell Farm. Suggest adding a sentence to the end of this bullet (changes in italics): “There are possible impacts on several designated and undesignated assets.....<i>The setting of the grade 2 listed Showell Farm should be taken into account in the layout</i>”.</li> </ul>	Moderate adverse
8	This policy allocates land south of Chippenham for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the concept plan appears to reflect the higher landscape	Moderate adverse

	sensitivities in the south and west of the site. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	
9	This policy allocates land south of Chippenham for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. The allocation is for 2525 dwellings and this will provide affordable housing and support the provision of a range of house types and sizes therefore likely effects are considered likely to be major positive. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Major positive
10	This policy allocates a large greenfield site for development of approximately 2,525 dwellings and approximately 15ha of employment. This site has been assessed in the SA – refer to Annex 2.4. Measures introduced by developing this site are assessed as resulting in some reduction in poverty and deprivation and in some promotion of more inclusive communities with improved services and facilities. Overall, a moderate positive effect is likely.	Moderate positive
11	The policy allocates land south of Chippenham for mixed use development, informing type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessment of the site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. The development is of such a scale that local constraints are varied and widespread. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
12	This policy allocates a large greenfield site for development of approximately 2,525 dwellings and approximately 15ha of employment. This site has been assessed in the SA – refer to Annex 2.4. Measures introduced by developing this site are assessed to have significant benefits in terms of encouraging a vibrant and diversified economy and providing for long-term economic growth. As such, an overall major positive benefit score is achieved against this objective.	Major positive

**Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect**

**Recommendations**

1. The SA assessment of this site has noted that there are several farms within the site where localised contamination may be an issue. It is recommended that the policy includes as a mitigation measure that if subsequent evidence becomes available which suggests that there may be land contamination, an assessment would be required as part of any future planning application to establish a remediation and mitigation strategy.
2. The SA assessment of this site has noted that the northern most point and southwestern part of the site sit within the Bristol Avon sand and gravel Mineral Safeguarding Area. The potential impact on the resource may be high and the potential resource is likely to be substantially sterilised. A significant area of the site could be lost but constraints could be overcome through mitigation, such as extraction of mineral prior to development. It is recommended that this issue is covered within the wording of the policy.
3. Reference could be made to avoiding areas of high value archaeological assets. Suggest amending the archaeology bullet as follows (changes in italics): "There are possible impacts on archaeological remains across the site. *High value archaeological remains should be avoided and preservation in situ is likely to be required.* An archaeological survey..."
4. Reference could be made into taking into account the setting of grade 2 listed Showell Farm. Suggest adding a sentence to the end of this bullet (changes in italics): "There are possible impacts on several designated and undesignated assets.....*The setting of the grade 2 listed Showell Farm should be taken into account in the layout*".
5. The SA assessment of this site has noted that there is an area in the centre of the site, east of Lower Lodge Farm which poses a high risk of pluvial flooding, associated with Cocklemore Brook which would have to be addressed in a surface water drainage strategy and this issue should be covered in the policy wording.
6. It is recommended that the policy be amended to include reference to the need for steps to be taken to ensure the efficient use of water through the development and occupation of the site.
7. It is recommended that the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy includes reference to development of the site would still need to make necessary provision to prevent harm or pollution to any surface or groundwater. This is particularly the case when designing Surface Water Drainage Systems.
8. It is recommended that the policy wording is amended to include stringent policy criteria would be required to address potential cumulative impacts of development on surface water discharges.
9. It is recommended that the policy is amended to include measures to mitigate the additional impact of development on additional air quality pressures. The availability of a range of reliable and accessible sustainable transport options will be required to help avoid significant impacts on local air quality.
10. The River Avon corridor to the west and south of this site will need to be protected from noise and light pollution by leaving wide dark undeveloped buffer zones that will benefit wildlife. It is recommended that the policy is amended to reflect this.
11. It is recommended that the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy be amended to include reference for the need for a noise, light, odour impact assessment in relation to potential impacts from adjacent land uses.

12. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.

<b>Policy 8 – Chippenham Town Centre</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy primarily sets out how development at Chippenham Town Centre is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining development opportunities at the town centre. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of development taking place on previously developed land not encroaching upon the nearby River Avon CWS/GBI corridor, this policy is considered unlikely to have significant effects against this objective.	<b>Neutral</b>
2	This policy supports redevelopment of existing brownfield sites in Chippenham town centre. The Bath Road car park/Bridge Centre site and Emery Gate site have been assessed in the SA – refer to Annex 2.4. Likely effects of developing this site are moderate positive. The SA assessment of the site notes the possibility of a specific impact re land contamination, with mitigation measures that have not been covered by this policy – this is dealt with as a recommendation below.	<b>Moderate positive</b>
3	This policy primarily sets out how development at Chippenham Town Centre is envisaged to take place over the plan period. Reviewing the information available and proposal for redevelopment of previously developed land it is likely that development would have (on balance) a minor adverse effect on this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
4	This policy primarily sets out how development at Chippenham Town Centre is envisaged to take place over the plan period. For a detailed assessments of the sites against this objective please refer to the SA site assessments. Reviewing the information available and proposal for redevelopment of previously developed land it is likely that development would have a minor adverse effect on this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
5	This policy sets out how development at Chippenham Town Centre is envisaged to take place over the plan period. The sites included within this policy are within areas of high risk for groundwater and surface water flooding, the SA site assessment for these sites outlines these risks and makes recommendations to reduce the flood risk on site. Reviewing the information available and proposals within the policy, it is likely that there will be an moderate adverse effect against this objective. For a detailed assessment of the sites against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
6	This policy sets out how development at Chippenham Town Centre is envisaged to take place over the plan period. For a detailed assessments of the sites against this objective please refer to the SA site assessments, annex 2.4. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective being positively achieved. Overall, given the opportunities for future renewable energy generation and the use of sustainable construction materials and sustainable green technologies, but considering the potential cost implications for increasing the demand on the grid, a neutral effect is likely against this objective.	<b>Neutral</b>
7	This policy primarily sets out how development at Chippenham Town Centre is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining development opportunities at the town centre. For a detailed assessment of the central sites against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this central sites represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, minor adverse effect. The wider town centre policy may impact on heritage assets but detail isn't known therefore likely effects are still minor adverse. The following requirements would strengthen the policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the Bath Road and Bridge Centre site - At the end of the heritage bullet the following detail could be added "The site is within the Conversation Area and development should respect the settlement pattern, character and appearance of the town, and the setting of the adjacent listed Bank House. An analysis of townscape should be carried out as part of the planning application process. Further investigation should be carried out at the planning application stage to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains where preservation in situ is likely to be required or preservation by record.</li> <li>For the Emery Gate site – A bullet could be added to the send of the section to require – "The site is within the Conversation Area and development should respect the settlement pattern, character and appearance of the town, and the setting of the adjacent listed United Reform Church. An analysis of townscape should be carried out as part of the planning application process. High value archaeological remains could be avoided where preservation in situ is likely to be required."</li> </ul>	<b>Minor adverse</b>

8	This policy primarily sets out how development at Chippenham Town Centre is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining development opportunities at the town centre. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of development taking place on previously developed land with the potential to enhance inclusive design and the public realm, this policy is considered likely to have minor positive effects against this objective.	Minor positive
9	This policy primarily sets out how development at Chippenham Town Centre is envisaged to take place over the plan period. There will be some residential use as part of town centre regeneration sites but uses will predominantly focus on town centre uses. Overall likely effects are considered to be neutral.	Neutral
10	This policy primarily sets out how development at Chippenham Town Centre is envisaged to take place over the plan period and includes outlining development opportunities. Refer to Annex 2.4 for the full assessment against this objective. In summary, the SA of the sites notes the Town Centre sites will have positive benefits in reducing deprivation but minimal benefits in reducing rural isolation, will provide affordable housing, have good accessibility to the town centre and can help support local services and facilities. Overall, a major significant positive effect is likely. The SA assessment of the Bath Road car park/Bridge Centre site and Emery Gate site has noted that financial contributions into expanding offsite facilities will be required for early years, primary and secondary education and healthcare facilities should be sought. This is dealt with in the recommendations section below.	Major positive
11	This policy primarily sets out how development at Chippenham Town Centre is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining development opportunities at the town centre. For a detailed assessment of the site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessments. Reviewing the information available for each of the sites proposed in this policy and the redevelopment of previously developed land in this very sustainable location, it is likely that development would have a minor positive effect on this objective. However, given the difficulties in developing this town centre location and the interaction with local highways infrastructure, the accessibility of the site as a whole cannot be accurately guaranteed without further assessment. Therefore, a neutral effect on this objective is considered likely for this policy.	Neutral
12	This policy primarily sets out how development at Chippenham Town Centre is envisaged to take place over the plan period and includes outlining development opportunities. Refer to Annex 2.4 for the full assessment against this objective. The SA of the sites notes the Town Centre sites will help to support local facilities, have good potential to support a range of employment needs and the benefits from being within a built-up area. Overall, a moderate positive effect is likely.	Moderate positive

**Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect**

**Recommendations**

1. The SA assessment of the Bath Road car park/Bridge Centre site and Emery Gate site has noted that, as previously developed land, there may be some contamination issues. It is recommended that the policy includes as a mitigation measure that if subsequent evidence becomes available which suggests that there may be land contamination, an assessment would be required as part of any future planning application to establish a remediation and mitigation strategy.
2. The SA assessment of the Bath Road car park/Bridge Centre site and Emery Gate site has noted that financial contributions into expanding offsite facilities will be required for early years, primary and secondary education. A new site for a secondary school will need to be safeguarded. This should be included within the general introduction to the policy.
3. The SA assessment of the Bath Road car park/Bridge Centre site and Emery Gate site has noted that financial contributions should be sought towards health care services should be sought. This should be included in the general introduction to the policy.
4. The Bath Road and Bridge Centre site - At the end of the heritage bullet the following detail could be added "The site is within the Conversation Area and development should respect the settlement pattern, character and appearance of the town, and the setting of the adjacent listed Bank House. An analysis of townscape should be carried out as part of the planning application process. Further investigation should be carried out at the planning application stage to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains where preservation in situ is likely to be required or preservation by record.
5. For the Emery Gate site – A bullet could be added to the end of the section to require – "The site is within the Conversation Area and development should respect the settlement pattern, character and appearance of the town, and the setting of the adjacent listed United Reform Church. An analysis of townscape should be carried out as part of the planning application process. High value archaeological remains could be avoided where preservation in situ is likely to be required."
6. The SA for the two sites included in this policy recommends that a Flood Risk Assessment and Surface Water Drainage Strategy are undertaken to address the groundwater and surface water flood risk on the two town centre sites within the policy. These should be clearly referenced within the policy as a requirement for any future planning application.
7. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.

<b>Policy 9 – Calne Market Town</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy primarily sets out how development at Calne is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Calne. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on greenfield land surrounding the settlement, impacting the associated ecological/geological sensitivities, this policy introduces information to suggest minor negative effects are likely against this objective.	Minor adverse
2	This policy supports approximately 1,230 homes and 3.2ha of employment land at Calne. It allocates land for approximately 570 dwellings and 3.2ha of land for employment. Much of this growth will be located on greenfield agricultural land, some of which is likely to be BMV agricultural land. There are few opportunities to deliver this growth on PDL. A moderate adverse effect is considered likely against this objective.	Moderate adverse
3	This policy primarily sets out how development at Calne is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Calne. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase the probability of effects on the local water network. This policy introduces information to suggest minor adverse effects are likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
4	This policy primarily sets out how development at Calne is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Calne. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase the probability of negative effects on air quality and environmental pollution. This policy introduces information to suggest significant effects are likely against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
5	This policy sets out how development at Calne is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at the town. This level of growth is in line with alternative development strategy CH-B in the SA assessment of strategies. It is therefore likely that this policy will have a minor adverse effect against this objective as growth will need to consider the surface water flooding issues experienced across the town.	Minor adverse
6	This development at Calne policy broadly outlines key issues/infrastructure / items to encourage sustainable development for the town centre, town as a whole and employment areas. Please refer to SA Site Assessments 2.3. 1,230 homes and 3.2 ha of land for employment allocated. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective being positively achieved, opportunity exists with this level of development across this area.	Neutral
7	This policy primarily sets out how development at Calne is envisaged to take place over the plan period and supports approximately 1,230 homes and 3.2ha of employment land at Calne. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on greenfield land there are various heritage assets in and around Calne and effects are considered likely to be minor adverse. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
8	This policy primarily sets out how development at Calne is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Calne. It is noted that the priorities include the need to respect the landscape quality of the town. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on greenfield land surrounding a settlement that, whilst sitting near an AONB is thought unlikely to significantly impact the designated landscape, it is considered this policy introduces information to suggest minor negative effects are likely against this objective.	Minor adverse
9	This policy primarily sets out how development at Calne is envisaged to take place over the plan period and supports approximately 1,230 homes. It allocates land for approximately 570 dwellings. This level of growth at the town will provide affordable housing and support the provision of a range of house types and sizes therefore likely effects are considered likely to be moderate positive. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate positive
10	This policy primarily sets out how development at Calne is envisaged to take place over the plan period and supports approximately 1,230 homes and 3.2ha of employment land at Calne. It allocates land for approximately 570 dwellings and 3.2ha of land for employment. Measures include meeting a wide range of housing needs, maintaining Calne's role as an important employment centre, improving the provision and quality of retail and public open spaces and bus route provision may reduce rural isolation. This policy introduces information to suggest a major positive effect against this objective.	Major positive

11	This policy primarily sets out how development at Calne is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Calne. Reviewing the information available and the scale of growth proposed, it is likely to put pressure on local transport capacity and existing transport infrastructure and increase the need to travel. This policy introduces information to suggest moderate adverse effects are likely against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
12	This policy primarily sets out how development at Calne is envisaged to take place over the plan period and supports approximately 1,230 homes and 3.2ha of employment land at Calne. It allocates land for approximately 570 dwellings and 3.2ha of land for employment. It is noted that priorities include protecting existing and providing new employment land, supporting development that is well connected by sustainable modes of transport, encouraging delivery of infrastructure and continued investment in the town centre. This policy introduces information to suggest a major positive effect against this objective.	Major positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b>		
1. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.		

<b>Policy 10 – Land off Spitfire Road, Calne</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy allocates land off Spitfire Road for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy includes enhancement requirements for Abberd Brook GBI corridor. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents a similar effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	Minor adverse
2	This policy allocates a relatively small greenfield site for 2.7ha of employment uses. The larger site that this forms part of has been assessed in the SA (Site 3) – refer to Annex 2.3. Likely effects of developing this site are minor adverse.	Minor adverse
3	The policy allocates land off Spitfire Road for development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
4	The policy allocates land off Spitfire Road for development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
5	This policy allocates 2.7ha of employment land on land off Spitfire Road. Although the site has been significantly reduced in size from the original SA site assessment, there are still parts of the site that are in Flood Zone 2 and 3 as well as areas at risk of surface water flooding, it is therefore likely that this policy will have a minor adverse effect against this objective. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment	Minor adverse
6	I refer to the SA of the site in annex 2.3. Site is allocated for 2.7 ha industrial employment use. Overall, given the opportunities for future renewable energy generation and the use of sustainable construction materials and sustainable green technologies, but considering the potential cost implications for increasing the demand on the grid, a neutral effect is likely against this objective.	Neutral
7	This policy allocates a greenfield site for 2.7ha of employment uses. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site	Minor adverse



	assessment, minor adverse effect. A further mitigation requirement that would further strengthen the policy is as follows: Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include preservation by record where relevant.	
8	This policy allocates land off Spitfire Road for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy reflects the need for landscape buffers and the enhancement of Abberd Brook. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents minor adverse effect, less significant than the SA site assessment given the reduction in site size.	Minor adverse
9	This policy allocates land for 2.7ha of employment uses and does not include any housing. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Neutral
10	This policy allocates a relatively small greenfield site for 2.7ha of employment uses. The larger site that this forms part of has been assessed in the SA (Site 3) – refer to Annex 2.3. Given the reduction in the site's area and the focus solely on employment use, the overall effect in reducing poverty and deprivation and in promoting more inclusive communities with better services and facilities has been reduced to that of a moderate positive effect (when compared against the bigger site previously assessed at Annex 2.3). As recommended with the SA site assessment, financial contributions should be sought for education and healthcare provision. This will be dealt with in the recommendations section below.	Moderate positive
11	This policy allocates land off Spitfire Road for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. The larger site that this forms part of has been assessed in the SA site assessment – refer to Annex 2.3. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of development taking place, a minor adverse effect against this objective is expected to take place.	Minor adverse
12	This policy allocates a relatively small greenfield site for 2.7ha of employment uses. The larger site that this forms part of has been assessed in the SA (Site 3) – refer to Annex 2.3. Given the reduction in the site's area and it's focus solely on employment development, the overall effect in encouraging a vibrant and diversified economy and providing for long-term economic growth has been reduced to that of a moderate positive effect (when compared against the bigger site previously assessed at Annex 2.3).	Moderate positive

**Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect**

**Recommendations**

1. As recommended by the SA site assessment at Annex 2.3, financial contributions should be sought for education (early years, primary and secondary) and healthcare provision. This should be included within the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy.
2. The SA site assessment for Land off Spitfire Road recommends that a Flood Risk Assessment is carried out to ensure that there is no flood risk to the site and that development will not exacerbate flooding elsewhere. This recommendation should be included in the policy wording.
3. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.
4. It is recommended a requirement is added to the policy as follows - Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include preservation by record where relevant.

**Policy 11 – Land to the north of Spitfire Road, Calne**

SA Objective	Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy	Assessment score
1	This policy allocates land to the north of Spitfire Road for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the concept plan includes the potential provision of SANG. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	Minor adverse

2	This policy allocates a large greenfield site for development of approximately 570 dwellings, local centre, day care nursery and 0.5ha of employment. This site has been assessed in the SA – refer to Annex 2.3. Likely effects of developing this site are moderate adverse. The SA assessment of the site notes the likelihood of some specific impacts with mitigation measures that have not been covered by this policy – these are dealt with as recommendations below.	Moderate adverse
3	The policy allocates land to the north of Spitfire Road for development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. It is recommended that policy wording is amended.	Moderate adverse
4	The policy allocates land to the north of Spitfire Road for development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
5	This policy allocates land for 570 dwellings and 0.5ha of office space. Reviewing the information available the site is within Flood Zone 1 with no known surface water flooding risk and minimal groundwater flooding risk. A site of this size could provide land for generating renewable energy and deliver the necessary mitigation and adaptation measures to deal with the effects of climate change. It is therefore likely that the site would have a neutral effect against this objective.	Neutral
6	Refer to the SA of the site in annex 2.3. Site is allocated for 570 dwellings. Overall, given the opportunities for future renewable energy generation and the use of sustainable construction materials and sustainable green technologies, but considering the potential cost implications for increasing the demand on the grid a neutral effect is likely against this objective.	Neutral
7	This policy allocates a greenfield site for 570 dwellings and 0.5ha of office space. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, minor adverse effect. A further mitigation requirement that would further strengthen the policy is as follows: Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include preservation by record where relevant.	Minor adverse
8	This policy allocates land to the north of Spitfire Road for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy reflects the need for landscape buffers, a well-integrated form of development alongside the minimisation of development on high landform to reduce the impacts upon the AONB. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	Moderate adverse
9	This policy allocates land to the north of Spitfire Road, Calne for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. The allocation is for 570 dwellings and this will provide affordable housing and support the provision of a range of house types and sizes therefore likely effects are considered likely to be major positive. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Major positive
10	This policy allocates a large greenfield site for development of approximately 570 dwellings, local centre, day care nursery and 0.5ha of employment. This site has been assessed in the SA – refer to Annex 2.3. In reviewing the information available, the site is likely to bring forward a significant amount of affordable housing, provide for amenity greenspace and ensure accessibility to education and health care facilities. Overall, a major positive effect is likely given the size of the site and the capacity for a significant number of new homes and associated community infrastructure. As recommended with the SA site assessment, financial contributions should be sought for education and healthcare provision. This will be dealt with in the recommendations section below.	Major positive
11	This policy allocates land off Spitfire Road for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. For a detailed assessment of the site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect (moderate adverse) and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. Recommendations provided in the SA site assessment that are not included in the policy have been set out below.	Moderate adverse

<b>12</b>	This policy allocates a large greenfield site for development of approximately 570 dwellings, local centre, day care nursery and 0.5ha of employment. This site has been assessed in the SA – refer to Annex 2.3. In reviewing the information available, the site is likely to encourage a vibrant and diversified economy and provide for long-term economic growth, as such, an overall major positive effect is assessed against this objective.	<b>Major positive</b>
-----------	--	-----------------------

**Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect**

**Recommendations**

1. The SA of this site notes that there may be land contamination issues associated with the farm and associated buildings. A more detailed assessment of the site would be required prior to any development coming forward. If subsequent evidence suggests the presence of land contamination, a remediation and mitigation strategy would be required. It is recommended that this possible impact is included in the policy text.
2. It is recommended in accordance with the SA site assessment, that the following provisions are included in the 'infrastructure and mitigation' section: enhanced crossing between Spitfire Road and Abberd Lane for walking and cycling use; enhanced bus stops along Oxford Road, including mobility impaired access, cycle parking, real time information and seating; and a shuttle service to accommodate the site and the southeast quadrant of Calne should be researched and delivered if feasible.
3. It is recommended in accordance with the SA site assessment, under the 'infrastructure and mitigation section', to include a contribution towards a Calne Transport Strategy.
4. As recommended by the SA site assessment at Annex 2.3, financial contributions should be sought for education (early years, primary and secondary) and healthcare provision. This should be included within the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy.
5. It is recommended in accordance with the SA site assessment to include a requirement for a Flood Risk Assessment to ensure there is no flood risk to the site.
6. It is recommended that the policy wording is amended to include '*significant offsite infrastructure reinforcement for both water supply and foul water disposal will likely be required*' to the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy.
7. It is recommended that the policy be amended to include reference to the need for steps to be taken to ensure the efficient use of water through the development and occupation of the site.
8. It is recommended that the policy wording is amended to include stringent policy criteria would be required to address potential cumulative impacts of development on surface water discharges.
9. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.
10. It is recommended a requirement is added to the policy as follows - Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include preservation by record where relevant.

**Policy 12 – Corsham Market Town**

<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
<b>1</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Corsham is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Corsham. It is noted the policy reflects the priority to protect, enhance and extent the GBI network and the importance of Bat habitat in this location. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on greenfield land surrounding the settlement, impacting the associated ecological/geological sensitivities, this policy introduces information to suggest negative effects are likely against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>2</b>	This policy supports approximately 360 homes at Corsham. It allocates land for approximately 105 dwellings and identifies a reserve site of approximately 200 dwellings. A further 110 dwellings will be delivered on small sites of less than ten dwellings. Much of this growth will be located on greenfield agricultural land, some of which is likely to BMV agricultural land. There are few opportunities to deliver this growth on PDL. Given this is a relatively modest amount of growth compared with other settlements a minor adverse effect is considered likely against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>3</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Corsham is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Corsham. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase the probability of effects on the local water network. This policy introduces information to suggest minor adverse effects are likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>

4	This policy primarily sets out how development at Corsham is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Corsham. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase the probability of negative effects on air quality and environmental pollution. This policy introduces information to suggest minor adverse effects are likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
5	This policy primarily sets out how development at Corsham is envisaged to take place over the place period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Corsham. The level of growth within the policy is significant less than any strategies in the SA of Alternative Development Strategies. Given the level of flood risk at the town a minor adverse effect is likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
6	This development at Corsham policy broadly outlines key issues/infrastructure / items to encourage sustainable development for the town centre, town as a whole and employment areas. Please refer to SA Site Assessments at annex 2.5. 360 homes allocated. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective being positively achieved, opportunity exists with this level of development across this area.	Neutral
7	This policy primarily sets out how development at Corsham is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Corsham. The policy includes criteria to conserve and enhance the characteristic of the historic landscape and centre. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on greenfield land there are various heritage assets in and around Corsham and effects are considered likely to be moderate adverse. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
8	This policy primarily sets out how development at Corsham is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Corsham. It is noted the policy reflects the importance of the separate settlement identities of nearby settlements and the historic landscape of the town. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on greenfield land surrounding the settlement, impacting the landscape sensitivities, this policy introduces information to suggest negative effects are likely against this objective.	Minor adverse
9	This policy primarily sets out how development at Corsham is envisaged to take place over the plan period and supports approximately 360 homes. It allocates land for approximately 105 dwelling. This level of growth at the town will provide a small amount of affordable housing and support the provision of a range of house types and sizes therefore likely effects are considered likely to be minor positive. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor positive
10	This policy primarily sets out how development at Corsham is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Corsham. Measures introduced by this policy will have some effect in reducing poverty and deprivation and in promoting more inclusive communities with better services and facilities, especially by safeguarding land for a new railway station and improving transport connectivity and pedestrian and cycle routes in and around Corsham. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place, a minor positive effect against this objective is expected to take place.	Minor positive
11	This policy primarily sets out how development at Corsham is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Corsham. It is noted the policy reflects the importance of the separate settlement identities of nearby settlements and the historic landscape of the town. Therefore, the rates of housing growth planned for the settlement is limited. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place, a minor adverse effect against this objective is expected to take place.	Minor adverse
12	This policy primarily sets out how development at Corsham is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Corsham. It is noted the policy reflects the importance of regenerating and revitalising the town centre, safeguarding land for a new railway station and improving transport connectivity and pedestrian and cycle routes in and around Corsham. Having reviewed the information available, a moderate positive effect is scored against this objective.	Moderate positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b>		
1. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.		

<b>Policy 13 – Land south of Dicketts Road, Corsham</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy allocates Land south of Dicketts Road for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, habitat creation in the interests of the Bath and Bradford on Avon Bats Special Area of Conservation. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, given the ecological sensitivities present, development of this site represents the same significant effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
2	This policy allocates a greenfield site for a mixed-use development of approximately 105 dwellings. However, the policy does not state what the other uses will be. This site has been assessed in the SA – refer to Annex 2.5. Likely effects of developing this site are moderate adverse due to the potential loss of Grades 2 and 3 BMV agricultural land and because the site is within a Mineral Safeguarding Area. The SA assessment of the site notes the likelihood of some specific impacts with mitigation measures that have not been covered by this policy – these are dealt with as recommendations below.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
3	This policy allocates Land south of Dicketts Road for development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessment of the site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessments. Development of the site will require significant offsite infrastructure for water supply and foul drainage. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. It is recommended the policy is amended.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
4	This policy allocates Land south of Dicketts Road for development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessment of the site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessments. Reviewing the information available and proposal for redevelopment of previously developed land it is likely that development would have a minor adverse effect on this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
5	This policy allocates land for approximately 105 dwellings at Land South of Dicketts Road. The site has been significantly reduced since the SA site assessment; however, development is still located in an area at risk of ground water flooding and the reduced site area means that there are less opportunities for on-site renewable energy generation. Therefore, a minor adverse effect is likely against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
6	Site is allocated for 105 dwellings. Please refer to SA Site Assessments at annex 2.5. Overall, given the opportunities for future renewable energy generation and the use of sustainable construction materials and sustainable green technologies, but considering the potential cost implications for increasing the demand on the grid, a neutral effect is likely against this objective.	<b>Neutral</b>
7	This policy allocates Land south of Dicketts Road for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. For a detailed assessment of the site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. The site has been significantly reduced since the SA site assessment and the policy includes requirements informed by the SA for archaeology and the setting of farmsteads. However, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, minor adverse effect. The requirement in the policy for further investigation into unknown archaeological remains could be strengthened by adding the following text to the end - Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains or preservation by record.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
8	This policy allocates Land south of Dicketts Road for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, reducing the site area away from sensitive locations and noting the need for buffers. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same significant effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
9	This policy allocates land south of Dicketts Road for development of approximately 105 dwellings. The number of dwellings has been reduced due to the site being reduced in size to exclude the land which is designated as a rural green buffer in the Corsham Neighbourhood Plan. This level of growth at the town will provide a small amount of affordable housing and support the provision of a range of house types and sizes therefore likely effects are considered likely to be minor positive. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Minor positive</b>

10	This policy allocates a greenfield site for a mixed-use development of approximately 105 dwellings. However, the policy does not state what the other uses will be. This site has been assessed in the SA – refer to Annex 2.5, albeit as part of a much larger site. By reviewing the details provided some affordable housing could be achieved and some sustainable transport improvements could be likely but it is unlikely to lead to a reduction in rural isolation. As such, a minor positive effect is scored against this objective (this score could increase if further details on the mix of development was known). As recommended with the SA site assessment, financial contributions should be sought for education and healthcare provision. This will be dealt with in the recommendations section below.	Minor positive
11	This policy allocates Land south of Dicketts Road for development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessment of the site against this objective, please refer to the SA site assessment. It is noted that the scale of development in the proposed policy is significantly less than that proposed in the SA site assessment but, after reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect (moderate adverse) and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. It is recommended in accordance with the SA site assessment, under the 'infrastructure and mitigation section', to include a contribution towards a Corsham's Strategic Plan transport and highways objectives.	Moderate adverse
12	This policy allocates a greenfield site for a mixed-use development of approximately 105 dwellings. However, the policy does not state what the other uses will be. This site has been assessed in the SA – refer to Annex 2.5, albeit as part of a much larger site. By reviewing the details provided, this site is unlikely to have a significant impact on encouraging a vibrant economy, although new residents could support an enhanced workforce. Accordingly, a minor positive effect is scored against this objective (this score could increase if further details on the mix of development was known).	Minor positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect</b>		
<p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The SA of this site highlights the fact that this site is covered by a Mineral Safeguarding Area. The area around Corsham, Box and Gastard includes a concentration of active and dormant underground mines. It is recommended that this issue is included within the policy text as the development of this site could potentially impact upon this designation.</li> <li>2. The policy states that this site is being allocated for mixed-use development. However, the only use mentioned is 105 dwellings. It is recommended that the other uses are stated in the policy.</li> <li>3. It is recommended in accordance with the SA site assessment, under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements'; to include a contribution towards a Corsham's Strategic Plan transport and highways objectives.</li> <li>4. As recommended by the SA site assessment at Annex 2.5, financial contributions should be sought to create new early years places to meet needs created as a result of development and in expanding existing primary and secondary educational provision. This should be included within the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy.</li> <li>5. As recommended by the SA site assessment at Annex 2.5, financial contributions should be sought to support health care provision. This should be included within the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy.</li> <li>6. The SA of this site highlights the groundwater risk on part of the site and recommends that a Flood Risk Assessment and Surface Water Drainage Strategy are required to better understand the overall flood risks. Surface water and groundwater risks are mentioned in the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' within the policy, but the assessment and strategy need to be included in the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements'</li> <li>7. It is recommended that the policy wording is amended to include '<i>significant offsite infrastructure reinforcement for both water supply and foul water disposal will likely be required</i>' to the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy.</li> <li>8. It is recommended that the policy be amended to include reference to the need for steps to be taken to ensure the efficient use of water through the development and occupation of the site.</li> <li>9. It is recommended that the policy is amended to include reference to significant water infrastructure crosses the site – an existing public water main crosses the site which will require suitable easements.</li> <li>10. It is recommended that the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy be amended to include 'any development of the site would need to reserve land for a pumping station'.</li> <li>11. It is recommended that the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy includes reference to surface water would need to be discharged in accordance with local and national policy, and there must be no surface water connections to the foul sewer network. If surface water from this development is to connect upstream to the Southerwicks / Station Road surface water network appraisal must assess impact and mitigation measures.</li> <li>12. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.</li> </ol>		

13. It is recommended that in the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy the requirement in the policy for further investigation into unknown archaeological remains could be strengthened by adding the following text to the end – 'Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains or preservation by record.'

<b>Policy 14 – Devizes Market Town</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy primarily sets out how development at Devizes is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Devizes. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on greenfield land surrounding the settlement, impacting the associated ecological/geological sensitivities, this policy introduces information to suggest negative effects are likely against this objective.	Minor adverse
2	This policy supports approximately 980 homes and 5ha of employment at Devizes. This growth is likely to be delivered on a mixture of PDL and greenfield sites with a large strategic allocation at Devizes Wharf, Assize Court and Wadworth Brewery. Overall, a moderate adverse effect is considered likely against this objective.	Moderate adverse
3	This policy primarily sets out how development at Devizes is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Devizes. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase the probability of effects on the local water network. This policy introduces information to suggest minor adverse effects are likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
4	This policy primarily sets out how development at Devizes is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Devizes. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase the probability of negative effects on air quality and environmental pollution. This policy introduces information to suggest significant effects are likely against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
5	This policy primarily looks at how development at Devizes is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Devizes. Reviewing the information available and considering the risk of groundwater flooding across much of the town, which will make mitigation at the implementation of SUDs difficult, it is concluded that this policy would result in likely significant effects against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
6	This development at Devizes policy broadly outlines policy and key issues/infrastructure / items to encourage sustainable development for the town centre, town as a whole and employment areas. 980 dwellings and 5.8 ha of employment allocated. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to the objective being positively achieved.	Neutral
7	This policy primarily sets out how development at Devizes is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Devizes. The policy recognises the historic fabric and setting of the town. Reviewing the information available there are various heritage assets in and around Devizes and effects are considered likely to be minor adverse. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
8	This policy primarily sets out how development at Devizes is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Devizes. It is noted the policy reflects the importance of development being sensitive to the North Wessex Downs AONB. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on greenfield land surrounding the settlement, impacting the associated landscape sensitivities, this policy introduces information to suggest negative effects are likely against this objective.	Minor adverse
9	This policy primarily sets out how development at Devizes is envisaged to take place over the plan period and supports approximately 980 homes. It allocates land Land at Devizes Wharf, Assize Court and Wadworth Brewery for regeneration and a mix of uses including approximately 100 dwellings. Greenfield sites in the neighbourhood plan will supplement this allocation. This level of growth at the town will provide affordable housing and support the provision of a range of house types and sizes therefore likely effects are considered likely to be moderate positive. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate positive

10	This policy primarily sets out how development at Devizes is envisaged to take place over the plan period and supports approximately 980 homes and 5ha of employment land at Devizes. Measures include encouraging town centre regeneration, support for the Devizes Gateway train station proposal and ensuring new development is well connected to the town centre by encouraging the use of sustainable transport methods. This policy introduces information to suggest a moderate positive effect against this objective.	Moderate positive
11	This policy primarily sets out how development at Devizes is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Devizes. This growth will support a number of mixed-used developments that will encourage the use of sustainable and active transport methods to alleviate traffic congestion. Support is noted for the Devizes Gateway train station proposal, which clearly promotes strong investment in sustainable transport options. However, reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place, a minor adverse effect against this objective is expected to take place.	Minor adverse
12	This policy primarily sets out how development at Devizes is envisaged to take place over the plan period and supports approximately 980 homes and 5ha of employment land at Devizes. Measures including delivering jobs to maintain a buoyant local economy, bringing forward the employment allocation and employment development through mixed uses. These measures will encourage a vibrant and diversified economy and provide for long-term economic growth. Accordingly, this policy is assessed as having a major positive score against this objective.	Major positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b>		
1. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.		

<b>Policy 15 – Land at Devizes Wharf, Assize Court and Wadworth Brewery, Devizes</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy allocates land at Devizes Wharf, Assize Court and Wadworth Brewery for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy includes measures to conserve and enhance the ecological interests of the canal corridor. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	Minor adverse
2	This policy allocates a relatively large brownfield site for mixed-use development. This site has been assessed in the SA – refer to Annex 2.6. Likely effects of developing this site are moderate positive. The SA assessment of the site notes the likelihood of one specific impact with mitigation measures that have not been covered by this policy – this is dealt with as a recommendation below.	Moderate positive
3	The policy allocates land at the Devizes Wharf, Assize Court and Wadworth Brewery for redevelopment for a mixed-use development to create three distinct wharf areas. The policy informs the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. The site is classed as 'seriously water stressed' by the Environment Agency, therefore steps would need to be taken to ensure the efficient use of water through the development and occupation of the site. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. It is recommended that measures to use and manage water resources in a sustainable manner is included in policy.	Moderate adverse
4	The policy allocates land at the Devizes Wharf, Assize Court and Wadworth Brewery for redevelopment for a mixed-use development to create three distinct wharf areas. The policy informs the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. Development of the site is likely to lead to increased levels of environmental pollution and will impact on the Devizes AQMA. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. It is recommended that policy wording be amended.	Moderate adverse



5	This policy allocates land at Devizes Wharf, Assize Court and Wadworth Brewery for redevelopment for a mixed-use development to create three distinct wharf areas. The SA site assessment for this site outlines there this a medium level risk of groundwater flooding however no other flood risks are present on the site. It is therefore likely that this policy will have a minor adverse effect against this objective.	Minor adverse
6	A master planning policy for regeneration in Devizes town centre. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective being positively achieved. The site appears to be limited in scale.	Neutral
7	This policy allocates land at Devizes Wharf, Assize Court and Wadworth Brewery for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. The site has a number of heritage assets but the policy includes a number of requirements that provide mitigation. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, minor adverse effect. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
8	This policy allocates land at Devizes Wharf, Assize Court and Wadworth Brewery for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy includes measures to ensure development reflects the character of the area. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, understanding the site sits within a conservation area with several nearby listed buildings, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	Minor adverse
9	This policy allocates land at the Devizes Wharf, Assize Court and Wadworth Brewery for redevelopment as a mixed-use site to include approximately 100 dwellings. Notwithstanding any mitigation that may be required which results in a reduced developable area, this smaller site could bring forward a small amount of affordable housing as part of a housing development. The site would be likely to support a range of house types, tenures and sizes to meet different needs.	Minor positive
10	This policy allocates a relatively large brownfield site for mixed-use development. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, please refer to the SA assessment at Annex 2.6. The measures introduced by this policy will have a positive impact on reducing poverty and deprivation and in promoting more inclusive communities with better services and facilities, however there will be limited contribution to reducing rural social isolation. As such, when considering the information available this site scores a moderate positive effect against this objective. As recommended in the SA site assessment at Annex 2.6, financial contributions should be sought towards educational and healthcare provision. This is dealt with in the recommendations below.	Moderate positive
11	The policy allocates land at the Devizes Wharf, Assize Court and Wadworth Brewery for redevelopment as a mixed-use site to create three distinct wharf areas. The policy informs the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessment of the site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. The policy, which proposes a mixed-use development, is located in a sustainable location with good bus links to the rest of Devizes and other local communities. However, it is noted that some of the local roads such as Snuff Street that link towards the site from the Town Centre, are narrow and already have vehicle access restrictions. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect (minor adverse) and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	Minor adverse
12	This policy allocates a relatively large brownfield site for mixed-use development. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, please refer to the SA assessment at Annex 2.6. The measures introduced by this policy will have a positive impact on encouraging a vibrant and diversified economy and in providing for long-term economic growth, particularly as the site is located close to both residential and employment land which in turn will reduce risks of out-commuting. As such, when considering the information available this site scores a moderate positive effect against this objective.	Moderate positive

**Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect**

#### Recommendations

- 1.It is recommended that the policy wording is amended to include '*moderate offsite infrastructure reinforcement for both water supply and foul water disposal will likely be required*' to the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy.
- 2.It is recommended that the policy be amended to include reference to the need for steps to be taken to ensure the efficient use of water through the development and occupation of the site and that surface water reduction would be required over existing levels to the combined sewer to provide capacity for more foul flows.
- 3.It is recommended that the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy be amended to include reference for the need for a noise impact assessment in relation to potential impacts from adjacent land uses.

4. It is recommended that the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy be amended to include 'Funding contributions toward measures that improve air quality. An assessment will be needed to understand cumulative effects of development on relevant receptors in the AQMA'.
5. This site has a mixture of different uses, some of which are industrial, and therefore some form of land contamination is a possibility in different parts of the site. A more detailed assessment of the site would be required prior to any development coming forward. If subsequent evidence suggests the presence of land contamination, a remediation and mitigation strategy would be required. It is recommended that this potential issue is included in the wording of the policy.
6. It is recommended that, in accordance with the SA site assessment, contributions to create new early years education provision and to expand both primary and secondary provision should be sought. This should be included within the bullet point list of the policy wording.
7. It is recommended that, in accordance with the SA site assessment, contributions to support health care provision should be sought. This should be included within the bullet point list of the policy wording.
8. The SA of this site highlights the level of risk of groundwater flooding and recommends that a Flood Risk Assessment is carried out to understand the overall flood risk on the site. Undertaking a Flood Risk Assessment should be a requirement within the policy, given the groundwater risk in much of Devizes.
9. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.

<b>Policy 16 – Malmesbury Market Town</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
<b>1</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Malmesbury is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Malmesbury. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on greenfield land surrounding the settlement, impacting the associated ecological/geological sensitivities, this policy introduces information to suggest negative effects are likely against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>2</b>	This policy supports approximately 600 homes and 4.4ha of employment at Malmesbury. It does not allocate land for housing but includes a reserve site of 55 dwellings, with 60 dwellings to be delivered on small sites of less than ten dwellings. Housing needs will be met through planning permissions granted through appeal and through a housing allocation planned for through the Malmesbury Neighbourhood Plan. Overall, a minor adverse effect is considered likely against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>3</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Malmesbury is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Malmesbury. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase the probability of effects on the local water network. This policy introduces information to suggest minor adverse effects are likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>4</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Malmesbury is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Malmesbury. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase the probability of negative effects on air quality and environmental pollution. This policy introduces information to suggest minor adverse effects are likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>5</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Malmesbury is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Malmesbury. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on land that is prone to several types of flooding, this policy introduces information to suggest that there will be some likely negative effects against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>6</b>	This development at Malmesbury Policy broadly outlines key issues/infrastructure / items to encourage sustainable development for the town centre, town as a whole and employment areas. 600 homes and 4.4h of employment allocated. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective being achieved.	<b>Neutral</b>
<b>7</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Malmesbury is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Malmesbury. The policy recognises the historic character of the town. Reviewing the information available there are various heritage assets in and around Malmesbury and effects are considered likely to be minor adverse. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>

8	This policy primarily sets out how development at Malmesbury is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Malmesbury. It is noted that the policy reflects the need for development to recognise the towns proximity to the Cotswold AONB and setting of Malmesbury Abbey. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of growth taking place on greenfield land surrounding the settlement, impacting the associated landscape sensitivities, this policy introduces information to suggest negative effects are likely against this objective.	Minor adverse
9	This policy primarily sets out how development at Malmesbury is envisaged to take place over the plan period and supports approximately 600 homes. Most land needed for new homes has already been allocated. Additional needs will be met by small sites of less than 10 dwellings. This level of growth at the town will provide affordable housing and support the provision of a range of house types and sizes therefore likely effects are considered likely to be moderate positive. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate positive
10	This policy primarily sets out how development at Malmesbury is envisaged to take place over the plan period and supports approximately 600 homes and 4.4ha of employment land. The policy seeks to deliver a range of housing to respond to local needs, that development is supported by necessary infrastructure and to develop a strategy to build on Malmesbury's attractive town centre. These measures will aid in reducing poverty and deprivation and in providing communities with better service and facilities. As such, this policy is assessed as having a moderate positive effect against this objective.	Moderate positive
11	This policy primarily sets out how development at Malmesbury is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth proposed at Malmesbury. The policy does seek to ensure improvement of traffic congestion, accessibility and parking issues and promotes mixed-use developments. However, reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place, it is considered that the policy would have a minor adverse impact against this objective.	Minor adverse
12	This policy primarily sets out how development at Malmesbury is envisaged to take place over the plan period and supports approximately 600 homes and 4.4ha of employment land. The policy seeks to support good prospects for economic growth including diversifying the local economy, building on local skills and protecting the town centre, as well as improving accessibility. As such, this policy is assessed as having a moderate positive effect against this objective.	Major positive

**Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect**

#### Recommendations

1. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.

#### Policy 17 – Melksham Market Town

SA Objective	Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy	Assessment score
1	This policy primarily sets out how development at Melksham is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Melksham. It is noted the policy outlines the importance of enhancing the GBI network and ecological capital. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on greenfield land surrounding the settlement, impacting the associated ecological/geological sensitivities, this policy introduces information to suggest negative effects are likely against this objective.	Minor adverse
2	This policy supports approximately 2,160 homes and 5ha of employment at Melksham. It allocates land for approximately 960 dwellings, 5ha of employment and a broad location for growth of 760 dwellings and employment. The neighbourhood area designation requirement is 200 dwellings. Most of this growth is likely to be located on greenfield land, some of which is likely to be BMV agricultural land. There are few opportunities for development to take place on PDL. Overall, a moderate adverse effect is considered likely against this objective.	Moderate adverse
3	This policy primarily sets out how development at Melksham is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Melksham. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase the probability of effects on the local water network. This policy introduces information to suggest minor adverse effects are likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
4	This policy primarily sets out how development at Melksham is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Melksham. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase the probability of negative effects on air	Minor adverse

	quality and environmental pollution. This policy introduces information to suggest minor adverse effects are likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	
5	This policy primarily sets out how development at Melksham is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Melksham. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this growth coming forward on land that is at risk of flooding. In line with the SA of the Revised Spatial Strategy, this policy introduces information to suggest minor adverse effects are likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
6	The policy broadly outlines key issues/ infrastructure / items to encourage sustainable development for the town centre, town as a whole and employment areas. Please refer to SA Site Assessments at annex 2.9. 2,160 homes and 5 ha of employment allocated. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective being achieved.	Neutral
7	This policy primarily sets out how development at Melksham is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Melksham. Reviewing the information available and that development is likely to be greenfield there are various heritage assets in and around Malmesbury and effects are considered likely to be minor adverse. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
8	This policy primarily sets out how development at Melksham is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Melksham. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on greenfield land surrounding the settlement, impacting the associated landscape sensitivities, this policy introduces information to suggest negative effects are likely against this objective.	Minor adverse
9	This policy primarily sets out how development at Melksham is envisaged to take place over the plan period and supports approximately 2160 homes. Land is allocated to provide approximately 960 new homes. This level of growth at the town will provide affordable housing and support the provision of a range of house types and sizes therefore likely effects are considered likely to be major positive. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Major positive
10	This policy primarily sets out how development at Melksham is envisaged to take place over the plan period and supports approximately 2,160 homes and 5ha of employment land. The policy seeks to provide sufficient facilities (healthcare, education) and transport infrastructure, town centre regeneration as well as providing a large number of new homes which will bring with it a good level of affordable housing. This policy will reduce poverty and deprivation and provide for a better range of services and facilities. As such, it is scored as having major positive benefits against this objective.	Major positive
11	This policy primarily sets out how development at Melksham is envisaged to take place over the plan period. Reviewing the information available and the scale of growth proposed, it is likely to put pressure on local transport capacity and existing transport infrastructure and increase the need to travel. This policy introduces information to suggest significant effects are likely against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
12	This policy primarily sets out how development at Melksham is envisaged to take place over the plan period and supports approximately 2,160 homes and 5ha of employment land. The policy seeks to reduce out-commuting, encourage employment opportunities and in supporting the seven PEAs, which in turn will aid in encouraging a vibrant and diversified economy and providing for long-term economic growth. As such, this policy is assessed as having a major positive effect against this objective.	Major positive

**Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect**

**Recommendations**

1. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.

**Policy 18 – Land East of Melksham**

SA Objective	Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy	Assessment score
1	This policy allocates land East of Melksham for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy includes measures to enhance Clackers Brook and other	Minor adverse

	watercourses alongside the provision of GBI throughout development to conserve and enhance existing features. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	
2	This policy allocates a large greenfield site for a mixed-use development of approximately 425 dwellings and 5ha employment. This site has been assessed in the SA – refer to Annex 2.9. Likely effects of developing this site are moderate adverse due to the potential loss of a significant area of agricultural land. The SA assessment of the site notes the likelihood of one specific impact with mitigation measures that have not been covered by this policy – this is dealt with as a recommendation below.	Moderate adverse
3	This policy allocates land east of Melksham for mixed use development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessments of the sites against this objective please refer to the SA site assessments. The site is classed as ‘seriously water stressed’ by the Environment Agency, therefore steps would need to be taken to ensure the efficient use of water through the development and occupation of the site. It is likely that significant off-site infrastructure reinforcement would be required for both water supply and foul drainage. Issues with water pumping stations are also likely to be an issue. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. It is recommended that the policy wording/supporting text is amended.	Moderate adverse
4	This policy allocates land east of Melksham for mixed use development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessments of the sites against this objective please refer to the SA site assessments. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, minor adverse effect. It is recommended that the policy is amended.	Minor adverse
5	This policy allocates land east of Melksham for mixed use development, information the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessment of the site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. Even though the site has been significantly reduced in size, the developable area is still prone to surface water flooding. However, the site still has the potentially to deliver renewable energy generation and resilient development, therefore this policy is likely to result in a minor adverse effect against this objective.	Minor adverse
6	The site is allocated for 425 dwellings and 5 ha of employment. Please refer to SA Site Assessments 2.9. Overall, given the opportunities for future renewable energy generation and the use of sustainable construction materials and sustainable green technologies, but considering the potential cost implications for increasing the demand on the grid, a neutral effect is considered likely against this objective.	Neutral
7	This policy allocates land east of Melksham for mixed use development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures, some of which are informed by the SA. For a detailed assessments of the sites against this objective please refer to the SA site assessments. The policy includes mitigation for Snarlton and Blackmore Farmhouse. Even though the site has been significantly reduced in size development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, minor adverse effect. The policy could be strengthened by amending the third bullet under the mitigation and infrastructure requirements to: ‘Design and layout to protect the setting of Grade 2 listed Blackmore Farmhouse and safeguard high value archaeological features including the former medieval settlement of Snarlton. Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains’.	Minor adverse
8	This policy allocates land East of Melksham for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy includes measures to reduce densities in the east to prevent coalescence to retain the rural character of nearby settlements. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	Moderate adverse
9	This policy allocates Land East of Melksham to provide approximately 425 dwellings as part of a mixed-use site. The number of homes is significantly lower than considered by the SA site assessment, however the number of homes is still significant and will provide affordable housing and support the provision of a range of house types and sizes therefore likely effects are considered likely to be moderate positive. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate positive

10	This policy allocates a large greenfield site for a mixed-use development of approximately 425 dwellings and 5ha employment. This site has been assessed in the SA – refer to Annex 2.9. It should be noted that the level of growth proposed in the policy is significantly smaller than the mixed-use scheme assessed in the SA site assessment. Nonetheless, the development remains of a scale that could lead to social cohesion benefits and in supplying a significant amount of affordable housing, plus a good level of related public space and amenity greenspace which will aid in reducing poverty and deprivation and in promoting more inclusive communities with better services and facilities. This policy is assessed as having a major positive effect when scored against this objective. It is recommended that, in accordance with the SA site assessment, financial contributions to local education and health care provision is made to ensure that needs arising from development can be met either on site or offsite. This is covered in the recommendations section below.	Major positive
11	This policy allocates a large greenfield site for a mixed-use development of approximately 425 dwellings and 5ha employment. For a detailed assessment of the site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. It should be noted that the level of growth proposed in the policy is significantly smaller than the mixed-use scheme assessed in the SA site assessment. Nonetheless, the development scale as proposed in the policy could still not be accommodated by existing infrastructure and would be reliant upon new road infrastructure (as outlined in the policy) including for vehicular access to the site. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment. Recommendations provided in the SA site assessment that are not included in the policy have been set out below.	Moderate adverse
12	This policy allocates a large greenfield site for a mixed-use development of approximately 425 dwellings and 5ha employment. This site has been assessed in the SA – refer to Annex 2.9. It should be noted that the level of growth proposed in the policy is significantly smaller than the mixed-use scheme assessed in the SA site assessment. Nonetheless, the development remains of a scale that could lead to significant benefits to the vitality and viability of the town centre, a larger local workforce, and be capable of delivering a significant employment element which would complement the local area. These measures will ensure a vibrant and diversified economy and provide for long-term economic growth. This policy is assessed as having a major positive effect when considered against this objective.	Major positive

**Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect**

#### Recommendations

1. It is recommended adding '*Significant offsite infrastructure reinforcement for water supply and foul water drainage will likely be required*' to the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy. Extra investment might be needed to build an additional pumping station.
2. It is recommended that the policy be amended to include reference to the need for steps to be taken to ensure the efficient use of water through the development and occupation of the site.
3. It is recommended the supporting text be amended to include reference to significant water infrastructure crossing the site.
4. It is recommended that the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy be amended to include reference for the need of a noise and light impact assessments in relation to potential impacts from adjacent land uses.
5. It is recommended that the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy be amended to include reference to measures to mitigate the additional impact of development on additional air quality pressures.
6. The SA of this site notes that there is an area of unknown filled ground indicated within the site. This could be potentially contaminated land and require investigation in terms of its effect upon development. A more detailed assessment of the site would be required prior to any development coming forward. If subsequent evidence suggests the presence of land contamination, a remediation and mitigation strategy would be required. It is recommended that this potential issue is included under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' for this policy.
7. It is recommended in accordance with the SA site assessment, under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements', to include a contribution towards a Melksham Transport Strategy and/or the delivery of sections of Melksham bypass.
8. It is recommended in accordance with the SA site assessment, under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements', to deliver a mobility hub, including bus and cycle infrastructure provisions on site and at destinations.
9. It is recommended in accordance with the SA site assessment, under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements', to deliver bus service provision that accommodates at least 3 half-hourly bus services.
10. The SA of this site recommends that a detailed Flood Risk Assessment and Surface Water Drainage Strategy is required, this should be reflected in the policy wording under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements'
11. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.
12. The policy could be strengthened by amending the third bullet under the mitigation and infrastructure requirements to:

'Design and layout to protect the setting of Grade 2 listed Blackmore Farmhouse and safeguard high value archaeological features including the former medieval settlement of Snarlton. Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains'.

13. It is recommended that, in accordance with the SA site assessment that financial contributions are sought towards health care and educational provision. This should be included with the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy.

<b>Policy 19 – Land off Bath Road, Melksham</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy allocates land for approx. 135 dwellings and 2ha for the extension of Melksham Oak Academy School. It is noted that the policy requires measures to protect and enhance watercourses within the site and Green and Blue Infrastructure through the development that incorporate new and existing woodland and protect and enhance existing hedgerows and trees. Overall, a minor adverse effect is likely.	Minor adverse
2	This policy allocates land for approx. 135 dwellings and 2ha for the extension of Melksham Oak Academy School. This site has been assessed in the SA as part of Site 1 – refer to Annex 2.9. Likely effects of developing this site are minor adverse due to the potential loss of agricultural land. The SA assessment of the site notes the likelihood of one specific impact with mitigation measures that have not been covered by this policy – this is dealt with as a recommendation below.	Minor adverse
3	The Melksham area is classed as 'seriously water stressed' by the Environment Agency, therefore steps would need to be taken to ensure the efficient use of water through the development and occupation of the site. It is likely that significant off-site infrastructure reinforcement would be required for both water supply and foul drainage. Issues with water pumping stations are also likely to be an issue. A moderate adverse effect is likely. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. It is recommended that the policy wording/supporting text is amended.	Moderate adverse
4	Minor adverse effect likely against this objective. See recommendation below for a requirement in the policy for a Noise and Light Impact Assessment due to the close proximity of the Melksham Football and Rugby Club and Melksham Oak School.	Minor adverse
5	The policy background text refers to a tributary watercourse running through the site and the policy requires measures to protect and enhance watercourses within the site. It is recommended that the policy be amended to require <i>'Measures to protect and enhance watercourses within and adjacent to the site'</i> and a requirement for a detailed Flood Risk Assessment and Surface Water Drainage Strategy to mitigate flood risk on the site and elsewhere.	Minor adverse
6	Overall, given the opportunities for future renewable energy generation and the use of sustainable construction materials and sustainable green technologies, but considering the potential cost implications for increasing the demand on the grid, a neutral effect is considered likely against this objective.	Neutral
7	A minor adverse effect is considered likely against this objective. It is recommended that the policy includes the following: <i>'Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains or preservation by record where relevant'</i>	Minor adverse
8	A minor adverse effect is considered likely against this objective. It is noted that the policy requires Public Open Space within the development and as the main recreational area in the eastern toe of the site and measures to protect and enhance watercourses within the site. It also requires green and blue infrastructure through the development that incorporates new and existing woodland and protects and enhances existing hedgerows and trees and lower density development in the east of the site to prevent coalescence with and retain the rural character and separate identity of outlying rural settlements.	Minor adverse
9	This policy allocates land for approx. 135 dwellings. This will provide some affordable housing and support the provision of a range of house types and sizes therefore likely effects are considered to be moderate positive.	Moderate positive
10	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 135 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA as part of a much larger site – refer to Annex 2.9. The site requires 2ha of land to be provided for the expansion of Melksham Oak School which will allow secondary school provision to meet the needs of all of the housing site allocations at Melksham. Overall, a moderate positive effect is likely.	Moderate positive
11	Given the size of this allocation, a minor adverse effect is considered likely. The site has direct access onto the A365 and the policy requires measures to positively support walking, cycling and public transport use between the site, Melksham town centre and Melksham Railway Station.	Minor adverse
12	This policy is allocated for both residential development and secondary school expansion. Development will benefit the local economy and help provide for long-term economic growth. As such, a minor positive effect is scored against this objective.	Minor positive

**Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect**

- Recommendations**
1. It is recommended that the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section be amended to include the following *'Measures to protect and enhance watercourses within and adjacent to the site'*.
  2. It is recommended that the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section be amended as follows: *'Green and blue infrastructure through the development that incorporates new and existing woodland and protects and enhances existing hedgerows and trees'*.
  3. It is recommended that the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section be amended as follows: *'Public Open Space within the development and as the main recreational area in the eastern ~~tee~~ part of the site'*.
  4. It is recommended adding *'Significant offsite infrastructure reinforcement for water supply and foul water drainage will likely be required'* to the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy. Extra investment might be needed to build an additional pumping station.
  5. It is recommended that the policy be amended to include reference to the need for efficient use of water through the development and occupation of the site.
  6. It is recommended the supporting text be amended to include reference to the significant water infrastructure crossing the eastern part of the site.
  7. It is recommended that the infrastructure and mitigation requirements include the following: *'Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains or preservation by record where relevant'*
  8. A tributary watercourse runs through the site. A detailed Flood Risk Assessment and Surface Water Drainage Strategy are recommended to mitigate flood risk on the site and elsewhere - this should be contained within the policy wording under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements'.
  9. The policy should include a requirement for a Noise and Light Impact Assessment due to the close proximity of the Melksham Football and Rugby Club and Melksham Oak School.
  10. It is recommended that in accordance with the SA site assessment, under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements', to include a contribution towards a Melksham Transport Strategy.
  11. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.

<b>Policy 20 – Land north of the A3102</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
<b>1</b>	This policy allocates land North of the A3102 for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, the provision of strategic GBI corridors throughout development, including the creation of new woodland and tree planting. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>2</b>	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 285 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA as part of a larger site of 47.28ha – refer to Annex 2.9. Overall, a moderate adverse effect is considered likely against this objective. The SA assessment of the site notes the possibility of one specific impact with mitigation measures that has not been covered by this policy – this is dealt with as a recommendation below.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
<b>3</b>	This policy allocates land north of the A3102 for residential development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessments of the sites against this objective please refer to the SA site assessments. The site is classed as 'seriously water stressed' by the Environment Agency, therefore steps would need to be taken to ensure the efficient use of water through the development and occupation of the site. Significant water infrastructure crosses the site. It is likely that significant off-site infrastructure reinforcement would be required for both water supply and foul drainage. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. It is recommended that the policy wording/supporting text is amended.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
<b>4</b>	This policy allocates land north of the A3102 for residential development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessments of the sites against this objective please refer to the SA site assessments. Reviewing the information available,	<b>Minor adverse</b>



	development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, minor adverse effect. It is recommended the policy wording be amended.	
5	This policy allocates land North of the A3102 for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. The SA site assessment for this site assessed a much larger site area than is being proposed in the policy, however, the area that is to be developed is still at risk from surface water flooding that is also covered by Flood Zone 2 and 3. As a result, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	Minor adverse
6	The site is allocated for 285 dwellings. Please refer to SA Site Assessments 2.9, Overall, given the opportunities for future renewable energy generation and the use of sustainable construction materials and sustainable green technologies, but considering the potential cost implications for increasing the demand on the grid, a neutral effect is considered likely against this objective.	Neutral
7	This policy allocates land North of the A3102 for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, minor adverse effect. Two further mitigation requirements that would further strengthen the policy are as follows: 'Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains or preservation by record where relevant' 'Site layout could incorporate historic landscape elements, such as field patterns, hedgerows and mature trees'	Minor adverse
8	This policy allocates land North of the A3102 for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, limiting development in the east of the site and the creation of landscape buffers. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	Minor adverse
9	This policy allocates Land North of the A3102 for approximately 285 new homes. This is significantly lower than the number of homes assessed in the SA Site assessment due to being required to protect and enhance the nearby wooded greens and hills, and preservation of habitats such as mature hedgerows, trees and water bodies including a tributary the River Avon. However, the number of homes will still provide some affordable housing and support the provision of a range of house types and sizes therefore likely effects are considered likely to be moderate positive.	Moderate positive
10	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 285 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA as part of a larger site of 47.28ha – refer to Annex 2.9. The site may be able to achieve some social benefits as it would direct development towards a more deprived area, as well as bringing forward an element of mixed-use development which may potentially incorporate onsite community uses. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect as that reported in the SA site assessment, which is one of a moderate positive outcome against this objective.	Moderate positive
11	This policy allocates land north of the A3102 for residential development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessment of the site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect (moderate adverse) and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. It is recommended in accordance with the SA site assessment, under 'mitigation requirements', to include a contribution towards a Melksham Transport Strategy.	Moderate adverse
12	This policy allocates land north of the A3102 for residential development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessments of the sites against this objective please refer to the SA site assessments. The size of the site suggests that it would be capable of supporting mixed-se development and associated infrastructure and that employment uses generate could meet a good range of needs onsite. These measures will promote a vibrant and diversified economy and provide for long-term economic growth. As such, a moderate positive effect is scored against this objective.	Moderate positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b>		

1. It is recommended that the policy wording is amended to include 'Significant offsite infrastructure reinforcement for water supply and foul water drainage will be required' to the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy.
2. It is recommended that the policy be amended to include reference to the need for steps to be taken to ensure the efficient use of water through the development and occupation of the site.
3. It is recommended the supporting text be amended to include reference to significant water infrastructure crossing the site.
4. It is recommended that the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy be amended to include reference for the need of a noise impact assessment in relation to potential impacts from adjacent land uses (working farms/industrial units).
5. It is recommended that the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy be amended to include reference to measures to mitigate the additional impact of development on additional air quality pressures.
6. It is recommended that in accordance with the SA site assessment, under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements', to include a contribution towards a Melksham Transport Strategy.
7. The SA highlights that the site contains unknown filled ground which would be regarded as potentially contaminated land and require investigation in terms of its effect upon development. Suitable assessment to confirm if impact is significant. If so, a remediation strategy will need to be developed and implemented. It is recommended that this issue is included under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' in the policy.
8. The SA site assessment identifies parts of the site to be in Flood Zone 2 and 3, as well as area that are prone to surface water flooding. A detailed Flood Risk Assessment and Surface Water Drainage Strategy are recommended to mitigate flood risk on the site and elsewhere, this should be contained within the policy wording under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements'.
9. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.
10. It is recommended that the infrastructure and mitigation requirements include the following: Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains or preservation by record where relevant'
11. It is recommended that the infrastructure and mitigation requirements include the following: 'Site layout could incorporate historic landscape elements, such as field patterns, hedgerows and mature trees'.

<b>Policy 21 – New Community Area of Search</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
<b>1</b>	This policy sets out the idea of delivering a new community in a broad area of search. At this stage, detail is not present to understand the exact form and extent of such development. However, there are significant ecological sensitivities in this area and any future major development in this broad location must demonstrate how it would avoid significant negative effects upon nearby European site designations such as the Salisbury Plain SPA. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on greenfield land, impacting the associated ecological/geological sensitivities, this policy introduces information to suggest significant effects are likely against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
<b>2</b>	A new community in an area of search around Porton and Boscombe Down has been assessed in the SA – refer to SA Annex 1.2. It found that the development of a new settlement in this area (exact location unknown) would be likely to take place largely on greenfield, agricultural land. Most of this is likely to be Grade 3 BMV with a smaller amount of Grade 2. There are few opportunities for developing PDL. And if any land has previously been used for military purposes, then there may be a significant potential contamination risk. It is hard to predict likely effects though when a more precise location is not known. A new settlement here could avoid sterilising mineral resources and could be built at densities that make efficient use of land. Overall, due to the significant greenfield land take expected, some of which could be higher grade agricultural land, moderate adverse impacts on this objective are considered likely.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
<b>3</b>	This policy sets out the idea of delivering a new community in a broad area of search. At this stage, due to uncertainties on the location of any new settlement, it is difficult to assess the degree of likely effect on this objective. Further assessments would be critical to make an informed decision but it likely that development would have a significant effect on the use and management of water resources. A such, a moderate adverse effect is considered likely. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. It is recommended that future major development in this broad location must demonstrate how it would use and manage water resources in a sustainable manner.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>

4	This policy sets out the idea of delivering a new community in a broad area of search. At this stage, due to uncertainties on the location of any new settlement, it is difficult to assess the degree of likely effect on this objective. Further assessments would be critical to make an informed decision but it likely that development would have a significant effect on air quality and environmental pollution. As such, a moderate adverse effect is considered likely. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. It is recommended that future major development in this broad location must demonstrate how it would improve air quality and minimise all sources of environmental pollution.	Moderate adverse
5	This policy sets out the idea of delivering a new community in a broad area of search. At this stage, due to uncertainties on the location of any new settlement, it is difficult to assess the likelihood that a new community will be developed on land that is prone to several types of flood risk. Due to the scale of the new development, it is likely that this could have a significant effect on flooding elsewhere, however the development could also provide opportunities to generate renewable energy and deliver climate resilient development. As a result, a minor adverse effect is likely against this objective.	Minor adverse
6	This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective being achieved.	Neutral
7	This policy sets out the idea of delivering a new community in a broad area of search. At this stage, detail is not present to understand the exact form and extent of such development. However, there are heritage sensitivities in this area. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on greenfield land this policy introduces information to suggest significant effects are likely against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation.	Moderate adverse
8	This policy sets out the idea of delivering a new community in a broad area of search. At this stage, detail is not present to understand the exact form and extent of such development. However, there landscape sensitivities in this area. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on greenfield land, impacting the associated landscape sensitivities, this policy introduces information to suggest significant effects are likely against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation.	Moderate adverse
9	This policy sets out the idea of delivering a new community in a broad area of search. At this stage, no details are provided as to how many houses this site could deliver, However, it is a large site which potentially could deliver a large number of homes and bring forward a significant amount of affordable housing as part of a mix of uses. The site would be likely to support a wide range of house types, tenures and sizes to meet different needs. Overall, a moderate positive effect is considered likely against this objective.	Moderate positive
10	A new community in an area of search around Porton and Boscombe Down has been assessed in the SA – refer to SA Annex 1.2. It found that the development of a new settlement in this area (exact location unknown) would be likely to take place largely on greenfield, agricultural land. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place, should result in benefits in terms of provision of affordable housing and new or expanded facilities and the creation of new areas of public open space that could help reduce social isolation and allow physical exercise. At this stage, these effects are uncertain, and as such, an overall minor positive effect is considered likely against this objective. An increase in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation.	Minor positive
11	This policy sets out the idea of delivering a new community north of Salisbury in a broad area of search. At this stage, detail is not present to understand the exact form and extent of such development. Reviewing the information available and the scale of growth proposed, it is likely to put pressure on local transport capacity and existing transport infrastructure and increase the need to travel. This policy introduces information to suggest a moderate adverse effect on this objective is considered likely. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
12	A new community in an area of search around Porton and Boscombe Down has been assessed in the SA – refer to SA Annex 1.2. It found that the development of a new settlement in this area (exact location unknown) would be likely to take place largely on greenfield, agricultural land. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place, impacting on such issues as economic growth and a mixed and diverse economy, a minor positive effect against this objective is considered likely. An increase in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation.	Minor positive

**Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect**

**Recommendations**

1. Future major development in this broad location must demonstrate how it would avoid significant negative effects upon nearby European site designations such as the Salisbury Plain SPA.
2. Future major development in this broad location must demonstrate how it would use and manage water resources in a sustainable manner.
3. Future major development in this broad location must demonstrate how it would improve air quality and minimise all sources of environmental pollution.

4. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.
5. Future major development in this broad location must demonstrate how it would avoid significant negative effects on heritage assets, historic landscape and archaeology.

<b>Policy 22 – Salisbury Principal Settlement</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy primarily sets out how development at Salisbury is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Salisbury. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on greenfield land surrounding the settlement, impacting the associated ecological/geological sensitivities, this policy introduces information to suggest significant effects are likely against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation.	Moderate adverse
2	This policy supports approximately 4,500 homes and 1.8ha of employment at Salisbury. It allocates land for approximately 1,155 dwellings with 350 dwellings to be delivered on small sites of less than 10 dwellings. The neighbourhood area designation requirement is 180 dwellings. Most of this growth is likely to be located on greenfield land, some of which is likely to be BMV agricultural land. There are few opportunities for development to take place on PDL. Overall, a moderate adverse effect is considered likely against this objective.	Moderate adverse
3	This policy primarily sets out how development at Salisbury is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Salisbury. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase the probability of effects on the local water network. This policy introduces information to suggest moderate adverse effects are likely against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
4	This policy primarily sets out how development at Salisbury is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Salisbury. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase the probability of negative effects on air quality and environmental pollution. This policy introduces information to suggest significant effects are likely against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
5	This policy primarily sets out how development at Salisbury is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Salisbury. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on land that is at risk of flooding is likely to have significant effects. Therefore, this policy is likely to have a moderate adverse effect against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
6	This policy broadly outlines key issues /infrastructure / items to encourage sustainable development for the city centre, city as a whole and employment areas. Please refer to SA Site Assessments 2.11. 4,500 homes and 1.8ha of employment allocated. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective being achieved. The opportunity exists to contribute significantly achieve the objective, with this level of development across this area.	Neutral
7	This policy primarily sets out how development at Salisbury is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Salisbury. Reference is made to protecting views to the Salisbury skyline and Old Sarum. Reviewing the information available and that development is likely to be greenfield there are various heritage assets in and around Salisbury and effects are considered likely to be moderate adverse. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
8	This policy primarily sets out how development at Salisbury is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Salisbury. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on greenfield land surrounding the settlement, impacting the associated landscape sensitivities, this policy introduces information to suggest significant effects are likely against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation.	Moderate adverse
9	This policy primarily sets out how development at Salisbury is envisaged to take place over the plan period and supports approximately 4500 homes. Land is allocated to provide approximately 1155 new homes. This level of growth at the town will provide affordable housing and support the provision of a range of house	Major positive

	types and sizes therefore likely effects are considered likely to be major positive. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	
10	This policy primarily sets out how development at Salisbury is envisaged to take place over the plan period, supporting approximately 4,500 homes and 1.8ha of employment land. It allocates land for approximately 1,155 dwellings with 350 dwellings to be delivered on small sites of less than 10 dwellings. The neighbourhood area designation requirement is 180 dwellings. The policy introduces measures such as expanding affordable housing provision and providing required infrastructure to meet community needs. These measures will bring significant positive benefits in terms of reducing deprivation and poverty and provide for a better-served community, as such, this policy achieves a major positive score against this objective.	Major positive
11	This policy primarily sets out how development at Salisbury is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Salisbury. Reviewing the information available and the scale of growth proposed, it is likely to put pressure on local transport capacity and existing transport infrastructure and increase the need to travel. This policy introduces information to suggest significant effects are likely against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
12	This policy primarily sets out how development at Salisbury is envisaged to take place over the plan period, supporting approximately 4,500 homes and 1.8ha of employment land. It allocates land for approximately 1,155 dwellings with 350 dwellings to be delivered on small sites of less than 10 dwellings. The neighbourhood area designation requirement is 180 dwellings. The policy introduces measures such as maximising the economy by realising the Salisbury Central Area Framework measures and improving Churchfields Industrial Estate, expanding the range of its users and transport links. By reviewing the information provided, it would appear that these measures will bring significant positive benefits in terms of providing for long term economic growth and a vibrant and diversified economy and, as such, this policy achieves a major positive score against this objective.	Major positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b>		
1. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.		

<b>Policy 23 – Land North East of Old Sarum, Salisbury</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy allocates Land North East of Old Sarum for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy includes ecological mitigation requirements for habitat retention and buffering alongside measures ensuring nutrient neutrality and the avoidance of recreational impacts upon nearby ecological designations. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	Minor adverse
2	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 350 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA – refer to Annex 2.11. This site consists entirely of agricultural land and therefore there are no opportunities to maximise the reuse of PDL. Significant contamination is considered unlikely. Evidence shows this site as consisting entirely of Grade 3 agricultural land. The site is not located within a designated Mineral Safeguarding Area. Overall, a minor adverse effect is likely.	Minor adverse
3	This policy allocates land northeast of Old Sarum for development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessments of the sites against this objective please refer to the SA site assessments. A significant proportion of the site is covered by Source Protection Zone 2 and Drinking Water Protection Safeguarding Zone. Development of the site would need to make necessary provision to protect from harm or pollution to any ground, surface or drinking water. The site is classed as 'seriously water stressed' by the Environment Agency, therefore significant new development in Salisbury would require investigations and mitigation measures. This is likely to take time, therefore the site is unlikely to deliver capacity before 2030. It is likely that significant off-site infrastructure reinforcement would be required for both water supply and foul drainage. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the	Moderate adverse

	significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. It is recommended that measures to use and manage water resources in a sustainable manner is included in policy.	
4	This policy allocates land northeast of Old Sarum for development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessments of the sites against this objective please refer to the SA site assessments. Development of the site would likely increase environmental pollution and adversely affect Salisbury's AQMAs. The site is located close to Old Sarum airfield which would likely result in noise pollution at the site. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. It is recommended that the policy wording be amended.	Moderate adverse
5	This policy allocates Land North East of Old Sarum for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. This policy allocates fewer dwellings than was assessed in the SA site assessment, therefore as the opportunity to implement climate change adaptation and generate renewable energy remains the same but the risk of development increasing flood risk elsewhere remains low, it is likely that this policy will have a minor adverse effect on this objective. There are no policy recommendations as a result of this assessment.	Minor adverse
6	The site is allocated for 350 dwellings. Please refer to SA Site Assessments 2.11. Overall, given the opportunity for future renewable energy generation, but considering the increase in demand this development would create and the costs for a connection, a neutral effect is considered likely against this objective.	Neutral
7	This policy allocates Land North East of Old Sarum for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment which considered likely effects to be minor adverse. However, reviewing the information available, the site contains high and medium value archaeological features and development of this site likely represents a moderate adverse effect. Two further mitigation requirements that would strengthen the policy are as follows: 'Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains' 'Site design and landscaping could consider the site's location close to the Old Sarum Scheduled Monument and Conservation Area'.	Moderate adverse
8	This policy allocates Land North East of Old Sarum for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy buffering as part of a mature landscape framework to mitigate impacts for development exposure within an open rural setting north-east of Old Sarum. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	Minor adverse
9	This policy allocates Land North East of Old Sarum for the development of approximately 350 new homes. This is a lower amount than assessed as part of the SA site assessment, however, it will still deliver a reasonable amount of homes and could bring forward affordable housing as part of a housing development. The site would be likely to support a range of house types, tenures and sizes to meet different needs. Overall, a moderate positive effect is likely.	Moderate positive
10	This policy allocates Land North East of Old Sarum for the development of approximately 350 dwellings on a greenfield site. Development of the site would result in a reasonable level of affordable housing provision and may lead to some related community services and facilities. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment – SA Annex 2.11. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	Moderate positive
11	This policy allocates land northeast of Old Sarum for development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessment of the site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment. The policy does not include measures to positively support the use of public transport and so a recommendation is made in this regard.	Minor adverse
12	This policy allocates Land North East of Old Sarum for the development of approximately 350 dwellings on a greenfield site. Development of the site would result in the opportunity to include mixed-use development but this is unlikely to be significant, however the site is adjacent to both residential and employment development	Moderate positive

	therefore some benefits may accrue in terms of an expanded local workforce and reducing out-commuting. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment – SA Annex 2.11. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	
--	--	--

**Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect**

**Recommendations**

1. The site is covered by Source Protection Zone 2 and a Drinking Water Protection Safeguarding Zone. It is recommended that policy wording be amended to include reference to the need for development to make necessary provision to protect from harm or pollution to any ground, surface or drinking water. This is particularly the case when designing Surface Water Drainage Systems where techniques such as attenuation and infiltration may be limited.
2. It is recommended that the policy wording is amended to include 'Significant offsite infrastructure reinforcement for water supply and foul drainage will likely be required' to the "infrastructure and mitigation requirements" section of the policy.
3. It is recommended the supporting text be amended to include; the area covered by Wessex Water has been classed by the Environment Agency as 'seriously water stressed'. Significant new development in Salisbury would require investigations and agreement with Wessex Water's regulators and mitigation measures are likely to take time, and unlikely to deliver capacity before 2030.
4. It is recommended that the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy be amended to include reference for the need of a noise impact assessment in relation to potential impacts from adjacent land uses (airfield).
5. It is recommended that measures to support public transport use from the site is included under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements'
6. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.
7. Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains'
8. Site design and landscaping could consider the site's location close to the Old Sarum Scheduled Monument and Conservation Area'

<b>Policy 24 – Land at Netherhampton Road Garden Centre</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
<b>1</b>	This policy allocates Land at Netherhampton Road Garden Centre for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy includes measures ensuring nutrient neutrality and the avoidance of recreational impacts upon nearby ecological designations. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>2</b>	This policy allocates a part greenfield/part brownfield site for approximately 60 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA – refer to Annex 2.11 – but for a much higher level of housing from 464 – 651 dwellings. Development may take place partly on agricultural land and partly on land currently used as a garden centre. Significant land contamination is considered unlikely. Evidence shows this site as consisting entirely of Grade 3 agricultural land. The site is not located within a designated Mineral Safeguarding Area. Overall, a minor adverse effect is likely.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>3</b>	This policy allocates land at Netherhampton Road Garden Centre for development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessments of the sites against this objective please refer to the SA site assessments. Development of the site would need to make necessary provision to protect from harm or pollution to any ground, surface or drinking water. The site is classed as 'seriously water stressed' by the Environment Agency, therefore significant new development in Salisbury would require investigations and mitigation measures. This is likely to take time, therefore the site is unlikely to deliver capacity before 2030. It is likely that moderate off-site infrastructure reinforcement would be required for both water supply and foul drainage. With regards to the impacts of surface water discharges, stringent policy criteria would be required to address potential cumulative impacts of development. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site	<b>Moderate adverse</b>

	assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. It is recommended that measures to use and manage water resources in a sustainable manner is included in policy.	
4	This policy allocates land at Netherhampton Road Garden Centre for development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessments of the sites against this objective please refer to the SA site assessments. Development of the site would likely increase environmental pollution and adversely affect Salisbury's AQMAs. The site is located close to a livestock market which would potentially result in noise and odour pollution at the site. The nearby golf course also has the potential to create noise pollution. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
5	This policy allocates Land at Netherhampton Road Garden Centre for development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. The SA site assessment highlights that there are areas of groundwater and surface water flood risk on site with a high cumulative impact score. The policy does not recommend a detailed Flood Risk Assessment as is outlined in the site assessment; this should be reflected in policy wording. As this policy allocates significantly less housing that was assessed in the site assessment it is likely that this policy will have a minor adverse effect on this objective.	Minor adverse
6	The site is allocated for 60 dwellings. Please refer to SA Site Assessments 2.11. Overall, given the opportunity for future renewable energy generation, but considering the increase in demand this development would create and the costs associated with a connection, a neutral effect is considered likely against this objective.	Neutral
7	This policy allocates Land at Netherhampton Road Garden Centre for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. Two further mitigation requirements that would further strengthen the policy are as follows: 'Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains or preservation by record where relevant' 'Site layout should ensure development is restricted to higher levels and that development avoids impact on views to and from the medieval city and spire'.	Moderate adverse
8	This policy allocates Land at Netherhampton Road Garden Centre for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	Moderate adverse
9	This policy allocates Land at Netherhampton Road Garden Centre to provide approximately 60 new homes. This is a significantly lower number than assessed in the SA site assessment due to site sensitivities. It will provide a small amount of affordable housing as part of a development. The site would be likely to support a range of house types, tenures and sizes to meet different needs. Overall, a minor positive effect is likely.	Minor positive
10	This policy allocates a part greenfield/part brownfield site for approximately 60 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA – refer to Annex 2.11 – but for a much higher level of housing from 464 – 651 dwellings. The site has been assessed in the SA – refer to Annex 2.11 where reference should be made for the full assessment of this site. The measures will bring forward a modest element of affordable housing but the policy's overall effect on reducing poverty and deprivation and providing better community facilities and services is considered minimal therefore a minor positive score is achieved against this objective. As reported in the SA site assessment, opportunities to pursue sustainable transport modes should be pursued. This is dealt with in the recommendations below.	Minor positive
11	This policy allocates Land at Netherhampton Road Garden Centre for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. For a detailed assessment of the site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
12	This policy allocates a part greenfield/part brownfield site for approximately 60 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA – refer to Annex 2.11 – but for a much higher level of housing from 464 – 651 dwellings. The site has been assessed in the SA – refer to Annex 2.11 where reference should be made for the full assessment of this site. The measures introduced will have minimal benefit in terms of providing for long-term economic growth or encouraging a diversified economy, however there may be some benefits from a slightly larger local workforce. As such, this site is given a minor positive score against this objective.	Minor positive



**Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect**

- Recommendations**
1. It is recommended that opportunities to enhance sustainable transport modes should be pursued. This should be included under the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy.
  2. It is recommended that the policy wording is amended to include '*Moderate offsite infrastructure reinforcement for water supply and foul drainage will likely be required*' to the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy.
  3. It is recommended that the policy wording is amended to include stringent policy criteria would be required to address potential cumulative impacts of development on surface water discharges.
  4. It is recommended that the policy wording is amended to include reference to the need for development of the site to make necessary provision to protect from harm or pollution to any ground, surface or drinking water.
  5. It is recommended the supporting text be amended to include; the area covered by Wessex Water has been classed by the Environment Agency as 'seriously water stressed'. Significant new development in Salisbury would require investigations and agreement with Wessex Water's regulators and mitigation measures are likely to take time, and unlikely to deliver capacity before 2030.
  6. It is recommended that the policy wording is amended to include the requirement for a Flood Risk Assessment in the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' to ensure that development of this site won't exacerbate flood risk elsewhere.
  7. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.
  8. It is recommended the infrastructure and mitigation section of the policy includes the following: 'Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains or preservation by record where relevant
  9. It is recommended that the infrastructure and mitigation section of the policy includes the following: 'Site layout should ensure development is restricted to higher levels and that development avoids impact on views to and from the medieval city and spire'.

<b>Policy 25 – Land north of the Beehive Park and Ride, Old Sarum</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
<b>1</b>	This policy allocates Land north of the Beehive Park and Ride Old Sarum for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy includes measures ensuring nutrient neutrality and the avoidance of recreational impacts upon nearby ecological designations. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>2</b>	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 100 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA – refer to Annex 2.11. Evidence shows this site as consisting entirely of Grade 3 agricultural land. There are no known land contamination issues. The site is not located within a designated Mineral Safeguarding Area. Overall, a minor adverse effect is likely.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>3</b>	This policy allocates land north of the Beehive Park and Ride Old Sarum for development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessments of the sites against this objective please refer to the SA site assessments. This site is within Source Protection Zone 1 and within a Drinking Water Safeguarding Zone. Development of the site would need to make necessary provision to protect from harm or pollution to any ground, surface or drinking water. The site is classed as 'seriously water stressed' by the Environment Agency, therefore significant new development in Salisbury would require investigations and mitigation measures. This is likely to take time, therefore the site is unlikely to deliver capacity before 2030. It is likely that moderate off-site infrastructure reinforcement would be required for both water supply and foul drainage. With regards to the impacts of surface water discharges, stringent policy criteria would be required to address potential cumulative impacts of development. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the	<b>Moderate adverse</b>

	significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. It is recommended that the policy wording/supporting text be amended.	
4	This policy allocates land north of the Beehive Park and Ride Old Sarum for development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessments of the sites against this objective please refer to the SA site assessments. Development of the site would likely increase environmental pollution and adversely affect Salisbury's AQMAs. The site is located close to a number of potential noise pollutants, Beehive Park and Ride, Castle Gate Business Park and Old Sarum Airfield. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
5	This policy allocates land north of the Beehive Park and Ride Old Sarum for development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. The SA site assessment highlights surface water and groundwater flood risks on site and scores the site with a medium cumulative impact score overall. The requirement for a Flood Risk Assessment in the text is welcomed, however a surface water drainage strategy could also be required in order to determine the best way to control surface water discharge on site. It is therefore likely that this policy will have a minor adverse effect against this objective. Recommendations to amend the policy wording have been made below.	Minor adverse
6	The site is allocated for 100 dwellings. Please refer to SA site assessments 2.11. Overall, given that this is a smaller site, energy demand will be less than that of a larger site. However, the infrastructure is under pressure and there may be less opportunity for large-scale renewable energy opportunities. Nevertheless, there may still be opportunities for small scale renewable energy generation.	Neutral
7	This policy allocates Land north of the Beehive Park and Ride Old Sarum for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, major (significant) adverse effect and SA recommends the site is not considered further in the site selection process. Should the site be allocated the following requirements could be added to the infrastructure and mitigation requirements to strengthen the policy: 'The layout of the development will ensure that the setting of the Old Sarum Scheduled monument is conserved and enhanced'. 'The site includes various archaeological features of high value. Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains or preservation by record where relevant' 'Layout should include historic landscape elements, such as the old parish boundary, field patterns, hedgerows and mature trees'.	Major adverse
8	This policy allocates Land north of the Beehive Park and Ride Old Sarum for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy includes measures aimed at improving the urban edge and separation between Salisbury and Old Sarum. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	Minor adverse
9	This policy allocates Land north of the Beehive Park and Ride Old Sarum for 100 new homes. This is slightly lower than the number of homes assessed as part of the SA site assessment. The policy will provide a small amount of affordable housing and the site would be likely to support a range of house types, tenures and sizes to meet different needs. Overall, a minor positive effect is likely.	Minor positive
10	This policy allocates Land north of the Beehive Park and Ride Old Sarum for 100 dwellings and other infrastructure including allotments and greenspace. For a detailed assessment of this site, please refer to the SA site assessment at Annex 2.11. The policy would result in a small amount of affordable homes and the site would go some way to helping support local services and facilities. However, overall, this policy would have minimal impact on reducing poverty and deprivation and therefore a minor positive effect against this objective. As reported in the SA site assessment, opportunities to pursue sustainable transport modes may exist and these should be pursued. This is dealt with in the recommendations below.	Minor positive
11	This policy allocates Land north of the Beehive Park and Ride Old Sarum for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. For a detailed assessment of the site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	Minor adverse

<b>12</b>	This policy allocates Land north of the Beehive Park and Ride Old Sarum for 100 dwellings and other infrastructure including allotments and greenspace. The site is small and is poorly connected to the city centre. Having reviewed the information available, this policy will have minimal impact on encouraging a vibrant and diversified economy however there may be some positive outcomes, as such, this policy has a minor positive score when considered against this objective. For a detailed assessment of this site, please refer to the SA site assessment at Annex 2.11.	<b>Minor positive</b>
-----------	---	-----------------------

**Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect**

<b>Recommendations</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It is recommended that opportunities to enhance sustainable transport modes may exist and these should be pursued where possible. This should be included under the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy.</li> <li>2. It is recommended that the policy wording is amended to include '<i>Moderate offsite infrastructure reinforcement for water supply and foul drainage will likely be required</i>' to the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy.</li> <li>3. It is recommended that the policy wording is amended to include stringent policy criteria would be required to address potential cumulative impacts of development on surface water discharges.</li> <li>4. It is recommended that the policy wording is amended to include reference to the need for development of the site needing to make necessary provision to protect from harm or pollution to any ground, surface or drinking water. This is particularly the case when designing Surface Water Drainage Systems where techniques such as attenuation and infiltration may be limited.</li> <li>5. It is recommended the supporting text be amended to include; the area covered by Wessex Water has been classed by the Environment Agency as 'seriously water stressed'. Significant new development in Salisbury would require investigations and agreement with Wessex Water's regulators and mitigation measures are likely to take time, and unlikely to deliver capacity before 2030. Also, the site is within a Drinking Water Safeguarding Zone, therefore further consideration and consultation with the Environment Agency would be required. Minor wastewater infrastructure crosses the site.</li> <li>6. It is recommended that the policy text also includes a requirement for a surface water drainage strategy as surface water flood risk has been identified on site and this can be more difficult to manage due to the groundwater flood risk also identified across the site.</li> <li>7. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.</li> <li>8. The SA recommends the site is not considered further in the site selection process. Should the site for forward it is recommended the infrastructure and mitigation section of the policy includes the following requirement – 'The layout of the development will ensure that the setting of the Old Sarum Scheduled monument is conserved and enhanced'.</li> <li>9. The SA recommends the site is not considered further in the site selection process. Should the site come forward it is recommended the infrastructure and mitigation section of the policy includes the following requirement - 'The site includes various archaeological features of high value, Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains or preservation by record where relevant'</li> <li>10. The SA recommends the site is not considered further in the site selection process. Should the site come forward it is recommended the infrastructure and mitigation section of the policy includes the following requirement 'Layout should include historic landscape elements, such as the old parish boundary, field patterns, hedgerows and mature trees'.</li> </ol>		

<b>Policy 26 – Land North of Downton Road</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
<b>1</b>	This policy allocates Land North of Downton Road for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy includes measures ensuring nutrient neutrality and the avoidance of recreational impacts upon nearby ecological designations. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
<b>2</b>	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 180 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA – refer to Annex 2.11. This site consists entirely of agricultural arable fields and therefore there are no opportunities to maximise the reuse of PDL. Evidence shows this site consisting of mainly Grades 2 and 3 although there is no differentiation between Grades 3a and 3b. The site is located within a Mineral Safeguarding Area (Sand and Gravel Salisbury Avon) and the	<b>Moderate adverse</b>

	potential impact will be of medium significance. Development is likely to result in some sterilisation of the potential resource and this issue is covered in the recommendation section. Overall, a moderate adverse effect is likely.	
3	This policy allocates land north of Downton Road for development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessments of the sites against this objective please refer to the SA site assessments. The site is covered by a Drinking Water Protected Area. Significant water infrastructure crosses the site. Development of the site would need to make necessary provision to protect from harm or pollution to any ground, surface or drinking water. The site is classed as 'seriously water stressed' by the Environment Agency, therefore significant new development in Salisbury would require investigations and mitigation measures. This is likely to take time, therefore the site is unlikely to deliver capacity before 2030. It is likely that significant off-site infrastructure reinforcement would be required for water supply. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. It is recommended that the policy wording /supporting text is amended.	Moderate adverse
4	This policy allocates land north of Downton Road for development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessments of the sites against this objective please refer to the SA site assessments. Development of the site would likely increase environmental pollution and adversely affect Salisbury's AQMAs. The site is located close to the road network which would likely affect air quality and noise pollution at the site but this is not considered significant. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. It is recommended that the policy wording be amended.	Moderate adverse
5	This policy allocates Land North of Downton Road for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy includes measures requiring a Flood Risk Assessment to ensure flood risk is not exacerbated elsewhere. The policy allocates far less dwellings than were assessed in the site assessment however the flood risk still remains, therefore a minor adverse effect is still likely against this objective. No policy recommendations have been made as a result of this assessed as the recommendations have already been taken into account in the policy wording.	Minor adverse
6	The site is allocated for 180 dwellings. Please refer to SA site assessments annex 2.11. Overall, given the opportunity for future renewable energy generation, but considering the increase in demand this development would create and the costs associated with a connection, a neutral effect is considered likely against this objective.	Neutral
7	This policy allocates Land North of Downton Road for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. Currently some requirements for mitigation are in supporting text rather than policy. The policy could be strengthened by adding the following requirements: 'The layout should include a buffer to the north and east to protect the setting of heritage assets at Britford Farm and soften the edge of the built form' 'Further assessment could be carried out of the rural setting of the Salisbury Conservation Area, Britford Conservation Area and the medieval city to inform site layout. The view to Salisbury Cathedral will be conserved by a visual corridor vista through the site'. 'Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains or preservation by record where relevant'.	Moderate adverse
8	This policy allocates Land North of Downton Road for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy includes measures aimed at buffering, retention and enhancement of hedgerows as part of a mature landscape framework. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	Moderate adverse
9	This policy allocates Land North of Downton Road to provide 180 new homes. This is a lower amount than assessed as part of the SA site assessment. The policy will provide a small amount of affordable housing and the site would be likely to support a range of house types, tenures and sizes to meet different needs. Overall, a minor positive effect is likely.	Minor positive

10	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 180 dwellings. For a detailed assessment of the site against this objective, please refer to SA Site Assessment, Annex 2.11. This policy will bring forward a smaller amount of housing than the site previously assessed, providing for a small amount of affordable homes which will result in some modest positive social effects in the local area, including the potential for amenity greenspace. As reported in the SA site assessment, contributions should be sought towards increasing the capacity of existing GP services and opportunities to pursue sustainable transport modes should be pursued. These are dealt with in the recommendations below. Overall, this policy is scored as having a moderate positive effect against this objective.	Moderate positive
11	This policy allocates land north of Downton Road for development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessment of the site against this objective, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect (moderate adverse) and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
12	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 180 dwellings. For a detailed assessment of the site against this objective, please refer to SA Site Assessment, Annex 2.11. This is a medium sized site with reasonable connectivity to the city centre and railway station and good links to existing employment development. The proposals will support the city centre, regeneration and the economy as residents would be able to work in the city centre, increasing footfall and boosting local trade. The site has potential to accommodate a mixed-use scheme but, as the policy is now proposing only housing, the score has been reduced from that given in the SA site assessment to a moderate positive when assessed against this objective.	Moderate positive

**Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect**

#### Recommendations

1. The SA highlights that this site is located within a Mineral Safeguarding Area (Sand and Gravel Salisbury Avon) and the potential impact will be of medium significance. Development is likely to result in some sterilisation of the potential resource. Constraints could be overcome through mitigation (such as extraction of mineral prior to development). It is recommended that this issue is addressed either in the policy or in the background text to the policy.
2. It is recommended that, in accordance with the SA Site Assessment, contributions towards health care provision, in the form of increasing capacity of GP surgeries should be sought under the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy.
3. It is recommended that opportunities to enhance sustainable transport modes should be pursued. This should be included under the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy.
4. It is recommended that the policy wording is amended to include '*Significant offsite infrastructure reinforcement for water supply will likely be required*' to the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy.
5. It is recommended that the policy wording is amended to include reference to the need for development of the site to make necessary provision to protect from harm or pollution to any ground, surface or drinking water.
6. It is recommended the supporting text be amended to include the area covered by Wessex Water has been classed by the Environment Agency as 'seriously water stressed'. Significant new development in Salisbury would require investigations and agreement with Wessex Water's regulators and mitigation measures are likely to take time, and unlikely to deliver capacity before 2030. Also, significant water infrastructure crosses the site.
7. It is recommended that the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy be amended to include reference for the need of a noise impact assessment in relation to potential impacts from the highway network.
8. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.
9. It is recommended the infrastructure and mitigation section of the policy includes the following requirement - 'The layout should include a buffer to the north and east to protect the setting of heritage assets at Britford Farm and soften the edge of the built form'
10. It is recommended the infrastructure and mitigation section of the policy includes the following requirement - 'Further assessment could be carried out of the rural setting of the Salisbury Conservation Area, Britford Conservation Area and the medieval city to inform site layout. The view to Salisbury Cathedral will be conserved by a visual corridor vista through the site'.
11. It is recommended the infrastructure and mitigation section of the policy includes the following requirement 'Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains or preservation by record where relevant'

<b>Policy 27 – Land South of Harnham</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy allocates Land South of Harnham for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy includes measures ensuring nutrient neutrality and the avoidance of recreational impacts upon nearby ecological designations. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
2	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 275 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA – refer to Annex 2.11. This site consists entirely of agricultural arable fields and therefore there are no opportunities to maximise the reuse of PDL. Evidence shows this site consisting entirely of Grade 3 agricultural land. The site is not located within a Mineral Safeguarding Area. Overall, a moderate adverse effect is likely.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
3	This policy allocates land south of Harnham for development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessments of the sites against this objective please refer to the SA site assessments. A small proportion of the site is covered by a Drinking Water Protected Area and significant water infrastructure crosses the site. Development of the site would need to make necessary provision to protect from harm or pollution to any ground, surface or drinking water. The site is classed as 'seriously water stressed' by the Environment Agency, therefore significant new development in Salisbury would require investigations and mitigation measures. This is likely to take time, therefore the site is unlikely to deliver capacity before 2030. It is likely that moderate off-site infrastructure reinforcement would be required for both water supply and foul drainage. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. It is recommended that policy wording/supporting text be amended.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
4	This policy allocates land south of Harnham for development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessments of the sites against this objective please refer to the SA site assessments. Development of the site would likely increase environmental pollution and adversely affect Salisbury's AQMAs. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
5	This policy allocates Land South of Harnham for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. It is noted that there are like to no flood risks associated with the site and as the policy allocates around half the number of dwellings that were assessed in the site assessment, a neutral score is likely against this objective. It is recommended that the policy wording be amended to include a Flood Risk Assessment to ensure no flood risk on site.	<b>Neutral</b>
6	The site is allocated for 275 dwellings. Please refer to SA site assessments annex 2.11. Overall, given the opportunity for future renewable energy generation, but considering the increase in demand this development would create and the costs associated with a connection, a neutral effect is considered likely against this objective.	<b>Neutral</b>
7	This policy allocates Land South of Harnham for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. Currently some requirements for mitigation are in supporting text rather than policy. The policy could be strengthened by adding the following requirements: 'An eastern section of the site will remain undeveloped to preserve and enhance the heritage setting of the Woodbury Ancient Villages complex' 'An improved urban edge and countryside transition can be provided on this approach into Salisbury from the south-west, whilst the setting and interpretation of Woodbury Ancient Villages scheduled monument can be enhanced'	<b>Moderate adverse</b>

	'Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains or preservation by record where relevant'.	
8	This policy allocates Land South of Harnham for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	Minor adverse
9	This policy allocates Land South of Harnham to provide 265 new homes. This is a lower amount than assessed as part of the SA site assessment. The policy will provide a small amount of affordable housing and the site would be likely to support a range of house types, tenures and sizes to meet different needs. Overall, a minor positive effect is likely.	Minor positive
10	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 265 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA – refer to Annex 2.11 albeit for a much larger site. Due to the significant reduction in the number of dwellings that will come forward, a small amount of affordable housing provision will be possible, as will some associated community facilities. The policy is proposing additional community facilities by way of allotments, play areas and a new early years nursery which will promote a more inclusive community. By reviewing the information available, development of this site represents a reduced effect as that reported in the SA site assessment, but this is mitigated somewhat by the additional community benefits. Overall, a moderate positive effect is scored against this objective. As reported in the SA site assessment, contributions should be sought towards increasing the capacity of existing GP services and towards offsite provision of local services and facilities, where appropriate. Educational provision should be met either onsite or through financial contributions, and opportunities to enhance sustainable transport modes should also be pursued. These are dealt with in the recommendations below.	Moderate positive
11	This policy allocates land south of Harnham for development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessment of the site against this objective, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect (moderate adverse) and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
12	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 275 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA – refer to Annex 2.11 albeit for a much larger site. Due to the significant reduction in the number of dwellings that will come forward as a result of this policy, plus limited opportunity for meeting employment needs this site is unlikely to result in any significant effect on economic growth or the economy's vibrancy or diversification. As such, this policy will score a minor positive effect when considered against this objective.	Minor positive

**Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect**

#### Recommendations

1. It is recommended that, in accordance with the SA Site Assessment, contributions towards health care provision, in the form of increasing capacity of GP surgeries should be sought.
2. It is recommended that, in accordance with the SA Site Assessment, contributions towards offsite provision of local services and facilities, should be sought where appropriate under the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy.
3. It is recommended that opportunities to enhance sustainable transport modes should be pursued. This should be included under the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy.
4. It is recommended that, in accordance with the SA Site Assessment, contributions towards educational provision or new onsite provision, should be sought where appropriate under the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy.
5. It is recommended that the policy wording is amended to include 'Moderate *offsite infrastructure reinforcement for water supply and foul drainage will likely be required*' to the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy.
6. It is recommended that the policy wording is amended to include reference to the need for development of the site to make necessary provision to protect from harm or pollution to any ground, surface or drinking water.
7. It is recommended the supporting text be amended to include; the area covered by Wessex Water has been classed by the Environment Agency as 'seriously water stressed'. Significant new development in Salisbury would require investigations and agreement with Wessex Water's regulators and mitigation measures are likely to take time, and unlikely to deliver capacity before 2030. Also, significant water infrastructure crosses the site.

8. It is recommended that the policy wording is amended to include the requirement for a Flood Risk Assessment under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements'. This is to ensure that development of the site would not have a cumulate effect and exacerbate flood risk elsewhere.
9. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.
10. It is recommended the infrastructure and mitigation section of the policy includes the following: - 'An eastern section of the site will remain undeveloped to preserve and enhance the heritage setting of the Woodbury Ancient Villages complex'
11. It is recommended the infrastructure and mitigation section of the policy includes the following: - 'An improved urban edge and countryside transition can be provided on this approach into Salisbury from the south-west, whilst the setting and interpretation of *Woodbury Ancient Villages* scheduled monument can be enhanced'
12. It is recommended the infrastructure and mitigation section of the policy includes the following: ' Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains or preservation by record where relevant'.

<b>Policy 28 – Land West of Coombe Road, Harnham</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
<b>1</b>	This policy allocates Land West of Coombe Road, Harnham for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy includes measures ensuring nutrient neutrality and the avoidance of recreational impacts upon nearby ecological designations. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>2</b>	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 40 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA as part of a much larger site (Site 9) – refer to Annex 2.11. This site consists entirely of agricultural arable fields and therefore there are no opportunities to maximise the reuse of PDL. Evidence shows this site consisting entirely of Grade 3 agricultural land. The site is not located within a Mineral Safeguarding Area. Overall, given this is a relatively small site, a minor adverse effect is likely.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>3</b>	This policy allocates land west of Coombe Road, Harnham for development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessments of the sites against this objective please refer to the SA site assessments. Development of the site would need to make necessary provision to protect from harm or pollution to any ground, surface or drinking water. The site is classed as 'seriously water stressed' by the Environment Agency, therefore significant new development in Salisbury would require investigations and mitigation measures. This is likely to take time, therefore the site is unlikely to deliver capacity before 2030. It is likely that significant off-site infrastructure reinforcement would be required for both water supply and foul drainage. Stringent policy criteria would be required to address potential cumulative impacts of development on surface water discharges. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. It is recommended that the policy wording/supporting text is amended.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
<b>4</b>	This policy allocates land west of Coombe Road, Harnham for development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessments of the sites against this objective please refer to the SA site assessments. Development of the site would likely increase environmental pollution and adversely affect Salisbury's AQMAs. Road traffic, the Harnham Trading Estate, and nearby scrap metal dealership have potential to give rise to adverse noise impacts at the site. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. It is recommended that the policy wording be amended.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
<b>5</b>	This policy allocates Land West of Coombe Road, Harnham for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. The policy allocates significantly fewer dwellings than was assessed in the site assessment and allocates land are areas that a least susceptible to flooding and with a lower cumulative impact score, therefore it is likely that this policy will have a neutral effect against this objective. There are no policy recommendations as a result of this assessment against this objective.	<b>Neutral</b>



6	The site is allocated for 275 dwellings. Please refer to SA site assessments annex 2.11. Overall, given the opportunity for future renewable energy generation, but considering the increase in demand this development would create and the costs associated with a connection, a neutral effect is considered likely against this objective.	Neutral
7	This policy allocates Land West of Coombe Road, Harnham for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, minor adverse effect. A further mitigation requirement that would further strengthen the policy is as follows: 'Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains or preservation by record where relevant'	Minor adverse
8	This policy allocates Land West of Coombe Road, Harnham for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy includes measures to ensure a mature landscape framework is provided to mitigate impacts against the exposed rural setting south-west of Salisbury. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents a reduced likelihood of negative impacts, reflecting the reduced site area, to that reported in the SA site assessment.	Minor adverse
9	This policy allocates Land West of Coombe Road to provide 40 new homes. This is a lower amount than assessed as part of the SA site assessment. The policy will provide a small amount of affordable housing and the site would be likely to support a range of house types, tenures, and sizes to meet different needs. Overall, a minor positive effect is likely.	Minor positive
10	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 40 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA as part of a much larger site (Site 9) – refer to Annex 2.11. Due to the significant reduction in the number of dwellings that will come forward as a result of this policy, affordable housing provision will be minimal as will associated community facilities. There may be some limited amenity greenspace, as such the impact on reducing poverty and social deprivation will be minimal. Accordingly, this policy is assessed as having a minor positive effect against this objective. As reported in the SA site assessment, contributions should be sought towards increasing the capacity of existing GP services and towards offsite provision of local services and facilities, where appropriate. Opportunities to enhance sustainable transport modes should also be pursued. These are dealt with in the recommendations below.	Minor positive
11	This policy allocates Land West of Coombe Road, Harnham for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. For a detailed assessment of the site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents a reduced likelihood of negative impacts, reflecting the reduced site area and level of proposed development to that reported in the SA site assessment.	Minor adverse
12	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 40 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA as part of a much larger site (Site 9) – refer to Annex 2.11. Due to the significant reduction in the number of dwellings that will come forward as a result of this policy plus limited opportunity for meeting employment needs this site is unlikely to result in any significant effect on economic growth or the economy's vibrancy or diversification. As such, this policy will score a minor positive effect when considered against this objective.	Minor positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect</b>		

### Recommendations

1. It is recommended that the policy wording is amended to include '*Significant offsite infrastructure reinforcement for water supply and foul drainage will likely be required*' to the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy.
2. It is recommended that the policy wording is amended to include stringent policy criteria would be required to address potential cumulative impacts of development on surface water discharges.
3. It is recommended that the policy wording is amended to include reference to the need for development of the site to make necessary provision to protect from harm or pollution to any ground, surface or drinking water.
4. It is recommended the supporting text be amended to include; the area covered by Wessex Water has been classed by the Environment Agency as 'seriously water stressed'. Significant new development in Salisbury would require investigations and agreement with Wessex Water's regulators and mitigation measures are likely to take time, and unlikely to deliver capacity before 2030.
5. It is recommended that the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy be amended to include reference for the need of a noise impact assessment in relation to potential impacts from adjacent land uses.
6. It is recommended that, in accordance with the SA Site Assessment, contributions towards health care provision, in the form of increasing capacity of GP surgeries should be sought under the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy.
7. It is recommended that, in accordance with the SA Site Assessment, contributions towards offsite provision of local services and facilities, should be sought where appropriate under the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy.
8. It is recommended that opportunities to enhance sustainable transport modes should be pursued. This should be included under the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy.
9. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.
10. It is recommended the infrastructure and mitigation section of the policy includes the following requirement - Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains or preservation by record where relevant'

### Policy 29 – Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace, South Salisbury

SA Objective	Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy	Assessment score
1	This policy provides additional SANG to mitigate the adverse effects of recreation on New Forest designated sites where provision on sites will be insufficient to avoid adverse effects. It is noted the supporting text states that a further objective of the allocation will be to manage pressure on Lime Kiln Chalk Country Wildlife Site (CWS), which is part of the proposed allocation. The CWS will be sensitively managed with the aim of ensuring that the residential allocation will not result in additional detrimental effects upon the habitats and species present and to deliver overall ecological enhancement. It is considered an enhancement of existing conditions against this objective may result from this policy.	Minor positive
2	This policy supports provision of a country park for informal recreation. It is not supporting development of land and therefore effects will be neutral against this objective.	Neutral
3	This policy supports provision of additional Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) to mitigate the adverse effects of recreations on the New Forest designated site. It is not supporting development of land and therefore effects will be neutral against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Neutral
4	This policy supports provision of additional Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) to mitigate the adverse effects of recreations on the New Forest designated site. It is not supporting development of land and therefore effects will be neutral against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Neutral

5	This policy supports provision of a country park for informal recreation. This policy will help to sequest carbon emissions and help to alleviate flood risks in the area. A minor positive effect is considered likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor positive
6	A policy to allocate a country park. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective positively being achieved.	Neutral
7	This policy supports provision of additional Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) to mitigate the adverse effects of recreation on the New Forest designated site. The park will not include built development although will include a car park and access routes. Due to the proposal not including built form the likely effects are considered to be neutral. It is recommended that the location of the car park takes into account the setting of Woodbury Ancient Villages Scheduled Monument.	Neutral
8	This policy sets out the intention to deliver a country park to act as SANG to mitigate the adverse effects of recreation on New Forest designated sites where provision on sites will be insufficient to avoid adverse effects. Access on foot to the Country Park from the adjacent proposed development site will be provided, along with linkages to green and blue infrastructure and existing Public Rights of Way (PRoW) within the area. Given this policy intends to manage the landscape in a positive manner, whilst also helping to enhance public access to the countryside, moderate positive effects are considered likely.	Moderate positive
9	This policy supports the provision of a county park. This policy does not provide housing and therefore is not considered to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	This policy supports the provision of a country park for informal recreation. The country park will create a large area of public open space which, it is noted in the supporting text, will be accessible both by car (a free on-site car park will be provided) and by foot. No detail is included of access to the park via other sustainable modes, such as cycling or public transport. An assessment of the accessibility of this asset to all is therefore not possible and thus on the basis of the information available, the Park's ability to promote more inclusive communities, as well as its impact on reducing social deprivation, is limited. This policy is assessed as having a minor positive benefit against this objective. It is recommended that the policy includes details (within the body of the policy and the supporting text) of how it will ensure this facility is one which may be enjoyed sustainably by all.	Minor positive
11	This policy supports provision of a country park for informal recreation. This policy will likely increase recreational pressure on the local transport infrastructure and capacity due to an increase in footfall. Additionally, the free visitor car park proposed at the site will further encourage trips by private vehicle. Therefore, it is recommended that there is provision for access to the Country Park by public transport that links to the major development to the south of Salisbury and the city centre. Overall, it is considered that this policy will have a minor adverse effect against this objective.	Minor Adverse
12	This policy supports provision of a country park for informal recreation. On the basis of the information available, this policy is unlikely to have any effect on long-term sustainable economic growth of the area. A neutral score is therefore assessed against this objective.	Neutral

**Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect**

**Recommendations**

1. It is recommended that there is provision for access to the Country Park by public transport that links to the major development to the south of Salisbury and the City Centre.
2. It is recommended that the location of the car park takes into account the setting of Woodbury Ancient Villages Scheduled Monument.

**Policy 30 – Land East of Church Road, Laverstock**

SA Objective	Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy	Assessment score
1	This policy allocates Land East of Church Road, Laverstock for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy includes measures ensuring nutrient neutrality and the avoidance of recreational impacts upon nearby ecological designations. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside	Moderate adverse

	suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	
2	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 50 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA but for a much larger range of dwellings (Site 15) – refer to Annex 2.11. This site consists entirely of agricultural arable fields and therefore there are no opportunities to maximise the reuse of PDL. Evidence shows this site consisting of Grade 3 agricultural land. The site is not located within a Mineral Safeguarding Area. Overall, as only 50 dwellings are proposed, a minor adverse effect is likely.	Minor adverse
3	This policy allocates land east of Church Road, Laverstock for development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessments of the sites against this objective please refer to the SA site assessments. Significant water infrastructure crosses the site. Development of the site would need to make necessary provision to protect from harm or pollution to any ground, surface or drinking water. The site is classed as 'seriously water stressed' by the Environment Agency, therefore significant new development in Salisbury would require investigations and mitigation measures. This is likely to take time, therefore the site is unlikely to deliver capacity before 2030. It is likely that moderate off-site infrastructure reinforcement would be required for foul drainage. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. It is recommended that the policy wording/supporting text be amended.	Moderate adverse
4	This policy allocates land east of Church Road, Laverstock for development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessments of the sites against this objective please refer to the SA site assessments. Development of the site would likely increase environmental pollution and adversely affect Salisbury's AQMAs. There is an electronics manufacturing plant on the southern boundary of the site which may give rise to noise impacts. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. It is recommended that the policy wording be amended.	Moderate adverse
5	This policy allocates Land East of Church Road, Laverstock for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	Minor adverse
6	The site is allocated for 50 dwellings. Please refer to SA site assessments annex 2.11. Overall, given the opportunity for future renewable energy generation, but considering the increase in demand this development would create and the costs associated with a connection.	Neutral
7	This policy allocates Land East of Church Road, Laverstock for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, minor adverse effect. Two further mitigation requirements that would further strengthen the policy are as follows: 'Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains or preservation by record where relevant' 'Layout could include historic landscape elements, such as field patterns, hedgerows and mature trees'.	Minor adverse
8	This policy allocates Land East of Church Road, Laverstock for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment. It is noted that landscape sensitivity is heightened to the east of the site as reported within the SA site assessment. In the absence of a concept plan, this policy should reflect the need to respect this sensitivity and limit development to the east of the site in line with the mitigation measure outlined within the SA site assessment.	Moderate adverse
9	This policy allocates Land at Church Road to provide 50 new homes. This is a lower amount than assessed as part of the SA site assessment. The policy will provide a small amount of affordable housing and the site would be likely to support a range of house types, tenures, and sizes to meet different needs. Overall, a minor positive effect is likely.	Minor positive

10	This policy allocates a greenfield sit for approximately 50 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA but for a much larger range of dwellings (Site 15) – refer to Annex 2.11. Due to the reduction in the number of dwellings that will come forward as a result of this policy, affordable housing provision will be minimal as will associated community facilities and amenity greenspace, as such the impact on reducing poverty and social deprivation will be minimal. Accordingly, this policy is assessed as having a minor positive effect against this objective. As reported in the SA site assessment, contributions should be sought towards increasing the capacity of existing GP services and towards offsite provision of local services and facilities, where appropriate. These are dealt with in the recommendations below.	Minor positive
11	This policy allocates Land East of Church Road, Laverstock for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. For a detailed assessment of the site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect (moderate adverse) and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
12	This policy allocates a greenfield sit for approximately 50 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA but for a much larger range of dwellings (Site 15) – refer to Annex 2.11. Due to the reduction in the number of dwellings plus the modest size of the site, its poor connectivity to the city centre and its location adjacent to residential land, this site is unlikely to result in any significant effect on economic growth or the economy’s vibrancy or diversification. As such, this policy will score a minor positive effect when considered against this objective.	Minor positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect</b>		
<p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It is noted that landscape sensitivity is heightened to the east of the site as reported within the SA site assessment. This policy should reflect the need to respect this sensitivity and limit development to the east of the site in line with the mitigation measure outlined within the SA site assessment.</li> <li>2. It is recommended that, in accordance with the SA Site Assessment, contributions towards health care provision, in the form of increasing capacity of GP surgeries should be sought under the ‘infrastructure and mitigation requirements’ section of the policy.</li> <li>3. It is recommended that, in accordance with the SA Site Assessment, contributions towards offsite provision of local services and facilities, should be sought where appropriate under the ‘infrastructure and mitigation requirements’ section of the policy.</li> <li>4. It is recommended that the ‘infrastructure and mitigation requirements’ section of the policy be amended to include reference to development of the site needing to make necessary provision to protect from harm or pollution to any ground, surface or drinking water.</li> <li>5. It is recommended that the ‘infrastructure and mitigation requirements’ section of the policy be amended to refer to the likely need for moderate off-site infrastructure reinforcement to the foul water network capacity.</li> <li>6. It is recommended that the supporting text be amended to include reference to the area covered by Wessex Water has been classed by the Environment Agency as ‘seriously water stressed’. Significant new development in the Salisbury area would require investigations and agreement with Wessex Water’s regulators and mitigation measures are likely to take time, and unlikely to deliver capacity before 2030. Also, significant water infrastructure crosses the site.</li> <li>7. It is recommended that the ‘infrastructure and mitigation requirements’ section of the policy makes reference to the requirement for a noise assessment to assess the potential impacts of the electronics manufacturing plant and any mitigation measures resulting from this assessment.</li> <li>8. It is recommended that the ‘infrastructure and mitigation requirements’ section of the policy is updated to reflect the need for a Flood Risk Assessment to ascertain the level of flood risk on the site, given the potential ground water risk across much of the site.</li> <li>9. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.</li> <li>10. It is recommended the infrastructure and mitigation section of the policy includes the following: “Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains or preservation by record where relevant”</li> <li>11. It is recommended the infrastructure and mitigation section of the policy includes the following: ‘Layout could include historic landscape elements, such as field patterns, hedgerows and mature trees’</li> </ol>		

<b>Policy 31 – Salisbury Central Area</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy primarily sets out how development at Salisbury Central Area is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining development opportunities in the area. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of development taking place on previously developed land, also acknowledging the intention to connect GBI corridors, this policy is considered unlikely to have significant effects against this objective. Development will need to be mindful regarding its impacts upon the River Avon SAC, maximising the conservation and enhancement of this asset.	Minor adverse
2	This policy supports development on PDL and the re-use of existing buildings. The central area is large and this policy will have moderate positive effects against this objective.	Moderate positive
3	This policy primarily sets out how development at Salisbury Central Area is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining development opportunities in the area. Reviewing the information available and proposal for redevelopment of previously developed land it is likely that development would have a neutral effect on this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Neutral
4	This policy primarily sets out how development at Salisbury Central Area is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining development opportunities in the area. Reviewing the information available and proposal for redevelopment of previously developed land it is likely that development would have a neutral effect on this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Neutral
5	This policy primarily sets out how development at Salisbury Central Area is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining development opportunities in the area. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of development taking place on land that is at high risk of multiple types of flooding. Development will need to be mindful of this and as such this policy is likely to have a minor adverse effect on this objective.	Minor adverse
6	A policy relating to place shaping priorities in order heritage, culture and tourism and economic development is enhanced. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective being positively achieved.	Neutral
7	This policy primarily sets out how development at Salisbury Central Area is envisaged to take place. This includes outlining development opportunities in the area. Reviewing the information available, the likelihood of development taking place on previously developed land and important heritage assets in the area the policy is considered to likely to have a minor adverse effect. The policy could be strengthened by adding the following mitigation requirement: 'Development in the central area should conserve and enhance heritage assets with heritage playing a key role regeneration'.	Minor adverse
8	This policy primarily sets out how development at Salisbury Central Area is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining development opportunities in the area. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of development taking place on previously developed land, maintaining and enhancing the areas characteristics, this policy is considered unlikely to have significant effects against this objective.	Neutral
9	This policy primarily sets out how development at Salisbury Central Area is envisaged to take place over the plan period. It is possible that regeneration of some sites will result in some housing being provided as part of a mix of uses, that may include some affordable housing and the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. However, it is unclear as to how many new homes will be delivered. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	This policy primarily sets out how development at Salisbury Central Area is envisaged to take place. This includes outlining development opportunities in the area. The policy sets out measures that will deliver mixed-use opportunities as well as maximising the central area's qualities and vibrancy and by encouraging general economic investment and highlights that significant changes will take place in the Churchfields PEA. These measures may bring forward a moderate amount of community facilities and uplift to the vitality and vibrancy of the town centre. Reviewing the information available, this policy will have a moderate positive effect against this objective.	Moderate positive
11	This policy primarily sets out how development at Salisbury Central Area is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining development opportunities in the area. The policy seeks to support and deliver mixed-use developments in Salisbury's sustainable city centre. However, there is no mention of investment or support for sustainable and active transport options. Reviewing the information available, it is considered likely that development would have a neutral effect on this objective. It is recommended that the policy includes a measure to improve opportunities for active travel (walking and cycling) and public transport options	Neutral

<b>12</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Salisbury Central Area is envisaged to take place. This includes outlining development opportunities in the area. The policy sets out measures that have potential to encourage a vibrant and diversified economy and to provide for long-term economic growth. As such, this policy is assessed as having a moderate positive effect against this objective.	<b>Moderate positive</b>
-----------	---	--------------------------

**Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect**

**Recommendations**

1. It is recommended that the policy includes a measure to improve opportunities for active travel (walking and cycling) and public transport options. This can be placed under "Amongst other measures, fulfilment of the central area's potential will be achieved by:..."
2. It is recommended the policy includes the following criteria: 'Development in the central area should conserve and enhance heritage assets with heritage playing a key role regeneration'

**Policy 32 – Salisbury Skyline**

<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
<b>1</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Salisbury Central Area needs to adhere to design guidance as set out within the policy. Reviewing the information available, this policy is considered unlikely to have significant effects against this objective.	<b>Neutral</b>
<b>2</b>	By restricting building heights in the city's central area, this policy will not maximise the efficient use of land. The policy does allow taller buildings in some circumstances but stipulates that this should not result in any increase in usable floorspace. Minor adverse effects likely against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>3</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Salisbury Central Area needs to adhere to design guidance as set out within the policy. Reviewing the information available, this policy is considered unlikely to have significant effects against this objective.	<b>Neutral</b>
<b>4</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Salisbury Central Area needs to adhere to design guidance as set out within the policy. Reviewing the information available, this policy is considered unlikely to have significant effects against this objective.	<b>Neutral</b>
<b>5</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Salisbury Central Area needs to adhere to design guidance as set out within the policy. Reviewing the information available, this policy is considered unlikely to have significant effects against this objective.	<b>Neutral</b>
<b>6</b>	A policy to protect the Salisbury skyline. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective being achieved.	<b>Neutral</b>
<b>7</b>	This policy sets out criteria to protect Salisbury's skyline. The protection of views to of the Salisbury Cathedral spire has a major positive effect for this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Major positive</b>
<b>8</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Salisbury Central Area needs to adhere to design guidance as set out within the policy. The design guidance is aimed at protecting the views of the cathedral and historic roofscape of Salisbury. Reviewing the information available, this policy is considered likely to have positive effects against this objective.	<b>Minor positive</b>
<b>9</b>	This policy is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	<b>Neutral</b>
<b>10</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Salisbury Central Area needs to adhere to design guidance as set out within the policy. Reviewing the information available, this policy is considered unlikely to have significant effects against this objective.	<b>Neutral</b>
<b>11</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Salisbury Central Area needs to adhere to design guidance as set out within the policy. Reviewing the information available, this policy is considered unlikely to have significant effects against this objective.	<b>Neutral</b>
<b>12</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Salisbury Central Area needs to adhere to design guidance as set out within the policy. Reviewing the information available, this policy is considered unlikely to have significant effects against this objective.	<b>Neutral</b>

**Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect**

**Recommendations**

None.

<b>Policy 33 – The Maltings and Central Car Park</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy primarily sets out how development at The Maltings is envisaged to take place over the plan period. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of development taking place on previously developed land, this policy is considered unlikely to have significant effects against this objective. Development will need to be mindful regarding its impacts upon the River Avon SAC, maximising the conservation and enhancement of this asset.	Minor adverse
2	This policy supports the development of a large area of brownfield land and existing buildings. It will have moderate positive effects against this objective.	Moderate positive
3	This policy primarily sets out how development at The Maltings is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining redevelopment opportunities in the area. Reviewing the information available and proposal for redevelopment of previously developed land it is likely that development would have a neutral effect on this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Neutral
4	This policy primarily sets out how development at The Maltings is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining redevelopment opportunities in the area. Reviewing the information available and proposal for redevelopment of previously developed land it is likely that development would have a neutral effect on this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Neutral
5	This policy primarily sets out how development at Salisbury Central Area is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining development opportunities in the area. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of development taking place on land that is susceptible to river and surface water flooding. Development will need to be mindful of this and as such this policy is likely to have a minor adverse effect on this objective.	Minor adverse
6	A policy to ensure a masterplan for mixed development at Maltings and central car park. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective being positively achieved, relative to its scale.	Neutral
7	This policy primarily sets out how development at The Maltings is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining redevelopment opportunities in the area. The area will include heritage assets but the policy includes criteria to conserve and enhance the Salisbury skyline and heritage assets and their settings. Effects are likely to be minor adverse. The policy should say 'conserve and enhance rather than preserve and enhance to be in line with the NPPF.	Minor adverse
8	This policy primarily sets out how development at The Maltings is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes ensuring development is of a scale and form that conserves and enhances the appearance of Salisbury's skyline. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of development taking place on previously developed land, this policy is considered unlikely to have significant effects against this objective.	Neutral
9	This policy allocates the Maltings site to provide approximately 300 new homes as part of a mixed-use development. This will provide a significant amount of affordable housing and support the provision of a range of house types and sizes therefore likely effects are considered likely to be moderate positive. A major positive effect is scored against this objective.	Major positive
10	This policy primarily sets out how development at The Maltings is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining redevelopment opportunities in the area. Reviewing the information available and the proposal for redevelopment of previously developed land it is likely that development may have a significant level positive benefits in terms of bringing forward a good level of affordable housing and an enhancement to the offer of local services and facilities. As such, a major positive effect is scored against this objective.	Major positive
11	This policy primarily sets out how development at The Maltings is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes ensuring development is of a scale and form that conserves and enhances the appearance of Salisbury's skyline. The policy seeks to deliver mixed-use development at The Maltings and Central Car Park, located in Salisbury's sustainable city centre. Reviewing the information available, it is considered likely that development would have a neutral effect on this objective.	Neutral
12	This policy primarily sets out how development at The Maltings is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining mixed-use redevelopment opportunity. This may have significant benefits in terms enhancing the economic growth of the city. The measures outlined will also a vibrant and diversified economy. As such, this policy is assessed as having a major positive benefit when considered against this objective.	Major positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect</b>		



<b>Recommendations</b>	
1. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.	
2. The policy should say 'conserve and enhance' rather than 'preserve and enhance' to be in line with the NPPF.	

<b>Policy 34 – Churchfields Employment Area</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy primarily sets out support for the regeneration and intensification of employment uses at Churchfields Employment area. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of development taking place on previously developed land, this policy is considered unlikely to have significant effects against this objective. Development will need to be mindful regarding its impacts upon the River Avon SAC, maximising the conservation and enhancement of this asset.	Minor adverse
2	This policy supports the renewal and intensification of a large, existing employment site and disused railway sidings and will have a moderate positive effect against this objective.	Moderate positive
3	This policy primarily sets out support for the regeneration and intensification of employment uses at Churchfields Employment area. This includes outlining redevelopment opportunities in the area. Reviewing the information available and proposal for redevelopment of previously developed land it is likely that development would have a neutral effect on this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Neutral
4	This policy primarily sets out support for the regeneration and intensification of employment uses at Churchfields Employment area. This includes outlining redevelopment opportunities in the area. Reviewing the information available and proposal for redevelopment of previously developed land it is likely that development would have a neutral effect on this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Neutral
5	This policy primarily sets out how development at Salisbury Central Area is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining development opportunities in the area. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of development taking place on land that is susceptible to high risk of ground water flooding. Development will need to be mindful of this and as such this policy is likely to have a minor adverse effect on this objective. A recommendation has been made to address this risk.	Minor adverse
6	A policy to endorse renewal and intensification of employment use. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective and opportunity being positively achieved, relative to its scale.	Neutral
7	This policy primarily sets out support for the regeneration and intensification of employment uses at Churchfields Employment area. Reviewing the information available and that the land is already in this use the policy is likely to have minor adverse effects. The Conservation Area adjoins the site to the east and south and it should be ensured that development does not impact the setting of the Conservation Area.	Minor adverse
8	This policy primarily sets out support for the regeneration and intensification of employment uses at Churchfields Employment area. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of development taking place on previously developed land, this policy is considered unlikely to have significant effects against this objective. Development will need to be mindful regarding its impacts upon the historic landscape character of Salisbury.	Neutral
9	This policy is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	This policy primarily sets out support for the regeneration and intensification of employment uses at Churchfields Employment area. This includes outlining redevelopment opportunities in the area. It is likely that development may have some positive benefits in terms of bringing forward employment opportunities for local residents, as well as some associated additional local facilities. as well as improvements to access and promoting sustainable and active modes of transport. These measures may help reduce poverty and deprivation and provide better facilities and services locally. As such, a moderate positive effect is scored against this objective.	Moderate positive
11	This policy primarily sets out support for the regeneration and intensification of employment uses at Churchfields Employment Area. The policy supports opportunities to reduce HGV traffic, improvements to access and promotes sustainable and active modes of transport in Salisbury city centre. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of development taking place, this policy is considered have a moderate positive effect against this objective.	Moderate positive
12	This policy primarily sets out support for the regeneration and intensification of employment uses at Churchfields Employment area. This includes outlining redevelopment opportunities in the area. It is likely that development for the renewal and intensification of employment uses will have a major positive impact on the	Major positive

	vibrancy and diversification of the local economy and it will also aide in providing for long-term economic growth. As such, this policy is scored as having a major positive effect when considered against this objective.	
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It is recommended that the policy includes a requirement to conduct a Flood Risk Assessment to assess the level of groundwater flood risk on the site.</li> <li>2. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.</li> <li>3. It is recommended that the policy includes the requirement to conserve and enhance the setting of the adjoining Conservation Area.</li> </ol>		

<b>Policy 35 – Salisbury District Hospital Campus</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy grants permission for the extension of Salisbury District Hospital towards the east of the existing campus. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of development taking place on previously undeveloped land, this policy is considered likely to have negative effects against this objective. Development will need to be mindful regarding its impacts upon nearby ecological designations, maximising the conservation and enhancement of these asset. Given the nature of development is unlikely to enhance recreational pressure upon nearby assets, significant impacts are not anticipated.	Minor adverse
2	This policy supports the redevelopment of a large, existing hospital site but also supports a 7ha eastwards extension onto undeveloped land that is currently in agricultural use. Mixed effects likely against this objective therefore neutral.	Neutral
3	This policy sets out the master plan for an extension to Salisbury District Hospital and redevelopment of buildings on the exiting site. This includes outlining redevelopment opportunities in the area. Reviewing the information available and proposal for the extension and redevelopment of previously developed land it is likely that development would have a minor adverse effect on this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
4	This policy sets out the master plan for an extension to Salisbury District Hospital and redevelopment of buildings on the exiting site. This includes outlining redevelopment opportunities in the area. Reviewing the information available and proposal for the extension and redevelopment of previously developed land it is likely that development would have a minor adverse effect on this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
5	This policy sets out the master plan for an extension to Salisbury District Hospital and redevelopment of buildings on the exiting site. This includes outlining redevelopment opportunities in the area. Reviewing the information available and proposal for the extension and redevelopment on land that is at low risk of groundwater flooding and a medium cumulative impact score, it is likely that this policy will result in a minor adverse effect against this objective.	Minor adverse
6	A policy to enable development at Salisbury hospital. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective being achieved. Small scale but potential for solar and exceed minimum building regs.	Neutral
7	This policy sets out proposals for a master plan for an extension to Salisbury District Hospital and redevelopment of buildings on the exiting site. Reviewing the information available and proposal for the extension and redevelopment of previously developed land it is likely that development would have a minor adverse effect on this objective. The masterplan could ensure that heritage assets are conserved and enhanced.	Minor adverse
8	This policy grants permission for the extension of Salisbury District Hospital towards the east of the existing campus. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of development taking place on previously undeveloped land, this policy is considered likely to have negative effects against this objective. It is noted the policy acknowledges the landscape sensitivities associated with the site and the need for development to incorporate landscaping and be acceptable in its landscape context.	Minor adverse
9	This policy is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	This policy supports the redevelopment of a large, existing hospital site but also supports a 7ha eastwards extension onto undeveloped land that is currently in agricultural use. This policy will introduce benefits in terms of enhanced accessibility to healthcare facilities as well as some associated facilities and service, such	Minor positive

	as educational and R&D. Accessibility to the hospital site, via non-car modes of travel will also be improved. Accordingly, this policy will have some benefits in terms of promoting more inclusive communities with better services and facilities and as such, this policy is given a minor positive score against this objective.	
11	This policy sets out the masterplan for an extension to Salisbury District Hospital and redevelopment of buildings on the exiting site. This includes outlining redevelopment opportunities in the area. Reviewing the information available, it is considered likely that development would have a minor adverse effect on this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
12	This policy supports the redevelopment of a large, existing hospital site but also supports a 7ha eastwards extension onto undeveloped land that is currently in agricultural use. This policy will introduce an expansion of the hospital which will provide additional employment opportunities to the local community as well as opportunities in higher-skilled employment uses thus supporting the long-term economic growth of Salisbury. Additionally, the policy introduces measures to improve accessibility to the hospital via non-car modes of transport. Accordingly, this policy is assessed as having a major positive effect when considered against this objective.	Major positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.</li> <li>2. It is recommended that the policy includes criteria to ensure any heritage assets are conserved and enhanced.</li> </ol>		

<b>Policy 36 – Amesbury Market Town</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy primarily sets out how development at Amesbury is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Amesbury. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on greenfield land surrounding the settlement, impacting the associated ecological/geological sensitivities, this policy introduces information to suggest negative effects are likely against this objective.	Minor adverse
2	This policy supports approximately 530 homes at Amesbury. It does not allocate any new sites. It will deliver 75 dwellings on small sites of less than 10 dwellings. The neighbourhood area designation requirement is 50 dwellings. Most of this growth is likely to be located on greenfield land, some of which is likely to be BMV agricultural land. There are few opportunities for development to take place on PDL. Given the relatively modest amount of growth envisaged a minor adverse effect is considered likely against this objective.	Minor adverse
3	This policy primarily sets out how development at Amesbury is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Amesbury. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase effects on the local water network. This policy introduces information to suggest moderate adverse effects are likely against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
4	This policy primarily sets out how development at Amesbury is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Amesbury. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase the probability of negative effects on air quality and environmental pollution. This policy introduces information to suggest minor effects are likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
5	This policy primarily sets out how development at Amesbury is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Amesbury. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase the probability of negative effects on flooding in the area. This policy introduces information to suggest minor effects are likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
6	Policy broadly outlines key issues/infrastructure / items to encourage sustainable development for the Amesbury as a whole and employment areas. Please refer to SA Site Assessments. 530 homes allocated. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective being positively achieved.	Neutral

7	This policy primarily sets out how development at Amesbury is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Amesbury. Reviewing the information available and that Amesbury is constrained by its proximity to the Stonehenge, Avebury and associated sites World Heritage Site and archaeological potential in the area, the likely effects are considered to be minor adverse. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
8	This policy primarily sets out how development at Amesbury is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Amesbury. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on greenfield land surrounding the settlement, impacting the associated landscape sensitivities, this policy introduces information to suggest negative effects are likely against this objective.	Minor adverse
9	This policy primarily sets out how development at Amesbury is envisaged to take place over the plan period and supports approximately 530 homes. It includes an existing allocation and says 75 dwellings will be delivered on sites of less than 10 dwellings. This level of growth at the town will provide some affordable housing and support the provision of a range of house types and sizes therefore likely effects are considered likely to be minor positive. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor positive
10	This policy supports approximately 530 homes at Amesbury. It does not allocate any new sites. It will deliver 75 dwellings on small sites of less than 10 dwellings. The neighbourhood area designation requirement is 50 dwellings. The policy introduces measures to encourage a diverse range of residents to live, work and enjoy leisure time in the town as well improving the attractiveness of the town centre and developing tourism. All of these measures will have some impact on the range and quality of services and facilities offered. However, there will be minimal opportunity for affordable housing provision. These measures, in combination, may have some minor effect on improving poverty and deprivation. As such, this policy is scored as having a minor positive effect against this objective.	Minor positive
11	This policy primarily sets out how development at Amesbury is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Amesbury. Commitments to reducing congestion on the A345 and A303 and improving opportunities for active and sustainable transport modes are noted. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place, a minor adverse effect against this objective is expected to take place.	Minor adverse
12	This policy supports approximately 530 homes at Amesbury. It does not allocate any new sites. It will deliver 75 dwellings on small sites of less than 10 dwellings. The neighbourhood area designation requirement is 50 dwellings. The policy offers its support to the four PEAs as listed. Reviewing the information available and the minimal impact this policy will have on economic growth, this policy is assessed as having a minor positive effect against this objective.	Minor positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b>		
1. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.		

<b>Policy 37 – Boscombe Down</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy primarily sets out how development at Boscombe Down is envisaged to take place over the plan period, facilitating the realisation of its potential as an employment site. This includes directing development towards the redevelopment and re-use of buildings close to Amesbury. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of development taking place on previously developed land to the north of the area, and the nature of development considered less likely to heighten recreational impacts on nearby ecological designations, this policy is considered unlikely to have significant effects against this objective.	Minor adverse
2	This policy involves the redevelopment of an existing employment site, re-use of buildings, and land in the north of the airfield close to Amesbury. Minor positive effects likely against this objective.	Minor positive
3	This policy involves the redevelopment of an existing employment site, re-use of buildings, and land in the north of the airfield close to Amesbury. Reviewing the information available it is likely that development would have a neutral effect on this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Neutral
4	This policy involves the redevelopment of an existing employment site, re-use of buildings, and land in the north of the airfield close to Amesbury. Reviewing the information available it is likely that development would have a neutral effect on this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Neutral

5	This policy involves the redevelopment of an existing employment site, re-use of buildings, and land in the north of the airfield close to Amesbury. Reviewing the information available it is likely that development would have a neutral effect on this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Neutral
6	A policy to enable development at Boscombe Down airfield. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective being achieved. Small scale but potential for solar and exceed minimum building regs.	Neutral
7	This policy primarily sets out how development at Boscombe Down is envisaged to take place over the plan period, facilitating the realisation of its potential as an employment site. This includes directing development towards the redevelopment and re-use of buildings close to Amesbury. Reviewing the information available the policy is considered likely to have a minor adverse effect.	Minor adverse
8	This policy primarily sets out how development at Boscombe Down is envisaged to take place over the plan period, facilitating the realisation of its potential as an employment site. This includes directing development towards the redevelopment and re-use of buildings close to Amesbury. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of development taking place on previously developed land to the north of the area, this policy is considered unlikely to have significant effects against this objective.	Minor adverse
9	This policy is to enable development at Boscombe Down airfield for employment. This policy is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	The policy primarily sets out how development at Boscombe Down is envisaged to take place over the plan period, facilitating the realisation of its potential as a strategically important employment site. This includes directing development towards the redevelopment and re-use of buildings close to Amesbury. Further inward investment and regeneration of this site could bring with it some related positive benefits in terms of reducing deprivation and poverty and in promoting more inclusive communities with better services and facilities. As such, this policy is assessed as having a moderate positive score against this objective.	Minor positive
11	This policy primarily sets out how development at Boscombe Down is envisaged to take place over the plan period, facilitating the realisation of its potential as an employment site. This includes directing development towards the redevelopment and re-use of buildings close to Amesbury. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of development taking place on previously developed land to the north of the area, this policy is considered unlikely to have significant effects against this objective.	Minor adverse
12	The policy primarily sets out how development at Boscombe Down is envisaged to take place over the plan period, facilitating the realisation of its potential as a strategically important employment site. Further inward investment and regeneration of this site could bring with it significant positive benefits in terms of encouraging a vibrant and diverse economy and providing for long-term economic growth. Accordingly, this policy is assessed as having a major positive effect when considered against this objective.	Major positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b>		
1. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.		

<b>Policy 38 – Porton Down</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy primarily sets out how development at Porton Down is supported for research and development purposes in accordance with a Masterplan approach. It is noted that supporting text highlights the importance of the continued protection of the nearby SPA and SAC with their positive management being a prerequisite for further development. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of development taking place in proximity to the SPA/SAC, this policy is considered likely to have significant negative effects against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation.	Moderate adverse
2	This policy supports the continued development of the Porton Down Science Park, an existing employment area. Development likely to take place mainly on brownfield land and re-use of existing buildings. Minor positive effects likely against this objective.	Minor positive

3	This policy supports the continued development of the Porton Down Science Park, an existing employment area. Development likely to take place mainly on brownfield land and re-use of existing buildings. Reviewing the information available it is likely that development would have a neutral effect on this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Neutral
4	This policy supports the continued development of the Porton Down Science Park, an existing employment area. Development likely to take place mainly on brownfield land and re-use of existing buildings. Reviewing the information available it is likely that development would have a neutral effect on this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Neutral
5	This policy supports the continued development of the Porton Down Science Park, an existing employment area. Development likely to take place mainly on brownfield land and re-use of existing buildings. Reviewing the information available it is likely that development would have a neutral effect on this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Neutral
6	A policy to enable development at Porton down airfield. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective being achieved. Small scale but potential for solar and exceed minimum building regs.	Neutral
7	This policy primarily sets out how development at Porton Down is supported for research and development purposes in accordance with a Masterplan approach. Reviewing the information available the policy is considered likely to have minor adverse effects. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
8	This policy primarily sets out how development at Porton Down is supported for research and development purposes in accordance with a Masterplan approach. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of development taking place on previously undeveloped land, this policy is considered likely to have significant negative effects against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation.	Moderate adverse
9	This policy supports development at Porton down for research and development purposes. This policy is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	This policy primarily sets out how development at Porton Down is supported for research and development purposes in accordance with a masterplan approach. By reviewing the information available, the policy is assessed as having a minor positive score against this objective. An increase in the positive effects will be dependent on the form that development takes place and associated mitigation.	Minor positive
11	This policy primarily sets out how development at Porton Down is supported for research and development purposes in accordance with a masterplan approach. There is no mention in the policy itself regarding reducing the need to travel and promoting more sustainable and active transport choices. For a detailed assessment of the site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment. The likelihood of development taking place on previously undeveloped land in an isolated location is considered likely to have significant effects against this objective. A reduction in the significance of the effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation.	Moderate adverse
12	This policy primarily sets out how development at Porton Down is supported for research and development purposes in accordance with a masterplan approach. The support of this site as an internationally important centre for scientific research and development and the completion of this strategic allocation will aide in delivering a range of employment opportunities, particularly those for higher skilled employment. This site will also aide in the providing for long-term sustainable economic growth. By reviewing the information available, this policy is assessed as having moderate positive effects against this objective. An increase in the positive effects will be dependent on the form that development takes place and associated mitigation.	Moderate positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b>		
1. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.		

<b>Policy 39 – Tidworth and Ludgershall Market Town</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
<b>1</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Tidworth and Ludgershall is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Tidworth and Ludgershall. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on greenfield land surrounding the settlement, impacting the associated ecological/geological sensitivities, this policy introduces information to suggest significant effects are likely against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
<b>2</b>	This policy supports approximately 2,080 homes and 10.7ha of employment at Tidworth and Ludgershall. It allocates land for approximately 1,220 dwellings and 0.7ha of employment. The neighbourhood area designation requirement is 200 dwellings. Most of this growth is likely to be located on greenfield land, some of which is likely to be BMV agricultural land. There are few opportunities for development to take place on PDL. Overall, a moderate adverse effect is considered likely against this objective.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
<b>3</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Tidworth and Ludgershall is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Tidworth and Ludgershall. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase effects on the local water network. This policy introduces information to suggest moderate adverse effects are likely against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
<b>4</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Tidworth and Ludgershall is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Tidworth and Ludgershall. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase the probability of negative effects on air quality and environmental pollution. This policy introduces information to suggest minor effects are likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>5</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Tidworth and Ludgershall is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Tidworth and Ludgershall. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on land that is prone to flooding from multiple sources. This policy introduces information to suggest minor effects are likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>6</b>	The policy broadly outlines key issues / infrastructure / items to encourage sustainable development for the Tidworth and Ludgershall as a whole and employment areas. Please refer to SA Site Assessments. 2,080 homes and 10 ha of employment allocated. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective and opportunity being positively achieved. Relative to the scale, opportunity exists, to contribute significantly achieve the objective.	<b>Neutral</b>
<b>7</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Tidworth and Ludgershall is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Tidworth and Ludgershall. Reviewing the information available and that there are heritage assets in the area effects are considered likely to be moderate adverse. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
<b>8</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Tidworth and Ludgershall is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Tidworth and Ludgershall. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on greenfield land surrounding the settlement, impacting the associated landscape sensitivities, this policy introduces information to suggest significant effects are likely against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
<b>9</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Tidworth and Ludgershall is envisaged to take place over the plan period and supports approximately 2,080 homes. It allocates land for approximately 1,220 dwellings. This level of growth will provide significant affordable housing and support the provision of a range of house types and sizes therefore effects are considered likely to be major positive. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Major positive</b>
<b>10</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Tidworth and Ludgershall is envisaged to take place over the plan period and supports approximately 2,080 homes and 10.7ha of employment and allocates land for approximately 1,220 dwellings and 0.7ha of employment. The intention of this policy is to broaden the economic base and role of the settlements by, amongst other things, delivering a wider range of local services and facilities. The amount of housing proposed will	<b>Major positive</b>

	bring with it a good level of affordable homes. As such, these measures will aide in decreasing poverty and deprivation and provide for more inclusive communities and, as such, this policy is assessed as having a major positive effect against this objective.	
11	This policy primarily sets out how development at Tidworth and Ludgershall is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Tidworth and Ludgershall. Reviewing the information available, development and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place, it is considered likely to have significant negative effects against this objective. A reduction in the significance of the effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
12	This policy primarily sets out how development at Tidworth and Ludgershall is envisaged to take place over the plan period and supports approximately 2,080 homes and 10.7ha of employment and allocates land for approximately 1,220 dwellings and 0.7ha of employment. The intention of this policy is to broaden the economic base and role of the settlements and will support the diversification of the employment offer in the area, facilitating delivery of the PEA and provision of small and medium business enterprise. As such, having assessed this policy, a major positive score is achieved against this objective.	Major positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b>		
1. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.		

<b>Policy 40 – Land South east of Empress Way</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy allocates land southeast of Empress Way for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy includes the need to undertake ecological surveys and integrate GBI into the site. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	Minor adverse
2	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 1,220 dwellings and 0.7ha employment. This site has been assessed in the SA (Site 4) – refer to Annex 2.12. Overall, moderate adverse effects are likely.	Moderate adverse
3	This policy allocates land south-east of Empress Way for development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessments of the sites against this objective please refer to the SA site assessments. The site is within a Drinking Water Safeguarding Zone; therefore, development of the site would need to make necessary provision to protect from harm or pollution to any drinking water. Significant infrastructure crosses the site, therefore appropriate stand-off distances around this infrastructure would be required. The site is classed as 'seriously water stressed' by the Environment Agency. It is likely that significant off-site infrastructure reinforcement and improvements would be required for both water supply and foul drainage. Stringent policy criteria would be required to address potential cumulative impacts on surface water discharges. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. It is recommended that measures to use and manage water resources in a sustainable manner is included in policy.	Moderate adverse
4	This policy allocates land south-east of Empress Way for development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. For a detailed assessments of the sites against this objective please refer to the SA site assessments. Development of the site is likely to lead to increased levels of environmental pollution and air quality. Noise impacts may arise from road haulage and MOD sites and the railway, therefore, may require mitigation. Physical separation from the sewage treatment works is likely to be required in order to reduce odour. Increased levels of nitrogen dioxide would feed into the existing network causing additional air quality pressure. Specific measures may need to be put in place to mitigate. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, minor adverse effect. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
5	This policy allocates land south-east of Empress Way for development, informing the type of development, infrastructure requirements and potential mitigation measures. The whole site is within an area at medium risk of groundwater flooding which will make surface water drainage techniques more difficult to implement.	Minor adverse



	The cumulative impact score of the site is low and the size of the site means that there are good opportunities for climate change mitigation measures and to generate renewable energy on site. As a result, a minor adverse effect is likely against this objective.	
6	The site is allocated for 1,220 dwellings and 0.7 ha of employment. Overall, given the opportunity for future renewable energy generation, but considering the increase in demand this development would create and the costs associated with a connection, a neutral effect is considered likely against this objective.	Neutral
7	This policy allocates land southeast of Empress Way for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, minor adverse effect. Two further mitigation requirements that would further strengthen the policy are as follows: 'Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains or preservation by record where relevant' 'Site layout could incorporate historic landscape elements, such as field patterns, hedgerows and mature trees'.	Minor adverse
8	This policy allocates land southeast of Empress Way for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy outlines the need to retain and provide areas of GBI to include a substantial tree planting belt on the southern part of the site. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	Moderate adverse
9	This policy allocates land southeast of Empress Way to provide approximately 1220 new homes. This level of growth will provide significant affordable housing and support the provision of a range of house types and sizes therefore effects are considered likely to be major positive.	Major positive
10	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 1,220 dwellings and 0.7ha employment. This site has been assessed in the SA (Site 4) – refer to Annex 2.12. This policy will result in a good level of affordable housing plus the provision of areas of open space and green infrastructure. Measures introduced by this policy will have a major significant effect on reducing poverty and deprivation and will aide in promoting more inclusive communities with better services and facilities. As such, this policy is assessed as having a major positive score against this objective. As reported in the SA site assessment, contributions should be sought towards health care and educational provision. These are dealt with in the recommendations below.	Major positive
11	This policy allocates land southeast of Empress Way for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment. The likelihood of this level of growth taking place is considered likely to have significant effects against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
12	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 1,220 dwellings and 0.7ha employment. This site has been assessed in the SA (Site 4) – refer to Annex 2.12. This is a large site with very good potential to meet different economic needs through a mixed-use development. The measures introduced by this policy are considered likely to have significant effect against this objective similar to that scored with the SA site assessment of a moderate positive effect. As reported in the SA site assessment, where possible, access to work via sustainable transport modes should be encouraged, with connectivity enhanced through development. This is dealt with in the recommendations below.	Moderate positive

**Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect**

**Recommendations**

1. In accordance with the SA site assessment, it is recommended that the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy include reference to significant off-site infrastructure reinforcement and improvements being required for both the water supply network and for the foul water drainage network.
2. It is recommended that the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy be amended to include reference to the need for steps to be taken to ensure the efficient use of water through the development and occupation of the site.
3. In accordance with the SA site assessment, it is recommended that the "infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy include stringent policy criteria would be required to address potential cumulative impacts of development on surface water discharges.

4. It is recommended that the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy be amended to include reference to significant infrastructure crossing the site and the need for appropriate stand-off distances around this infrastructure.
5. It is recommended that, in accordance with the SA site assessment that financial contributions are sought towards health care and educational provision. This should be included with the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy.
6. It is recommended that, in accordance with the SA site assessment, where possible, access to work via sustainable transport modes should be encouraged, with connectivity enhanced through development. This should be included in the bullet point list of the policy requirements.
7. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.
8. It is recommended the infrastructure and mitigation section of the policy includes the following: 'Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains or preservation by record where relevant'
9. It is recommended the infrastructure and mitigation section of the policy includes the following: "Site layout could incorporate historic landscape elements, such as field patterns, hedgerows and mature trees'

<b>Policy 41 – Land at Bulbridge Estate, Wilton</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
<b>1</b>	This policy allocates Land at Bulbridge Estate, Wilton for development, setting out the quantum of this development. The policy does not set out infrastructure and mitigation requirements. It is not understood that there are any ecological sensitivities present at the site warranting specific intervention within the policy. Reviewing the information available, this allocation will place built form on previously undeveloped land, albeit at a modest scale and outside of ecological designations, resulting in likely negative effects upon this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>2</b>	This is a relatively small greenfield site being allocated for 45 dwellings. Development of this site is likely to have minor adverse effects against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>3</b>	This policy allocates Land at Bulbridge Estate, Wilton for development, setting out the quantum of this development. The policy does not set out infrastructure and mitigation requirements. Development of this site is likely to have minor adverse effects against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>4</b>	This policy allocates Land at Bulbridge Estate, Wilton for development, setting out the quantum of this development. The policy does not set out infrastructure and mitigation requirements. Development of this site is likely to have minor adverse effects against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>5</b>	This policy allocates Land at Bulbridge Estate, Wilton for development, setting out the quantum of this development. The policy does not set out infrastructure and mitigation requirements. Development of this site is likely to have minor adverse effects against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>6</b>	A policy to enable development of 45 dwellings Bulbridge estate. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or barriers any to prevent the objective being achieved. Small scale but potential for solar and exceed minimum building regs.	<b>Neutral</b>
<b>7</b>	This policy allocates Land at Bulbridge Estate, Wilton for development, setting out the quantum of this development. The policy is saved from a former plan and does not set out infrastructure and mitigation requirements. Based on the information available development of this site is likely to have minor adverse effects against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>8</b>	This policy allocates Land at Bulbridge Estate, Wilton for development, setting out the quantum of this development. The policy does not set out infrastructure and mitigation requirements. It is noted that the policy reflects the need to be delivered in a manner which is sensitive to the nearby AONB. Reviewing the information available, this allocation will place built form on previously undeveloped land, albeit at a modest scale and outside of designated landscapes, resulting in likely negative effects upon this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>9</b>	This allocates Bulbridge Estate, Wilton to provide approximately 45 dwellings. This will provide a small amount of affordable housing and a range of support the provision of a range of house types and sizes therefore effects are considered likely to be minor positive.	<b>Minor positive</b>

10	This is a small greenfield allocation for 45 dwellings. The policy does not set out infrastructure and mitigation requirements. Reviewing the information available, this allocation is unlikely to have significant benefits in terms of reducing social deprivation and poverty or bring with it better services and facilities to promote more inclusive communities. Accordingly, this policy is assessed as having a minor positive effect against this objective.	Minor positive
11	This policy allocates Land at Bulbridge Estate, Wilton for development, setting out the quantum of this development. The policy does not set out infrastructure and mitigation requirements. Reviewing the information available, this allocation will place built form on previously undeveloped land, albeit at a modest scale, resulting in likely minor negative effects against this objective.	Minor adverse
12	This is a small greenfield allocation for 45 dwellings. The policy does not set out infrastructure and mitigation requirements. Reviewing the information available, this allocation is unlikely to have significant benefits in terms of encouraging a vibrant and diversified economy or providing for long term economic growth. Accordingly, this policy is assessed as having a minor positive effect against this objective	Minor positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b> None.		

<b>Policy 42 – Land at Dead Maid Quarry Employment Area, Mere</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy allocates Land at Dead Maid Quarry Employment Area, Mere for development, setting out the quantum of this development. The policy does not set out infrastructure and mitigation requirements. The site appears to be in close proximity to Nor Wood CWS/ancient woodland. Reviewing the information available, this allocation will place built form on previously undeveloped land is close proximity to ecological designations, albeit at a modest scale, resulting in likely significant negative effects against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. Reflecting this it is recommended the policy outlines the need to conserve and enhance the value of the habitat, and the associated connected habitats, present at Nor Wood.	Moderate adverse
2	This is a relatively small site allocated for 1.5ha of employment. Development of this site is likely to have minor adverse effects against this objective.	Minor adverse
3	This policy allocates Land at Dead Maid Quarry Employment Area, Mere for development, setting out the quantum of this development. The policy does not set out infrastructure and mitigation requirements. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase effects on the local water network. This policy introduces information to suggest minor adverse effects are likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
4	This policy allocates Land at Dead Maid Quarry Employment Area, Mere for development, setting out the quantum of this development. The policy does not set out infrastructure and mitigation requirements. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase the probability of negative effects on air quality and environmental pollution. This policy introduces information to suggest minor effects are likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
5	This policy allocates Land at Dead Maid Quarry Employment Area, Mere for development, setting out the quantum of this development. The policy does not set out infrastructure and mitigation requirements. This site is in an area with a medium of groundwater flooding as has a medium cumulative impact score. The location of this site does not off a lot of opportunity to implement climate change adaptation measures or to generate renewable energy, as a result this policy is likely to have a minor adverse effect on this objective.	Minor adverse
6	A policy to enable development at 1.5 ha of employment. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or barriers to prevent the objective being achieved. Small scale but potential for solar and exceed minimum building regs.	Neutral

7	This policy allocates Land at Dead Maid Quarry Employment Area, Mere for development, setting out the quantum of this development. The policy is saved from a former plan and does not set out infrastructure and mitigation requirements. Based on the information available development of this site is likely to have minor adverse effects against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
8	This policy allocates Land at Dead Maid Quarry Employment Area, Mere for development, setting out the quantum of this development. The policy does not set out infrastructure and mitigation requirements. The site is in close proximity to Cranborne Chase & West Wiltshire Downs ANOB. The supporting text outlines a need for significant landscape planting to provide visual softening of the site along its boundaries, likely in acknowledgement of the nearby landscape designation. Reviewing the information available, this allocation will place built form on previously undeveloped land in close proximity to a landscape designation, albeit at a modest scale, resulting in likely significant negative effects against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. Reflecting this it is recommended the policy itself outlines the need to conserve and enhance the setting of the AONB and provide significant landscape planting to provide visual softening of the site along its boundaries.	Moderate adverse
9	This policy allocates Land at Dead Mead Quarry for employment. This policy does not provide any housing and therefore is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	This policy allocates Land at Dead Maid Quarry Employment Area, Mere for 1.5ha of employment land. The policy does not set out infrastructure and mitigation requirements. Although relatively small in size, the site could bring with it some local job creation and some associated local facilities and services. Reviewing the information available, the site is assessed as having a minor positive effect against this objective. An increase in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. It is recommended that, where possible, access to work via sustainable transport modes should be encouraged. This is dealt with in the recommendations below.	Minor positive
11	This policy allocates Land at Dead Maid Quarry Employment Area, Mere for development, setting out the quantum of this development. The policy does not set out infrastructure and mitigation requirements. This is a relatively small site allocated for 1.5ha of employment but is not very sustainably located and it is likely that people will be largely reliant on getting to work by private vehicle. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place, development of this site is considered likely to have minor adverse effects against this objective.	Minor adverse
12	This policy allocates Land at Dead Maid Quarry Employment Area, Mere for 1.5ha of employment land. The policy does not set out infrastructure and mitigation requirements. Although relatively small in size, retention of the site for employment use will go some way towards encouraging a vibrant and diversified economy and will provide for long-term economic growth. Reviewing the information available, the site is assessed as having a moderate positive effect against this objective. An increase in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation.	Moderate positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It is recommended the policy outlines the need to conserve and enhance the value of the habitat, and the associated connected habitats, present at Nor wood.</li> <li>2. It is recommended the policy itself outlines the need to conserve and enhance the setting of the AONB and provide significant landscape planting to provide visual softening of the site along its boundaries.</li> <li>3. It is recommended that, where possible, access to work via sustainable transport modes should be encouraged. This should be included within the body of the policy.</li> <li>4. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.</li> </ol>		

<b>Policy 43 – Land safeguarded for education at Tanner's Lane, Shrewton</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy safeguards land at Tanner's Lane, Shrewton for education use. This would place development on an undeveloped site understood to be absent of nearby ecological designations. Reviewing the information available, this modest scale of development does not present likely significant effects against this objective.	Minor adverse
2	This policy safeguards 0.1ha of land for school expansion. It is not clear if this is a greenfield or brownfield site. This is likely to have minor adverse effects against this objective.	Minor adverse
3	This policy safeguards 0.1ha of land for school expansion. It is not clear if this is a greenfield or brownfield site. This is likely to have minor adverse effects against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
4	This policy safeguards 0.1ha of land for school expansion. It is not clear if this is a greenfield or brownfield site. This is likely to have minor adverse effects against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
5	This policy safeguards 0.1ha of land for school expansion. It would place development in an area with a small amount of flood risk from the nearby river as well as some areas being prone to surface water flooding. The site is also in an area with a medium groundwater flooding risk and a high cumulative impact score. Due to the size of this site, there are likely minor adverse effects on this objective.	Minor adverse
6	This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or barriers any to prevent the objective being achieved.	Neutral
7	This policy safeguards 0.1ha of land for school expansion at Shrewton. The policy is saved from a former plan and does not set out infrastructure and mitigation requirements. Based on the information available development of this site is likely to have minor adverse effects against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
8	This policy safeguards land at Tanner's Lane, Shrewton for education use. This would place development on an undeveloped site understood to be absent of nearby landscape designations. Reviewing the information available, this modest scale of development does not present likely significant effects against this objective.	Minor adverse
9	This policy safeguards land at Tanner's Lane, Shrewton for education use. This policy does not provide any housing. However, the relocation of the pre-school would enable the expansion of Shrewton primary school, which in turn would enable additional growth to be delivered in the local area. Overall, a minor positive effect is considered likely.	Minor positive
10	This policy safeguards 0.1ha of land at Tanner's Lane, Shrewton for the potential relocation of the pre-school. The relocation of the pre-school would enable the expansion of Shrewton primary school, which in turn would bring with it an uplift in educational provision in the area, thus promoting a more inclusive community. Accordingly, based on the information available, this policy is assessed as having a minor positive effect against this objective.	Minor positive
11	This is a relatively small site allocated for 0.1ha land for education use to mitigate against the additional growth at Shrewton. Development of this site is likely to have a minor adverse effect against this objective.	Minor adverse
12	This policy safeguards 0.1ha of land at Tanner's Lane, Shrewton for the potential relocation of the pre-school. Reviewing the information available, this policy will not have any noticeable effect when assessed against this objective.	Neutral
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b>		
None.		

<b>Policy 44 – Marlborough Market Town</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
<b>1</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Marlborough is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Marlborough. It is acknowledged that the policy contains the priority to balance housing delivery with conserving and enhancing the ecological features in and around the town. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on greenfield land surrounding the settlement, and the nature of the ecological sensitivities around the town, this policy introduces information to suggest significant negative effects are likely against this objective.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
<b>2</b>	This policy supports approximately 600 homes and 1.8ha of employment at Marlborough. It allocates land for approximately 80 dwellings and additional employment of 1.8ha, with a further 110 dwellings to be delivered on small sites of less than 10 dwellings. The neighbourhood area designation requirement is 65 dwellings. Most of this growth is likely to be located on greenfield land, some of which is likely to be BMV agricultural land. There are few opportunities for development to take place on PDL. Overall, a moderate adverse effect is considered likely against this objective.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
<b>3</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Marlborough is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Marlborough. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase effects on the local water network. This policy introduces information to suggest minor adverse effects are likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>4</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Marlborough is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Marlborough. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase the probability of negative effects on air quality and environmental pollution. This policy introduces information to suggest moderate adverse effects are likely against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
<b>5</b>	This policy supports approximately 600 homes and 1.8ha of employment at Marlborough. It allocates land for approximately 80 dwellings and additional employment of 1.8ha, with a further 110 dwellings to be delivered on small sites of less than 10 dwellings. The neighbourhood area designation requirement is 65 dwellings. Most of this growth is likely to be located on land which could be prone to flooding. This policy introducing information to suggest minor adverse effects are likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>6</b>	The policy broadly outlines key issues/ infrastructure / items to encourage sustainable development for the Marlborough as a whole and employment areas. Please refer to SA Site Assessments. 600 homes and 1.8 ha of employment allocated. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective being positively achieved. Relative to the scale, opportunity exists, to achieve the objective.	<b>Neutral</b>
<b>7</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Marlborough is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Marlborough. Reviewing the information available and that there are various heritage assets in and around Marlborough effects are considered likely to be moderate adverse. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
<b>8</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Marlborough is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Marlborough. It is acknowledged that the policy contains the priority to balance housing delivery whilst respecting the AONB designation the town sits within. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on greenfield land surrounding the settlement, and the landscape designation the town sits within, this policy introduces information to suggest significant negative effects are likely against this objective.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
<b>9</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Marlborough is envisaged to take place over the plan period and supports approximately 600 homes. It allocates land for approximately 80 dwellings and a further 110 dwellings will be delivered on small sites of less than ten dwellings. This level of growth will provide some affordable housing and support the provision of a range of house types and sizes therefore effects are considered likely to be moderate positive. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Moderate positive</b>
<b>10</b>	The policy primarily sets out how development at Marlborough is envisaged to take place over the plan period and supports approximately 600 homes and 1.8ha of employment at Marlborough. It allocates land for approximately 80 dwellings and additional employment of 1.8ha, with a further 110 dwellings to be delivered on small sites of less than 10 dwellings. The neighbourhood area designation requirement is 65 dwellings. The policy outlines measures that will maximise opportunity	<b>Major positive</b>

	for affordable housing, promote a vibrant town centre and improve the provision of infrastructure, particularly health and educational provision, to meet the town's needs. Taking these measures into account, this policy is assessed as having a major positive effect against this objective.	
11	This policy primarily sets out how development at Marlborough is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Marlborough. Reviewing the information available and the scale of growth proposed, it is likely to put pressure on local transport capacity and existing transport infrastructure and increase the need to travel. This policy introduces information to suggest significant effects are likely against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
12	The policy primarily sets out how development at Marlborough is envisaged to take place over the plan period and supports approximately 600 homes and 1.8ha of employment at Marlborough. It allocates land for approximately 80 dwellings and additional employment of 1.8ha, with a further 110 dwellings to be delivered on small sites of less than 10 dwellings. The neighbourhood area designation requirement is 65 dwellings. This policy introduces a relatively large element of new employment land, with an aim of supporting additional opportunities for job growth and business investment, as well as supporting the three existing PEAs. Accordingly, taking these factors into account this policy is assessed as encouraging a vibrant and diversified economy and providing for long-term growth and thus will have a major positive effect when assessed against this objective.	Major positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b>		
1. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.		

<b>Policy 45 – Land at Chopping Knife Lane, Marlborough</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy allocates Land at Chopping Knife Lane for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy includes the need for habitat restoration and enhancement to buffer, protect and strengthen the River Kennet corridor. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available and reflecting the reduction in size of this development site, development of this site represents a reduced effect to that reported in the SA site assessment.	Minor adverse
2	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 50 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA (Site 1) – refer to Annex 2.8. Overall, minor adverse effects are likely.	Minor adverse
3	This policy allocates Land at Chopping Knife Lane for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. For a detailed assessments of the sites against this objective please refer to the SA site assessments. The area covered by Thames Water has been classed by the Environment Agency as 'seriously water stressed'. Steps will need to be taken to ensure the efficient use of water through the development and occupation of the site. In terms of water supply capacity, engagement will be required with Thames Water to ensure development does not outpace delivery of essential network upgrades to accommodate future development/s in this catchment. In terms of foul network capacity, the scale of growth is likely to require upgrades of the network and early engagement with Thames Water will be required to agree a housing phasing plan to determine what phasing may be required to ensure development does not outpace delivery of essential network upgrades. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, minor adverse effect. It is recommended that the policy wording/supporting text is amended.	Minor adverse
4	This policy allocates Land at Chopping Knife Lane for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. For a detailed assessments of the sites against this objective please refer to the SA site assessments. Development of the site is likely to lead to increased levels of environmental pollution and air quality. Marlborough has an AQMA and traffic associated with this development is likely to add to an increase of traffic which would require mitigation. Impacts of noise, light, dust and odour from the adjacent factory will need to be assessed and may require onsite mitigation, such as physical separation. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site	Moderate adverse

	assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. It is recommended that the policy wording is amended.	
5	This policy allocates Land at Chopping Knife Lane for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which have been informed by the SA site assessment. The site is in an area of medium to low groundwater flood risk, with no areas of surface water flood risk and a medium cumulative impact score. The policy refers to a detailed Flood Risk Assessment to determine flood risk on site. Considering all these factors it is likely that the site would result in a minor adverse effect against this objective.	Minor adverse
6	The site is allocated for 50 dwellings, please refer to SA assessments at annex at 2.8. Overall, given that this is a smaller site, energy demand will be less than that of a larger site however, the infrastructure is already under pressure. There may be opportunities for small scale renewable energy generation, and there is potential for this site to provide EV charging points, which would encourage more sustainable car use.	Neutral
7	This policy allocates Land at Chopping Knife Lane for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect, although it is recognised the site is now smaller and consequently the heritage issues raised in the SA site assessment are reduced. Having said that there are a number of key heritage issues that affect the site and it is recommend the policy makes reference to these as follows: 'Layout of the site must take account of the setting of Grade 2 listed Elcott Mill and stable block, the scheduled iron hillfort and roman settlement and the post medieval water meadows to the north' 'Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains or preservation by record where relevant'	Moderate adverse
8	This policy allocates Land at Chopping Knife Lane for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the importance the policy places on the need for landscape mitigation to help minimise the impacts upon the sensitive landscape the site falls within and the restriction of development to the western site portion. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available and reflecting the site's location within an AONB, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	Moderate adverse
9	This policy allocates land at Chopping Knife Lane for development of approximately 50 dwellings. This is a lower number of dwellings than that assessed in the SA. This level of growth will provide a small amount of affordable housing and support the provision of a range of house types and sizes therefore likely effects are considered to be minor positive. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor positive
10	The policy allocates Land at Chopping Knife Lane for approximately 50 dwellings. The site has been assessed in the SA site assessments at Appendix 2.8 (Site 1). Details are not provided in relation to any associated community facilities or services although the site is fairly accessible, by non-car modes of transport, to the town centre which will provide a marginal amount of support in vitality and viability terms. The site will result in a marginal amount of affordable homes being provided and minimal potential for job creation. Bearing the above in mind, the policy is assessed as having a minor positive effect in relation to this objective. It is recommended that financial contributions are sought for both educational (early years and secondary) and healthcare provision, with this being included in the infrastructure and mitigation measures proposed by this policy. This is dealt with in the recommendations section set out below.	Minor positive
11	This policy allocates Land at Chopping Knife Lane for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. For a detailed assessment of the site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment. Recommendations provided in the SA site assessment that are not included in the policy have been set out below.	Moderate adverse
12	The policy allocates Land at Chopping Knife Lane for approximately 50 dwellings. The site has been assessed in the SA site assessments at Appendix 2.8 (Site 1). Although not proposing any employment land itself, the site is located near a range of employment opportunities, which will have some marginal benefit in providing opportunity to reduce travel to work distances. Due to its relative proximity to the town centre, the policy will also support town centre vitality and viability. Reviewing this information and reflecting the reduction in size of this development site, the site is assessed as having a reduced benefit to that reported in the SA site assessment as that of a minor positive effect against this objective. It is recommended that Improved access to the bus network, to and from nearby	Minor positive



	employment areas, and improved strategic sustainable connectivity (i.e. to the railway) should be sought, with this being included in the 'infrastructure and mitigation measures' section of the policy. This is dealt with in the recommendations section set out below.	
--	--	--

**Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect**

**Recommendations**

1. It is recommended in accordance with the SA site assessment, under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' that walking and cycling infrastructure should link Elcot Lane, Chopping Knife Lane and White Horse Lane if feasible.
2. It is recommended in accordance with the SA site assessment, under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements', to include a contribution towards a Marlborough Transport Strategy.
3. It is recommended that, in accordance the SA site assessment that financial contributions be sought for education provision (both early years and secondary). This should be included in the "infrastructure and mitigation requirements" section of the policy.
4. It is recommended that, in accordance the SA site assessment that financial contributions be sought for healthcare provision. This should be included in the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy.
5. It is recommended that, in accordance with the SA site assessment, improved access to the bus network, to and from nearby employment, and improved strategic sustainable connectivity (i.e. to the railway) should be sought. This should be included in the "infrastructure and mitigation requirements" section of the policy.
6. It is recommended that the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy include reference to the need for steps to be taken to ensure the efficient use of water through the development and occupation of the site.
7. It is recommended that the supporting text be amended to include reference to water supply capacity and necessary engagement with Thames Water to ensure development does not outpace delivery of essential network upgrades to accommodate future development/s in this catchment. In terms of foul network capacity, the scale of growth is likely to require upgrades of the network and early engagement with Thames Water will be required to agree a housing phasing plan to determine what phasing may be required to ensure development does not outpace delivery of essential network upgrades.
8. It is recommended that the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' of the policy be amended to include reference to the need for an assessment of the impacts of noise, light, dust and odour from the adjacent factory and any mitigation required as a result.
9. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.
10. It is recommended the infrastructure and mitigation section of the policy includes the following: 'Layout of the site must take account of the setting of Grade 2 listed Elcott Mill and stable block, the scheduled iron hillfort and roman settlement and the post medieval water meadows to the north'
11. It is recommended the infrastructure and mitigation section of the policy includes the following: 'Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains or preservation by record where relevant'.

<b>Policy 46 – Land off Barton Dene</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
<b>1</b>	This policy allocates Land off Barton Dene for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, the policy notes the need to avoid development upon the steep eastern site slopes which appears to be comprised of a mosaic of grassland, trees and scrub / shrubs. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
<b>2</b>	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 30 dwellings and 1.8ha employment. This site has been assessed in the SA but for a much higher number of dwellings (Site 3) – refer to Annex 2.12. Overall, minor adverse effects are likely as the land take is much lower than that assessed in the SA.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>3</b>	This policy allocates Land off Barton Dene for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation measures. This site has been assessed in the SA but for a much higher number of dwellings. The area covered by Thames Water has been classed by the Environment Agency as 'seriously water stressed'. Steps will need to be taken to ensure the efficient use of water through the development and occupation of the site. In terms of water	<b>Minor adverse</b>

	supply capacity, engagement will be required with Thames Water to ensure development does not outpace delivery of essential network upgrades to accommodate future development/s in this catchment. In terms of foul network capacity, the scale of growth is likely to require upgrades of the network and early engagement with Thames Water will be required to agree a housing phasing plan to determine what phasing may be required to ensure development does not outpace delivery of essential network upgrades. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, minor adverse effect. It is recommended that policy wording and supporting text be amended.	
4	This policy allocates Land off Barton Dene for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation measures. This site has been assessed in the SA but for a much higher number of dwellings. Development of the site is likely to lead to increased levels of environmental pollution and air quality. Marlborough has an AQMA and traffic associated with this development is likely to add to an increase of traffic which would require mitigation. Impacts of noise and light from the nearby sports pitches and MUGA at St Johns School will need to be assessed and may require onsite mitigation, such as physical separation. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. It is recommended that the policy wording be amended.	Moderate adverse
5	This policy allocates Land off Barton Dene for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which have been informed by the SA site assessment. The site is in an area of low groundwater flood risk, with no areas of surface water flood risk and a medium cumulative impact score. The policy refers to a detailed Flood Risk Assessment to determine flood risk on site. Considering all these factors it is likely that the site would result in a minor adverse effect against this objective.	Minor adverse
6	The site is allocated for 30 dwellings, please refer to SA assessments at annex at 2.8. Overall, given the opportunities for future renewable energy generation and the use of sustainable construction materials and sustainable green technologies, but considering the potential cost implications for increasing the demand on the grid.	Neutral
7	This policy allocates Land off Barton Dene for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which have been informed by the SA site assessment. The policy makes reference to Castle Mound and Barton Farm. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, minor adverse effect. The policy could be strengthened with the following mitigation: 'Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains or preservation by record where relevant'	Minor adverse
8	This policy allocates Land off Barton Dene for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, the policy notes the need to avoid development upon the steep eastern and rising western site area to help to minimise impacts upon the surrounding landscape alongside the need for a low gross site density. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	Moderate adverse
9	This policy allocates land off Barton Dene for development of approximately 30 dwellings. This is a significantly lower number of dwellings than that assessed in the SA. This level of growth will provide a small amount of affordable housing and support the provision of a range of house types and sizes therefore likely effects are considered to be minor positive. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor positive
10	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 30 dwellings and 1.8ha employment. This site has been assessed in the SA but for a much higher number of dwellings (Site 3) – refer to Annex 2.12. Details are not provided in relation to any associated community facilities or services although the site is accessible, by non-car modes of transport, to the town centre which will provide a marginal amount of support in vitality and viability terms. The site will result in a small number of affordable homes being provided. The employment element brings with it potential for local job creation. Bearing the above in mind, the policy is assessed as having a moderate positive effect in relation to this objective. It is recommended that financial contributions are sought for both educational (early years and secondary) and healthcare provision, with this being included in the mitigation measures proposed by this policy. This is dealt with in the recommendations section set out below.	Moderate positive
11	This policy allocates Land off Barton Dene for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. For a detailed assessment of the site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available,	Moderate adverse

	development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment. It is recommended in accordance with the SA site assessment, under 'mitigation requirements', to include a contribution towards a Marlborough Transport Strategy.	
12	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 30 dwellings and 1.8ha employment. This site has been assessed in the SA but for a much higher number of dwellings (Site 3) – refer to Annex 2.12. The policy allows for opportunities for employment uses suitable to sit alongside housing and offers the opportunity of an attractive location of employment uses with easy access by local residents. The site is located in proximity to a range of employment opportunities, reducing travel to work distances. Due to its relative proximity to the town centre, the policy will also support town centre vitality and viability. As this policy is now for a mixed-use scheme with a clear focus on employment use provision the assessed effect has been increased from that previously given in the SA site assessment, from a minor to a major positive effect against this objective.	Major positive

**Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect**

**Recommendations**

1. It is recommended in accordance with the SA site assessment, under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements', to include a contribution towards a Marlborough Transport Strategy.
2. It is recommended that, in accordance the SA site assessment that financial contributions be sought for education provision (both early years and secondary). This should be included in the "infrastructure and mitigation requirements section of the policy.
3. It is recommended that, in accordance the SA site assessment that financial contributions be sought for healthcare provision. This should be included in the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy.
4. It is recommended that the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy include reference to the need for steps to be taken to ensure the efficient use of water through the development and occupation of the site.
5. It is recommended that the supporting text be amended to include reference to water supply capacity and necessary engagement with Thames Water to ensure development does not outpace delivery of essential network upgrades to accommodate future development/s in this catchment. In terms of foul network capacity, the scale of growth is likely to require upgrades of the network and early engagement with Thames Water will be required to agree a housing phasing plan to determine what phasing may be required to ensure development does not outpace delivery of essential network upgrades.
6. It is recommended that the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy include reference to noise and lighting assessment from the nearby sports pitch and MUGA at St Johns School and potential mitigation measures resulting from this.
7. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.
8. It is recommended the infrastructure and mitigation section of the policy includes the following requirement: 'Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains or preservation by record where relevant'

**Policy 47 – Royal Wootton Bassett Market Town**

SA Objective	Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy	Assessment score
1	This policy primarily sets out how development at Royal Wootton Bassett is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Royal Wootton Bassett. It is noted the policy outlines the need to conserve and enhance its environmental assets. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on greenfield land surrounding the settlement, impacting the associated ecological/geological sensitivities present at Royal Wootton Bassett, this policy introduces information to suggest negative effects are likely against this objective.	Minor adverse
2	This policy supports approximately 1,340 homes and 6.9ha of employment at Royal Wootton Bassett. It allocates land for approximately 1,120 dwellings and additional employment of 1.8ha. The neighbourhood area designation requirement is 150 dwellings. Most of this growth is likely to be located on greenfield land, some of which is likely to be BMV agricultural land. There are few opportunities for development to take place on PDL. Overall, a moderate adverse effect is considered likely against this objective.	Moderate adverse
3	This policy primarily sets out how development at Royal Wootton Bassett is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Royal Wootton Bassett. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase effects on the	Minor adverse

	local water network. This policy introduces information to suggest minor adverse effects are likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	
4	This policy primarily sets out how development at Royal Wootton Bassett is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Royal Wootton Bassett. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase the probability of negative effects on air quality and environmental pollution. This policy introduces information to suggest minor adverse effects are likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
5	This policy primarily sets out how development at Royal Wootton Bassett is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Royal Wootton Bassett. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on land that is a risk of flooding, this policy introduces information to suggest minor adverse effects are likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
6	The policy broadly outlines key issues/ infrastructure / items to encourage sustainable development for Royal Wootton Bassett as a whole and employment areas. Please refer to SA Site Assessments 2.10. 1,340 homes and 6.9 ha of employment allocated. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective positively achieved.	Neutral
7	This policy primarily sets out how development at Royal Wootton Bassett is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Royal Wootton Bassett. The historical setting of the town is recognised in the policy. Reviewing the information available and that there are various heritage assets in and around Royal Wootton Bassett effects are considered likely to be minor adverse. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
8	This policy primarily sets out how development at Royal Wootton Bassett is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Royal Wootton Bassett. It is noted the policy outlines the importance of protecting the distinct character of the town and the need to conserve and enhance its environmental assets. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on greenfield land surrounding the settlement, impacting the associated landscape sensitivities present at Royal Wootton Bassett, this policy introduces information to suggest negative effects are likely against this objective.	Minor adverse
9	This policy primarily sets out how development at Royal Wootton Bassett is envisaged to take place over the plan period and supports approximately 1,340 homes. It allocates land for approximately 1,120 dwellings. This level of growth will provide significant affordable housing and support the provision of a range of house types and sizes therefore effects are considered likely to be major positive. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Major positive
10	This policy primarily sets out how development at Royal Wootton Bassett is envisaged to take place over the plan period and supports approximately 1,340 homes and 6.9ha of employment land. The neighbourhood area designation requirement is 150 dwellings. The policy outlines measures that will promote infrastructure improvements particularly in health care and educational provision, conserve and enhance environmental assess which would include public open spaces. A good number of affordable homes would also result. Accordingly, taking these measures into account, this policy is assessed as having a major positive effect against this objective.	Major positive
11	This policy primarily sets out how development at Royal Wootton Bassett is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Royal Wootton Bassett. Reviewing the information available and the scale of growth proposed, it is likely to put pressure on local transport capacity and existing transport infrastructure and increase the need to travel. This policy introduces information to suggest significant negative effects are likely against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
12	This policy primarily sets out how development at Royal Wootton Bassett is envisaged to take place over the plan period and supports approximately 1,340 homes and 6.9ha of employment land. The neighbourhood area designation requirement is 150 dwellings. This policy introduces a significant amount of new employment land as well as promoting and encouraging non-car travel and availability of sustainable modes of transport to improve connectivity and supporting the three existing PEAs. Accordingly, taking these measures into account this policy is assessed as having a major positive effect when assessed against this objective.	Major positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect</b>		

<b>Recommendations</b>	
1. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.	

<b>Policy 48 – Land at Marsh Farm</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy allocates Land at Marsh Farm for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy includes the need to provide mitigation on site via the provision of green and blue infrastructure that will relieve pressure from nearby ecological designations. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	Minor adverse
2	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 150 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA but for a significantly higher number of dwellings (Site 1) – refer to Annex 2.10. Overall, moderate adverse effects are likely.	Moderate adverse
3	This policy allocates Land at Marsh Farm for development, setting out the type of development, infrastructure, and mitigation measures. This site has been assessed in the SA but for a significantly higher number of dwellings (refer to the SA site assessment). The site lies within Source Protection Zone 2c and a Drinking Water Safeguard Zone. The area covered by Thames Water has been classed by the Environment Agency as ‘seriously water stressed’. Steps will need to be taken to ensure the efficient use of water through the development and occupation of the site. With regard to water supply, there is potential for abstraction licence reduction in the next 10 years which would require investment in a major infrastructure development project to support significant new development, which would take significant time to develop and deliver (3-5 years). Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. In accordance with the SA site assessment, it is recommended that policy wording/supporting text be amended.	Moderate adverse
4	This policy allocates Land at Marsh Farm for development, setting out the type of development, infrastructure, and mitigation measures. This site has been assessed in the SA but for a significantly higher number of dwellings (refer to the SA site assessment). Development of the site is likely to lead to increased levels of environmental pollution and air quality. The site partly adjoins the M4 motorway and the B3102 which could give rise to noise impacts and may need to be mitigated through appropriate site design and layout. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, minor adverse effect. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
5	This policy allocates Land at Marsh Farm for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy includes the requirement for a Flood Risk Assessment to be carried out because of the ground water flood risk on the site. The site allocates land for significantly fewer dwellings than are assessed in the site assessment and directs development to the areas with a lower ground water risk. As a result, a minor adverse effect is likely against this objective from this site and it is recommended that the text is amended.	Minor adverse
6	The policy allocates 150 dwellings. Please refer to the SA site assessments at annex 2.10. Overall, given the opportunities for future renewable energy generation and the use of sustainable construction materials and sustainable green technologies, but considering the potential cost implications for increasing the demand on the grid, a neutral effect is likely against this objective.	Neutral
7	This policy allocates Land at Marsh Farm for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. The policy reflects the need to conserve the setting of Marsh Farm Hotel and avoid coalescence with Hook. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. Two further mitigation requirements that would further strengthen the policy are as follows:	Moderate adverse

	<p>'Further investigation is needed into the survival and extent of ridge and furrow earthworks in the eastern site area. Mitigation could involve avoiding ridge and furrow earthworks in site layout'.</p> <p>'Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains or preservation by record where relevant'.</p>	
8	This policy allocates Land at Marsh Farm for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy includes the need to provide a strong landscaped boundary to integrate the site and prevent coalescence. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	Minor adverse
9	This policy allocates land at Marsh Farm for development of approximately 150 dwellings. This is a significantly lower number of dwellings than that assessed in the SA. However, this level of growth will provide affordable housing and support the provision of a range of house types and sizes therefore likely effects are considered to be moderate positive. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate positive
10	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 150 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA but for a significantly higher number of dwellings (Site 1) – refer to Annex 2.10. Details are not provided in relation to any associated community facilities or services although the site does benefit from access to both formal and informal recreational greenspace, including associated community facilities. The site will result in a good amount of affordable homes being provided. Owing to the reduction in housing numbers proposed for this site, the policy is assessed as having a lesser positive effect on reducing poverty and deprivation or promoting inclusive communities than that assessed in the SA site assessment. As such, this policy scores a minor positive effect against this objective.	Minor positive
11	This policy allocates Land at Marsh Farm for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. For a detailed assessment of the site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
12	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 150 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA but for a significantly higher number of dwellings (Site 1) – refer to Annex 2.10. This site enjoys close proximity to nearby protected employment land and residents at this site could support employment land at Royal Wootton Bassett through an enhanced workforce. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, as such a moderate positive effect is achieved against this objective.	Moderate positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect</b>		
<p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In accordance with the SA site assessment, it is recommended that the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy reference the need to ensure the efficient use of water through the development and occupation of the site.</li> <li>2. It is recommended that the supporting text be amended to include reference to water supply and the potential for abstraction licence reduction in the next 10 years which would require investment in a major infrastructure development project to support significant new development, which would take significant time to develop and deliver (3-5 years).</li> <li>3. It is recommended that the requirement for a surface water drainage strategy is included in the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' to ensure surface water is managed effectively on the site given the groundwater flooding risk.</li> <li>4. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.</li> <li>5. It is recommended the infrastructure and mitigation section of the policy includes the following: 'Further investigation is needed into the survival and extent of ridge and furrow earthworks in the eastern site area. Mitigation could involve avoiding ridge and furrow earthworks in site layout'.</li> <li>6. It is recommended the infrastructure and mitigation section of the policy includes the following: 'Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains or preservation by record where relevant'.</li> </ol>		

<b>Policy 49 – Land at Midge Hall Farm</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy allocates Land at Midge Hall Farm for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	Minor adverse
2	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 415 dwellings, 1.8ha employment, land for a 2FE primary school and a local centre. This site has been assessed in the SA but for a significantly higher number of dwellings (Site 2) – refer to Annex 2.10. Overall, moderate adverse effects are likely.	Moderate adverse
3	This policy allocates Land at Midge Hall Farm for development, setting out the type of development, infrastructure, and mitigation measures. This site has been assessed in the SA but for a significantly higher number of dwellings (refer to the SA site assessment). The site lies within Source Protection Zone 2c and a Drinking Water Safeguard Zone. The area covered by Thames Water has been classed by the Environment Agency as ‘seriously water stressed’. Steps will need to be taken to ensure the efficient use of water through the development and occupation of the site. With regard to water supply, there is potential for abstraction licence reduction in the next 10 years which would require investment in a major infrastructure development project to support significant new development, which would take significant time to develop and deliver (3-5 years). Significant foul water infrastructure crosses the site. With regard to foul water capacity, significant investment is likely to be required which will take some time to deliver. Stringent policy criteria would be required to address potential cumulative impacts of development on surface water discharges. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. In accordance with the SA site assessment, it is recommended that amendments be made to the policy/supporting text.	Moderate adverse
4	This policy allocates Land at Midge Hall Farm for development, setting out the type of development, infrastructure, and mitigation measures. This site has been assessed in the SA but for a significantly higher number of dwellings (refer to the SA site assessment). Development of the site is likely to lead to increased levels of environmental pollution and air quality. The site is near to the M4 motorway and adjoins the B3102 which could give rise to noise impacts and may need to be mitigated through appropriate site design and layout. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, minor adverse effect. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
5	This policy allocates Land at Midge Hall Farm for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. The policy allocates fewer dwellings than the site in the SA site assessment and the negligible flood risk outlined on site still remains, there for a minor adverse effect is still considered likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
6	The policy allocates 415 dwellings. Please refer to the SA site assessments at annex 2.10. Overall, given the opportunities for future renewable energy generation and the use of sustainable construction materials and sustainable green technologies, but considering the potential cost implications for increasing the demand on the grid, a neutral effect is likely against this objective.	Neutral
7	This policy allocates Land at Midge Hall Farm for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. Reference is made to Midge Hall. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. Two further mitigation requirements that would further strengthen the policy are as follows: ‘Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. This should include considering the Scheduled Monument Post Mill at Church Hills and its setting. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains or preservation by record where relevant’. ‘Further investigation is needed into the survival and extent of watermeadows. Mitigation could involve avoiding water meadows in site layout and incorporating historic landscape elements such as field patterns, hedgerows and mature trees’.	Moderate adverse
8	This policy allocates Land at Midge Hall Farm for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy includes the need to limit development to the north of the site	Moderate adverse

	and provide a strong landscaped boundary to integrate the site and prevent coalescence. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	
9	This policy allocates land at Midge Hall Farm for development of approximately 415 dwellings. This is a lower number of dwellings than that assessed in the SA. However, this level of growth will provide significant affordable housing and support the provision of a range of house types and sizes therefore likely effects are considered to be major positive. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Major positive
10	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 415 dwellings, 1.8ha employment, land for a 2FE primary school and a local centre. This site has been assessed in the SA but for a significantly higher number of dwellings (Site 2), refer to Annex 2.10. Details are not provided in relation to the associated community facilities or services although the site does benefit from access to both formal and informal recreational greenspace. The policy will allow for a good number of affordable homes and the potential for local job opportunities. The introduction of the employment element, local centre and educational provision introduced by this policy, when combined with the residential element, makes for a mixed-use proposal and has increased the score of this site from that contained within the SA site assessment from a moderate to major positive benefit against this objective.	Major positive
11	This policy allocates Land at Midge Hall Farm for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. For a detailed assessment of the site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment. Recommendations provided in the SA site assessment that are not included in the policy have been set out below.	Moderate adverse
12	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 415 dwellings, 1.8ha employment, land for a 2FE primary school and a local centre. This site has been assessed in the SA but for a significantly higher number of dwellings (Site 2), refer to Annex 2.10. This is a large site with good potential for supporting different economic needs, with new residents of the site being able to support the employment opportunities generated. This mixed-use policy will encourage a vibrant and diversified economy and will provide for the long term sustainable economic growth of Royal Wootton Bassett. The addition of the employment element of this policy has increased the policy's score from that assessed within the SA site assessment from a moderate to major positive when considered against this objective.	Major positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It is recommended in accordance with the SA site assessment, under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements', that there is a widening of footway on northern side of Swindon Road to meet LTN 1/20 standards.</li> <li>2. It is recommended in accordance with the SA site assessment, under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements', that there is provision of a controlled pedestrian crossing and improved cycle access to the A3102 leading to the High Street.</li> <li>3. It is recommended in accordance with the SA site assessment, under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements', that there is an enhancement of and improvement of connectivity to Marlowe Way Bus Stops.</li> <li>4. It is recommended in accordance with the SA site assessment, under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements', that there is bus stop provision to be made within the site should a re-routed extension of the 55 Service be deemed deliverable – this extension will be at a cost to the developer.</li> <li>5. In accordance with the SA site assessment, it is recommended that the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy reference the need to ensure the efficient use of water through the development and occupation of the site.</li> <li>6. It is recommended that the supporting text be amended to include reference to water supply and the potential for abstraction licence reduction in the next 10 years which would require investment in a major infrastructure development project to support significant new development, which would take significant time to develop and deliver (3-5 years).</li> <li>7. It is recommended that the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy be amended to include reference to the need for likely significant investment for foul water capacity and the likelihood this would take some time to deliver.</li> <li>8. It is recommended that the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy be amended to include reference to the need for stringent policy criteria to address potential cumulative impacts of development on surface water discharges.</li> <li>9. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.</li> </ol>		



10. It is recommended the infrastructure and mitigation section of the policy includes the following: 'Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. This should include considering the Scheduled Monument Post Mill at Church Hills and its setting. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains or preservation by record where relevant'.
11. It is recommended the infrastructure and mitigation section of the policy includes the following: 'Further investigation is needed into the survival and extent of watermeadows. Mitigation could involve avoiding water meadows in site layout and incorporating historic landscape elements such as field patterns, hedgerows and mature trees'.

<b>Policy 50 – Land West of Maple Drive</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
<b>1</b>	This policy allocates Land West of Maple Drive for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy includes ecological mitigation requirements for habitat retention and green space provision to alleviate negative impacts upon nearby ecological designations. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available development of this site represents the same significant effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment. Reflecting the potential for significant impacts upon an adjacent LNR/CWS, recommended policy amendments have been made.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
<b>2</b>	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 110 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA but for a significantly higher number of dwellings (Site 3) – refer to Annex 2.10. Overall, moderate adverse effects are considered likely against this objective.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
<b>3</b>	This policy allocates Land West of Maple Drive for development, setting out the type of development, infrastructure, and mitigation measures. This site has been assessed in the SA but for a significantly higher number of dwellings (refer to the SA site assessment). The site lies within Source Protection Zone 2c. The area covered by Thames Water has been classed by the Environment Agency as 'seriously water stressed'. Steps will need to be taken to ensure the efficient use of water through the development and occupation of the site. With regard to water supply, there is potential for abstraction licence reduction in the next 10 years which would require investment in a major infrastructure development project to support significant new development, which would take significant time to develop and deliver (3-5 years). With regard to sewage treatment works capacity, investment in infrastructure will be required. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. In accordance with the SA site assessment, it is recommended that policy wording/supporting text be amended.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
<b>4</b>	This policy allocates Land West of Maple Drive for development, setting out the type of development, infrastructure, and mitigation measures. This site has been assessed in the SA but for a significantly higher number of dwellings (refer to the SA site assessment). Development of the site is likely to lead to increased levels of environmental pollution and air quality. The site is adjacent to a sand and gravel business which may give rise to noise impacts which may require mitigation. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, minor adverse effect. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>5</b>	This policy allocates Land West of Maple Drive for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy includes ecological mitigation requirements for a Flood Risk Assessment to ensure development would not exacerbate flooding elsewhere. The policy allocates few dwellings than was assessed at in SA site assessment, taking this into account, it is likely that this policy will have a minor adverse effect on this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>6</b>	The policy allocates 110 dwellings. Please refer to the SA site assessments at annex 2.10. Overall, given the opportunities for future renewable energy generation and the use of sustainable construction materials and sustainable green technologies, but considering the potential cost implications for increasing the demand on the grid, a neutral effect is likely against this objective.	<b>Neutral</b>
<b>7</b>	The policy allocates Land West of Maple Drive for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, minor adverse effect. Two further mitigation requirements that would further strengthen the policy are as follows:	<b>Minor adverse</b>

	<p>'Further investigation is needed into the survival and extent of medieval deer park. Mitigation could involve avoiding medieval deer park and incorporating historic landscape elements, such as field patterns, hedgerows and mature trees or elements of medieval deer park such as park pale or earthworks, in site layout'</p> <p>'Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains or preservation by record where relevant'</p>	
8	This policy allocates Land West of Maple Drive for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy reflects the need to avoid development that breaks the treed skyline. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	Minor adverse
9	This policy allocates land west of Maple Drive for development of approximately 110 dwellings. This is a significantly lower number of dwellings than that assessed in the SA. However, this level of growth will provide affordable housing and support the provision of a range of house types and sizes therefore likely effects are considered to be moderate positive. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate positive
10	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 110 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA but for a significantly higher number of dwellings (Site 3) – refer to Annex 2.10. Measures introduced by this policy will result in a small number of affordable homes and marginal potential for local job creation plus on-site green space. The site enjoys close proximity to the town centre with the potential for new residents to support an uplift in its vitality and viability. Taking these measures into account, this policy is assessed as having a moderate positive effect against this objective.	Moderate positive
11	This policy allocates Land West of Maple Drive for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment. Recommendations provided in the SA site assessment that are not included in the policy have been set out below.	Moderate adverse
12	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 110 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA but for a significantly higher number of dwellings (Site 3) – refer to Annex 2.10. Although not proposing any employment land itself, the site enjoys close connectivity to Royal Wootton Bassett town centre and nearby protected employment land and is therefore capable of helping to support the town centre and local economy. Reviewing this information and reflecting the reduction in size of this development site, the site is assessed as having a minor positive effect against this objective.	Minor positive

**Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect**

#### Recommendations

1. It is noted the policy outlines the need to “avoid development in the north of the site where it would remove woodland and alter the landscape setting of Jubilee Lake green space”. For the avoidance of doubt, it is recommended the area from the point of hedgerow/tree boundary to the north of the apparent arable field is excluded from the allocation. Sufficient buffering, informed by assessment to include habitat enhancement, to the south of the hedgerow boundary should be provided alongside greenspace elsewhere on the site to alleviate pressure and negative impacts on the CWS/LNR.
2. It is recommended in accordance with the SA site assessment, under ‘mitigation measures’, to include a contribution towards a Royal Wootton Bassett Transport Strategy and towards extensions and connections to the proposed Swindon to Royal Wootton Bassett cycle route.
3. It is recommended in accordance with the SA site assessment, under ‘infrastructure and mitigation requirements’, that there is provision of a crossing facility to access pedestrian cyclist infrastructure on the eastern side of the road (Maple Drive).
4. It is recommended in accordance with the SA site assessment, under ‘infrastructure and mitigation requirements’, that there is a replacement/enhancement of existing but unused bus stop provision on Maple Drive and extension of bus service to provide a minimum hourly service between the site and Swindon – this extension will be at a cost to the developer.
5. In accordance with the SA site assessment, it is recommended that the ‘infrastructure and mitigation requirements’ section of the policy reference the need to ensure the efficient use of water through the development and occupation of the site.
6. It is recommended that the supporting text be amended to include reference to water supply and the potential for abstraction licence reduction in the next 10 years which would require investment in a major infrastructure development project to support significant new development, which would take significant time to develop and deliver (3-5 years).
7. It is recommended that the ‘infrastructure and mitigation requirements’ section of the policy be amended to include reference to the need for investment in sewage treatment capacity infrastructure.
8. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.

9. It is recommended the infrastructure and mitigation section of the policy includes the following: 'Further investigation is needed into the survival and extent of medieval deer park. Mitigation could involve avoiding medieval deer park and incorporating historic landscape elements, such as field patterns, hedgerows and mature trees or elements of medieval deer park such as park pale or earthworks, in site layout
10. It is recommended the infrastructure and mitigation section of the policy includes the following: 'Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains or preservation by record where relevant'

<b>Policy 51 – Land at Woodshaw</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
<b>1</b>	This policy allocates Land at Woodshaw for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy reflects the need for newt mitigation, habitat creation and connectivity and the provision of green spaces to alleviate recreational pressure upon nearby ecological designations. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
<b>2</b>	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 445 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA but for a much higher number of dwellings (Site 8) – refer to Annex 2.10. Overall, moderate adverse effects are likely against this objective.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
<b>3</b>	This policy allocates Land at Woodshaw for development, setting out the type of development, infrastructure, and mitigation measures. This site has been assessed in the SA but for a significantly higher number of dwellings (refer to the SA site assessment). The site lies within Source Protection Zone 2c. The area covered by Thames Water has been classed by the Environment Agency as 'seriously water stressed'. Steps will need to be taken to ensure the efficient use of water through the development and occupation of the site. With regard to water supply, there is potential for abstraction licence reduction in the next 10 years which would require investment in a major infrastructure development project to support significant new development, which would take significant time to develop and deliver (3-5 years). With regard to sewage treatment works capacity, investment in infrastructure will be required. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. In accordance with the SA site assessment, it is recommended that the policy/supporting text be amended to include additional information.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
<b>4</b>	This policy allocates Land at Woodshaw for development, setting out the type of development, infrastructure, and mitigation measures. This site has been assessed in the SA but for a significantly higher number of dwellings (refer to the SA site assessment). Development of the site is likely to lead to increased levels of environmental pollution and air quality. Part of the site adjoins a busy railway line which may give rise to noise impacts and may require mitigation. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, minor adverse effect. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>5</b>	This policy allocates Land West of Maple Drive for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy includes ecological mitigation requirements for a Flood Risk Assessment to ensure development would not exacerbate flooding elsewhere. This policy allocates fewer dwellings than in the SA site assessment and directs development away from flood zone 2 and 3. Given that groundwater and surface water flood risk is still present on site the, it is likely that this policy will result in a minor adverse effect against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>6</b>	The policy allocates 445 dwellings. Please refer to the SA site assessments at annex 2.10. Overall, given the opportunities for future renewable energy generation and the use of sustainable construction materials and sustainable green technologies, but considering the potential cost implications for increasing the demand on the grid, a neutral effect is likely against this objective.	<b>Neutral</b>
<b>7</b>	This policy allocates Land at Woodshaw for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. The policy includes reference to Lower Woodshaw Farm. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. Further mitigation requirements that would further strengthen the policy are as follows:	<b>Moderate adverse</b>

	<p>'Historic landscape elements, such as field patterns, hedgerows and mature trees could be incorporated into in site layout'</p> <p>'Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains or preservation by record where relevant.'</p> <p>'The setting of the Schedule Monument on the western buffer should be taken into account in site design'.</p>	
8	This policy allocates Land at Woodshaw for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy reflects the need for careful landscaping and strong landscape buffers to assist mitigating impacts. The policy also reflects the heightened landscape sensitivities present in the south and east of the site, directing development away from these sensitive locations. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	Moderate adverse
9	This policy allocates land at Woodshaw for development of approximately 445 dwellings. This is a significantly lower number of dwellings than that assessed in the SA. However, this level of growth will provide affordable housing and support the provision of a range of house types and sizes therefore likely effects are considered to be major positive. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Major positive
10	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 445 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA but for a much higher number of dwellings (Site 8) – refer to Annex 2.10. Measures introduced by this policy will result in a significant number of affordable homes and potential for local job creation plus on-site green space. The site enjoys proximity to the town centre with the potential for new residents to support an uplift in its vitality and viability. The provision of a full day care nursery will bring further positive benefit to the community. Taking these measures into account, this policy is assessed as having a moderate positive effect against this objective.	Moderate positive
11	This policy allocates Land at Woodshaw for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment. Recommendations provided in the SA site assessment that are not included in the policy have been set out below.	Moderate adverse
12	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 445 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA but for a much higher number of dwellings (Site 8) – refer to Annex 2.10. This policy introduces measures that will support employment at Royal Wootton Bassett through an enhanced workforce, will provide a significant number of new users to support existing and emerging facilities, and, due to its relative proximity to the town centre, will support town centre vitality and viability. The measures introduced by this policy will aide in encouraging a vibrant and diversified economy and will support long-term economic growth, as such, this policy is assessed as having a major positive effect against this objective.	Major positive

**Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect**

#### Recommendations

1. It is recommended in accordance with the SA site assessment, under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements', to include a contribution towards a Royal Wootton Bassett Transport Strategy and towards extensions and connections to the proposed Swindon to Royal Wootton Bassett cycle route.
2. It is recommended in accordance with the SA site assessment, under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements', for the delivery of footway/cycleway provision along the site frontage, connecting into Garraways and Swallows Mead via controlled pedestrian/cyclist crossings and enhancing the route to the town centre to accommodate cyclists.
3. It is recommended in accordance with the SA site assessment, under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements', for the provision of additional bus stops and enhancement of service 99.
4. It is recommended in accordance with the SA site assessment, under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements', for the possible capacity enhancement of the A3102 roundabout to the north (subject to achievability and feasibility).
5. In accordance with the SA site assessment, it is recommended that the wording under the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy be amended to include reference to steps needing to be taken to ensure the efficient use of water through the development and occupation of the site.
6. In accordance with the SA site assessment, it is recommended that the supporting text be amended to include reference to water supply and the potential for abstraction licence reduction in the next 10 years which would require investment in a major infrastructure development project to support significant new development, which would take significant time to develop and deliver (3-5 years).

7. In accordance with the SA site assessment, it is recommended that the wording under the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy be amended to include 'investment in sewage treatment capacity infrastructure will be required'.
8. In accordance with the SA site assessment, it is recommended that the supporting text include reference to the issue that part of the site adjoins a busy railway line which may give rise to noise impacts and may require mitigation.
9. It is recommended that a surface water drainage strategy is included in the list of mitigation measures to address the surface water flood risks on the site.
10. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.
11. It is recommended the infrastructure and mitigation section of the policy includes the following: 'Historic landscape elements, such as field patterns, hedgerows and mature trees could be incorporated into in site layout'
12. It is recommended the infrastructure and mitigation section of the policy includes the following: 'Further investigation is needed during a planning application process to identify the presence and significance of as yet unknown archaeological remains across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of high value archaeological remains or preservation by record where relevant.'
13. It is recommended the infrastructure and mitigation section of the policy includes the following: 'The setting of the Schedule Monument on the western buffer should be taken into account in site design'.

<b>Policy 52 – Trowbridge Principal Settlement</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
<b>1</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Trowbridge is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Trowbridge. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on greenfield land surrounding the settlement, impacting the associated ecological/geological sensitivities, this policy introduces information to suggest significant effects are likely against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
<b>2</b>	This policy supports approximately 4,420 homes and 27.4ha of employment at Trowbridge. It allocates land for approximately 775 dwellings and includes a longer term, broad location for growth to accommodate a further 1,800 dwellings and employment uses. The neighbourhood area designation requirement is 300 dwellings. Most of this growth is likely to be located on greenfield land, some of which is likely to be BMV agricultural land. There are few opportunities for development to take place on PDL, although there are some smaller brownfield sites in the town centre e.g. Innox Mills. Overall, a moderate adverse effect is considered likely against this objective.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
<b>3</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Trowbridge is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Trowbridge. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase effects on the local water network. This policy introduces information to suggest moderate adverse effects are likely against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
<b>4</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Trowbridge is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Trowbridge. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase the probability of negative effects on air quality and environmental pollution. This policy introduces information to suggest moderate adverse effects are likely against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
<b>5</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Trowbridge is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Trowbridge. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on land that is at risk of flooding. This policy introduces information to suggest minor adverse effects against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>6</b>	This development at Trowbridge policy broadly outlines policy and key issues / infrastructure / items to encourage sustainable development for the town centre and town as a whole. Please refer to SA Site Assessments 2.13. 4,420 homes and 27.4ha of employment land allocated. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective being positively achieved, related to the scale significant opportunity exists with this level of development across this area.	<b>Neutral</b>

7	This policy primarily sets out how development at Trowbridge is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Trowbridge. Reviewing the information available there are various heritage assets in and around Trowbridge and effects are considered likely to be moderate adverse. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
8	This policy primarily sets out how development at Trowbridge is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Trowbridge. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on greenfield land surrounding the settlement, impacting the associated landscape sensitivities, this policy introduces information to suggest significant effects are likely against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation.	Moderate adverse
9	This policy primarily sets out how development at Trowbridge is envisaged to take place over the plan period and supports approximately 4,420 homes. It allocates land for approximately 775 dwellings with a broad location of growth of 1,800 dwellings. This level of growth will provide significant affordable housing and support the provision of a range of house types and sizes therefore effects are considered likely to be major positive. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Major positive
10	This policy primarily sets out how development at Trowbridge is envisaged to take place over the plan period, supporting approximately 4,420 homes and 27.4ha of employment land at Trowbridge. It allocates land for approximately 775 dwellings and includes a longer term, broad location for growth to accommodate a further 1,800 dwellings and employment uses. The policy introduces measures such as delivering an appropriate mix, tenure and type of housing to meet local needs, protecting, improving and extending green infrastructure and a focus on recreational facilities (leisure and retail) in the central areas. These measures will bring positive benefits in terms of reducing deprivation and poverty and provide for a better-served community, as such, this policy achieves a major positive score against this objective.	Major positive
11	This policy primarily sets out how development at Trowbridge is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Trowbridge. Reviewing the information available and the scale of growth proposed, it is likely to put pressure on local transport capacity and existing transport infrastructure and increase the need to travel. This policy introduces information to suggest significant negative effects are likely against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
12	This policy primarily sets out how development at Trowbridge is envisaged to take place over the plan period and supports approximately 4,420 homes and 27.4ha of employment at Trowbridge. It allocates land for approximately 775 dwellings and includes a longer term, broad location for growth to accommodate a further 1,800 dwellings and employment uses. The policy introduces measures such as maximising the economy by regenerating and repurposing the town centre, delivering job growth and encouraging business investment to support greater levels of self-containment, as well as supporting the PEA. By reviewing the information provided, it would appear that these measures will bring significant positive benefits in terms of providing for long term economic growth and a vibrant and diversified economy and, as such, this policy achieves a major positive score against this objective.	Major positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b>		
1. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.		

<b>Policy 53 – Land north of Trowbridge</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy allocates land north of Trowbridge for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy includes the need to provide SANG whilst ensuring the design and layout of development is informed by appropriate surveys and the most up to date Trowbridge Bat Mitigation Strategy. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	Moderate adverse

2	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 600 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA but for a significantly higher number of dwellings (Site 5) – refer to Annex 2.13. Overall, moderate adverse effects are likely against this objective.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
3	This policy allocates Land north of Trowbridge, setting out the type of development, infrastructure, and mitigation measures. This site has been assessed in the SA but for a significantly higher number of dwellings (refer to the SA site assessment). The site lies within Source Protection Zone 2c and a Drinking Water Protected Area. Development of the site would need to make necessary provision to protect from harm or pollution to any ground, surface or drinking water. The area covered by Thames Water has been classed by the Environment Agency as ‘seriously water stressed’. Steps will need to be taken to ensure the efficient use of water through the development and occupation of the site. Significant water infrastructure crosses the site. It is likely that significant off-site infrastructure reinforcement would be required for both water supply and foul water drainage. A site-specific policy requirement for the control of surface water discharges from new development would be required for this site. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. In accordance with the SA site assessment, it is recommended that the policy wording be amended.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
4	This policy allocates Land north of Trowbridge, setting out the type of development, infrastructure, and mitigation measures. This site has been assessed in the SA but for a significantly higher number of dwellings (refer to the SA site assessment). Development of the site is likely to lead to increased levels of environmental pollution and air quality. This site contains working farms and Hilperton Marsh Farm is occupied by a number of industrial units which would need effective methods of mitigating (physical separation, bunds). The site is partially within an odour or fly buffer zone around a sewage treatment works, which would require assessment and may lead to a reduction in developable area. The cumulative impacts of additional traffic generated by the development and subsequent increase in emissions would need assessment as well as the effects the development may have on existing road networks and nearby AQMAs (Devizes and Bradford On Avon). Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. Policy recommendations are advised.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
5	This policy allocates land north of Trowbridge for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment, however a Flood Risk Assessment has not been included in the mitigation requirements but is recommended in the SA. The site has significantly reduced compared to the site that was assessed in the site assessment, however the groundwater flood risk and cumulate impact score still cover a large are of the allocation. Reviewing the information, development of this site still represents the same level of effect and mitigation achievability as in the site assessment, minor adverse effect.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
6	The policy allocates 600 dwellings. Please refer to the SA site assessments at annex 2.13. Overall, given the opportunity for future renewable energy generation, but considering the increase in demand this development would create and the costs associated with a connection a neutral effect is likely against this objective.	<b>Neutral</b>
7	This policy allocates land north of Trowbridge for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. The policy includes a bullet ensuring the significance of heritage assets and their settings, including the Hilperton Conservation Area and it’s setting, are not subject to unacceptable harm and requires appropriate heritage and archaeological assessments. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, minor adverse effect. It is recommended consideration is given to providing further detail in the policy on the heritage assets effected in line with the SA site assessment.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
8	This policy allocates land north of Trowbridge for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy includes the need for development to sensitively address the urban edge of the town. Similarly, some of the suggested mitigation measures as per the SA site assessment have been satisfied given the reduction in site area removing some of the more landscape sensitive locations. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents a minor adverse effect against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
9	This policy allocates land north of Trowbridge for development of approximately 600 dwellings. This is a significantly lower number of dwellings than that assessed in the SA. However, this level of growth will provide affordable housing and support the provision of a range of house types and sizes therefore likely effects are considered to be major positive. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Major positive</b>

10	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 600 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA but for a significantly higher number of dwellings (Site 5) – refer to Annex 2.13. This policy introduces measures such as a significant number of affordable homes, as well as some wider positive social effects for areas of higher deprivation in Trowbridge. The policy introduces enhanced educational provision via land and contributions towards a new primary school. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect as reported in the SA site assessment, as such a major positive effect is achieved against this objective. It is recommended that early years and secondary provision should be met through onsite provision and financial contributions should be sought towards healthcare provision, with this being included in the mitigation measures proposed by this policy. This is dealt with in the recommendations section set out below.	Major positive
11	This policy allocates land north of Trowbridge for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. For a detailed assessment of the site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment which assesses the site for a significantly higher number of dwellings. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment. It is recommended in accordance with the SA site assessment, under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements', to include a contribution towards a Trowbridge Transport Strategy.	Moderate adverse
12	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 600 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA but for a significantly higher number of dwellings (Site 5) – refer to Annex 2.13. As noted in the SA site assessment, this is a very large site capable of supporting a mixed-use development incorporating an element of employment uses which would meet a range of needs, however there is no employment element is incorporated in this policy. That said, the site's new residents would support the town centre economy plus the site enjoys good proximity to the B3105 and existing protected employment land all of which will encourage a vibrant and diversified economy and aid long-term economic growth. Reviewing the information available, although it is acknowledged that this policy will bring forward some economic benefits, the lack of an employment element has reduced the score of this proposal against this objective (from that in the SA site assessment) to a moderate positive benefit.	Moderate positive

**Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect**

**Recommendations**

1. It is recommended in accordance with the SA site assessment, under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements', to include a contribution towards a Trowbridge Transport Strategy.
2. It is recommended that, in accordance the SA site assessment that provision for both early years and secondary school provision should be met through new onsite provision (in addition to the proposed new primary school). This should be included in the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy.
3. It is recommended that, in accordance the SA site assessment that financial contributions be sought for healthcare provision. This should be included in the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy.
4. It is recommended that the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy be amended to include 'Significant offsite infrastructure reinforcement for water supply and foul drainage will likely be required'.
5. It is recommended that the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy be amended to include a site-specific policy requirement for the control of surface water discharges from new development is required for this site.
6. It is recommended that the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy be amended to include reference to the need to make necessary provision to protect from harm or pollution to any ground, surface or drinking water resulting from development. Steps will need to be taken to ensure the efficient use of water through the development and occupation of the site.
7. It is recommended that the policy wording under the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy be amended to include mitigation measures to protect development from potential noise, dust and odour from the adjacent land uses (working farm and sewage treatment works).
8. It is recommended that the policy wording under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section be amended to include reference to the potential cumulative impacts of additional traffic generated by the development and subsequent increase in emissions would need assessment as well as the effects the development may have on existing road networks and nearby AQMAs (Devizes and Bradford on Avon).
9. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.
10. It is recommended consideration is given to providing further detail in the policy on the heritage assets effected in line with the SA site assessment.



<b>Policy 54 – North Trowbridge Country Park</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy sets out an approach to mitigate significant effects arising from development on matters pertinent to this Objective, namely the provision of SANG to avoid significant negative effects upon key ecological flora and fauna. The intention is for this SANG to seek to avoid harm to named bat species and nearby key habitat that is functionally linked to the Bath and Bradford-on-Avon Bats SAC. It is noted the supporting text outlines the importance of native planting and the provision of habitat optimal for bats. Acknowledging this policy is mitigating the effects of development elsewhere, it is considered an enhancement of existing conditions against this objective may result from this policy.	<b>Minor positive</b>
2	This policy supports provision of a 65ha country park for informal recreation. It is not supporting development of land and therefore effects will be neutral against this objective.	<b>Neutral</b>
3	This policy supports provision of a 65ha country park for informal recreation. It is not supporting development of land and therefore effects will be neutral against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Neutral</b>
4	This policy supports provision of a 65ha country park for informal recreation. It is not supporting development of land and therefore effects will be neutral against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Neutral</b>
5	This policy supports provision of a 65ha country park for informal recreation. There are areas that are prone to surface water flooding, and these could be incorporated into the design of the development. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Minor positive</b>
6	A policy to allocate a country park. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective positively being achieved.	<b>Neutral</b>
7	This policy supports the provision of a 65ha country park for informal recreation. The park will not include built development although will include a car park and access routes. Due to the proposal not including built form the likely effects are considered to be neutral. It is recommended that the location of the car park takes into account the setting of the Scheduled Monument Shrunken Settlement of Paxcroft to the west of Paxcroft Farm and that the layout of the access routes could take account of historic landscape features such as field patterns, hedgerows and mature trees.	<b>Neutral</b>
8	This policy sets out the intention to deliver a country park north of Trowbridge. It is noted the supporting text outlines the intention to open the area to the public facilitating people's access to the countryside and enhancing public access. The text also outlines the importance of ensuring paths blend into the landscape and do not detract from the natural feel of the site whilst also ensuring planting on site is native and management is undertaken in a manner to maintain a natural landscape. Given this policy intends to manage the landscape in a positive manner, whilst also helping to enhance public access to the countryside in a safe and sustainable manner, moderate positive effects are considered likely.	<b>Moderate positive</b>
9	This policy supports the provision of a county park. This policy does not provide housing and therefore is not considered to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	<b>Neutral</b>
10	This policy supports the provision of a 65ha country park for informal recreation. The Country Park will create a large area of public open space which, it is noted in the supporting text, will be accessible both by car (a free on-site car park will be provided) and by foot. No detail is included of access to the Park via other sustainable modes, such as cycling or public transport. An assessment of the accessibility of this asset to all is therefore not possible and thus on the basis of the information available, the Park's ability to promote more inclusive communities, as well as its impact on reducing social deprivation, is limited. This policy is assessed as having a minor positive benefit against this objective. It is recommended that the policy includes details (within the body of the policy and the supporting text) of how it will ensure this facility is one which may be enjoyed sustainably by all.	<b>Minor positive</b>
11	This policy supports provision of a 65ha country park for informal recreation. This policy will likely increase recreational pressure on the local transport infrastructure and capacity due to an increase in footfall. Additionally, the free visitor car park proposed at the site will further encourage trips by private vehicle. Therefore, it is recommended that there is provision for access to the Country Park by public transport that links to the major development to the north of Trowbridge and the town centre. Overall, it is considered that this policy will have a minor adverse effect against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
12	This policy supports provision of a 65ha country park for informal recreation. On the basis of the information available, this policy is unlikely to have any effect on long-term sustainable economic growth of the area. A neutral score is therefore assessed against this objective.	<b>Neutral</b>

**Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect**

**Recommendations**

1. It is recommended that there is provision for access to the Country Park by public transport that links to the major development to the north of Trowbridge and the Town Centre.
2. It is recommended that the policy provides details (both in the policy itself and/or supporting text) of how the country park will be a local asset that may be sustainably accessed and enjoyed by all.
3. It is recommended that the location of the car park takes into account the setting of the Scheduled Monument Shrunken Settlement of Paxcroft to the west of Paxcroft Farm and that the layout of the access routes could take account of historic landscape features such as field patterns, hedgerows and mature trees.

**Policy 55 – Land at Innox Mills, Trowbridge**

SA Objective	Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy	Assessment score
1	This policy allocates Land at Innox Mills for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy includes the protection and enhancement of core bat habitat, mitigation to protect bats alongside contributions towards management, monitoring and any off-site measures as informed by the most up to date TBMS. The concept plan also appears to include enhancement of the River Biss corridor. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	Minor adverse
2	This policy allocates a brownfield site for approximately 175 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA (Site 7) – refer to Annex 2.13. Overall, moderate positive effects are likely. The SA notes one specific issue that has not been referred to in the policy and this is dealt with in the recommendations below.	Moderate positive
3	This policy allocates a brownfield site for redevelopment for approximately 175 dwellings, associated infrastructure, and mitigation measures. Please refer to the site assessment. Development of the site would need to make necessary provision to protect from harm or pollution to any ground, surface or drinking water. The area covered by Thames Water has been classed by the Environment Agency as ‘seriously water stressed’. Steps will need to be taken to ensure the efficient use of water through the development and occupation of the site. Significant wastewater infrastructure/service crossing traverse the site, which may affect development viability. It is likely that moderate off-site infrastructure reinforcement would be required for both water supply and foul water drainage. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. It is recommended that policy wording be amended to reflect the results of the SA site assessment.	Moderate adverse
4	This policy allocates a brownfield site for redevelopment for approximately 175 dwellings, associated infrastructure, and mitigation measures. Please refer to the site assessment. Development of the site is likely to lead to increased levels of environmental pollution and air quality. Noise and odour assessments are likely to be required and potential light pollution from the railway station will need to be mitigated. The cumulative impacts of additional traffic generated by the development and subsequent increase in emissions would need assessment as well as the effects the development may have on existing road networks and nearby AQMAs (Devizes and Bradford on Avon). Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, minor adverse effect. It is recommended that policy wording/supporting text be amended to reflect the results of the SA site assessment.	Minor adverse
5	This policy allocates a brownfield site for redevelopment for approximately 175 dwellings, associated infrastructure, and mitigation measures. Please refer to the site assessment. Development of the site is likely to lead to increased flood risk elsewhere as the 57% of the site is within flood zone 2, as well as areas that are at risk of surface water flooding. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment. Recommendations are made for the policy wording.	Moderate adverse
6	The policy allocates 175 dwellings. Please refer to the SA site assessments at annex 2.13. Overall, given that this is a smaller site, energy demand will be less than that of a larger site. There may be opportunities for small scale renewable energy generation, and there is potential for this site to provide EV charging points.	Neutral

7	This policy allocates a brownfield site for redevelopment for approximately 175 dwellings, associated infrastructure, and mitigation measures. The policy includes a bullet ensuring the significance of heritage assets and their settings, including the Trowbridge Conservation Area and its setting, are not subject to unacceptable harm and requires appropriate heritage and archaeological assessments. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, minor adverse effect. It is recommended consideration is given to providing further detail in the policy on the heritage assets effected in line with the SA site assessment.	Minor adverse
8	This policy allocates Land at Innox Mills for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. The site is predominantly formed of previously developed land comprising a substantial area of hardstanding, where former industrial/commercial premises have been demolished and removed. The SA site assessment notes the need to try to ensure development height is limited to that of the existing surrounding roofline and townscape whilst reflecting the surrounding scale, pattern and vernacular, this forms the basis of a recommended policy amendment. It is considered development of this site would enhance existing conditions and have significant positive effects against this objective.	Moderate positive
9	This policy allocates land at Innox Mills for development of approximately 175 dwellings. This is a similar number of dwellings to that assessed in the SA. This level of growth will provide affordable housing and support the provision of a range of house types and sizes therefore likely effects are considered to be minor positive. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor positive
10	This policy allocates a brownfield site for approximately 175 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA (Site 7) – refer to Annex 2.13. This site is likely to result in a moderate number of affordable homes and has extremely good access to Trowbridge town centre therefore development will aid in uplifting the town centre's vitality and viability. The site will support local services and facilities. It will reduce deprivation and poverty and will promote a more inclusive community with better facilities and services. As such, a moderate positive effect is scored against this objective. As recommended with the SA site assessment, financial contributions should be sought for both educational and health care provision. This is dealt with in the recommendations section below.	Moderate positive
11	This policy allocates Land at Innox Mills for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. The sustainably located site is predominantly formed of previously developed land comprising a substantial area of hardstanding, where former industrial/commercial premises have been demolished and removed. For a detailed assessment of the site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment. Recommendations provided in the SA site assessment that are not included in the policy have been set out below.	Minor adverse
12	This policy allocates a brownfield site for approximately 175 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA (Site 7) – refer to Annex 2.13. This site benefits from excellent connectivity to public transport, it is set within a built-up area, close to existing commercial uses and has a potential to meet or support a range of employment needs. Measures introduced by this policy are seen to encourage a vibrant and diversified economy and provide for long-term sustainable economic growth. As such, this policy is scored as having major positive benefits when assessed against this objective.	Major positive

**Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect**

**Recommendations**

1. This policy may benefit from reflecting the need to ensure development height is limited to that of the existing surrounding roofline and townscape whilst reflecting the surrounding scale, pattern and vernacular as per the suggested mitigation measures within the SA site assessment.
2. The SA has highlighted the former industrial uses on this site and the possibility of land contamination. It is recommended that reference is made in this policy to the need for further investigation of this. A detailed assessment of the site would be required prior to any development coming forward. If subsequent evidence suggests the presence of land contamination, a remediation and mitigation strategy would be required.
3. It is recommended in accordance with the SA site assessment, under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements', that access to the station should also be served by new lift access to the railway line bridge, in order to facilitate disabled access to both platforms from within the station.
4. It is recommended in accordance with the SA site assessment, under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements', that enhancements are made to Stallard Street to increase the standard and size of bus stops and waiting areas and pedestrian infrastructure, wherever possible this should tie in with the Council's Future High Streets fund scheme. This should fall under "infrastructure and mitigation requirements' within the policy.
5. It is recommended in accordance with the SA site assessment, under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements', to include a contribution towards a Trowbridge Transport Strategy.

6. It is recommended that policy wording under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy be amended to include 'Development of the site would need to make necessary provision to protect from harm or pollution to any ground, surface or drinking water. Steps will need to be taken to ensure the efficient use of water through the development and occupation of the site'.
7. It is recommended that policy wording under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy be amended to include 'It is likely that moderate off-site infrastructure reinforcement would be required for both water supply and foul water drainage'.
8. It is recommended that the policy supporting text be amended to include reference to 'Significant wastewater infrastructure/service crossing traverse the site, which may affect development viability'.
9. It is recommended that policy wording under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy be amended to include the requirement of an odour assessment to assess the potential impacts of the odour buffer of the sewage treatment works. Results of the assessment and any mitigation measures should be adopted'.
10. It is recommended that policy wording under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy be amended to include reference to the requirement of a noise assessment to assess the potential impacts of the highway network. Results of the assessment and any mitigation measures should be adopted'.
11. It is recommended that the policy supporting text be amended to include reference to potential light pollution from the railway station and how this should be mitigated.
12. It is recommended, as detailed with the SA site assessment that financial contributions be sought towards education either expanding or creating off site facilities. This should be included within the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy.
13. It is recommended, as detailed with the SA site assessment that financial contributions be sought towards health care provision. This should be included within the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy.
14. It is recommended that policy wording under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' includes the requirement for a Flood Risk Assessment as well as a Surface Water Drainage Strategy to ensure flood risk is managed on site.
15. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.
16. It is recommended consideration is given to providing further detail in the policy on the heritage assets effected in line with the SA site assessment.

<b>Policy 56 – Trowbridge Central Area</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
<b>1</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Trowbridge central area is envisaged to take place over the plan period, maximising the opportunities present. This includes outlining the importance of conserving and enhancing the local GBI network, enhancing the River Biss and other corridors as important wildlife corridors. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of development taking place on previously developed land, this policy is considered unlikely to have significant effects against this objective.	<b>Neutral</b>
<b>2</b>	This policy supports the regeneration and repurposing of Trowbridge town centre. This will involve redevelopment of an existing built-up area, PDL and re-use of existing buildings which will have moderate positive effects against this objective.	<b>Moderate positive</b>
<b>3</b>	This policy supports the regeneration and repurposing of Trowbridge town centre. This will involve redevelopment of an existing built-up area, PDL and re-use of existing buildings which will have neutral effects against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Neutral</b>
<b>4</b>	This policy supports the regeneration and repurposing of Trowbridge town centre. This will involve redevelopment of an existing built-up area, PDL and re-use of existing buildings which will have neutral effects against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Neutral</b>
<b>5</b>	This policy supports the regeneration and repurposing of Trowbridge town centre. This will involve redevelopment of an existing built-up area, PDL and re-use of existing buildings which may have negative effects against this objective as areas of the town centre are susceptible to groundwater, surface water and river flooding. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>6</b>	This policy primarily sets out how development at Trowbridge Central area is envisaged to take place over the plan period. For a detailed assessments of the sites against this objective please refer to the SA site assessments 2.13. Overall, given the opportunities for future renewable energy generation and the use of	<b>Neutral</b>

	sustainable construction materials and sustainable green technologies, but considering the potential cost implications for increasing the demand on the grid, a neutral effect is likely against this objective.	
7	This policy primarily sets out how development at Trowbridge central area is envisaged to take place over the plan period, maximising the opportunities present. There are a number of heritage assets in and around the central area. Likely effects are therefore considered to be minor adverse. It is recommended that the policy could be strengthened by adding the following the section that states 'Development proposals should improve the resilience of the town centre by: 'Conserving and enhancing heritage assets as part of wider regeneration projects'.	Minor adverse
8	This policy primarily sets out how development at Trowbridge central area is envisaged to take place over the plan period, maximising the opportunities present. This includes outlining the importance of conserving and enhancing the local GBI network. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of development taking place on previously developed land, this policy is considered unlikely to have significant effects against this objective.	Neutral
9	This policy primarily sets out how development at Trowbridge central area is envisaged to take place over the plan period. It is possible that regeneration of some sites will result in some housing being provided as part of a mix of uses, that may include some affordable housing and the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. However, it is unclear as to how many new homes will be delivered. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	This policy primarily sets out how development at Trowbridge central area is envisaged to take place over the plan period, maximising the opportunities present. The regeneration and repurposing of Trowbridge central area will promote the vitality and viability of an area that serves the day-to-day needs of communities in western Wiltshire. Based on the information available, this policy will provide uplift to this central area thus reducing poverty and deprivation, promoting more inclusive communities with better services and facilities. This policy is assessed as having a major positive benefit against this objective.	Major positive
11	This policy supports the regeneration and repurposing of Trowbridge town centre. This will involve redevelopment of the existing built-up area and re-use of existing buildings for a mix of land uses. There is no mention of supporting sustainable and active modes of transport in the town centre through investment in local transport infrastructure. Reviewing the information available, it is considered likely that development would have a neutral effect on this objective. However, it is recommended that the policy includes a measure to improve opportunities for active travel (walking and cycling) and public transport options	Neutral
12	This policy primarily sets out how development at Trowbridge central area is envisaged to take place over the plan period, maximising the opportunities present. The measures introduced by this policy will maintain a strong level of retail, cultural, entertainment and business uses. These measures will support a vibrant and diverse economy and will provide for long-term sustainable growth. As such, this policy is assessed as having a major positive effect against this objective.	Major positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It is recommended that the policy includes a measure to improve opportunities for active travel (walking and cycling) and public transport options.</li> <li>2. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.</li> <li>3. It is recommended that the policy could be strengthened by adding the following the section that states 'Development proposals should improve the resilience of the town centre by: 'Conserving and enhancing heritage assets as part of wider regeneration projects'.</li> </ol>		

<b>Policy 57 – Bradford on Avon Market Town</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy primarily sets out how development at Bradford on Avon is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Bradford on Avon. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this modest level of growth taking place on greenfield land surrounding the settlement, impacting the associated ecological/geological sensitivities, this policy introduces information to suggest minor adverse effects are likely against this objective.	Minor adverse
2	This policy supports approximately 140 homes at Bradford on Avon. It does not allocate land for housing or employment uses but sees approximately 80 dwellings being delivered on small sites of less than ten dwellings and identifies a reserve site for 120 dwellings. The neighbourhood area designation requirement is 15	Minor adverse

	<p>dwellings. Most of this growth is likely to be located on greenfield land, some of which is likely to be BMV agricultural land. There are few opportunities for development to take place on PDL. Given the relatively modest amount of growth envisaged, a minor adverse effect is considered likely against this objective.</p>	
3	<p>This policy primarily sets out how development at Bradford on Avon is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Bradford on Avon. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase effects on the local water network. This policy introduces information to suggest minor adverse effects are likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.</p>	Minor adverse
4	<p>This policy primarily sets out how development at Bradford on Avon is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Bradford on Avon. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase the probability of negative effects on air quality and environmental pollution. This policy introduces information to suggest minor adverse effects are likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.</p>	Minor adverse
5	<p>This policy primarily sets out how development at Bradford on Avon is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Bradford on Avon. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase flood risk elsewhere. This policy introduces information to suggest minor adverse effects are likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.</p>	Minor adverse
6	<p>This development at Bradford on Avon policy broadly outlines key issues/infrastructure / items to encourage sustainable development for the town centre and town as a whole. Please refer to SA Site Assessments 2.2. 140 homes allocated. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective being positively achieved, related to the scale significant opportunity exists with this level of development across this area.</p>	Neutral
7	<p>This policy primarily sets out how development at Bradford on Avon is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Bradford on Avon. The policy recognises the historic nature of Bradford on Avon. Reviewing the information available and that there are various heritage assets in and around Bradford on Avon effects are considered likely to be minor adverse. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.</p>	Minor adverse
8	<p>This policy primarily sets out how development at Bradford on Avon is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Bradford on Avon. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this modest level of growth taking place on greenfield land surrounding the settlement, impacting the associated landscape sensitivities, this policy introduces information to suggest minor adverse effects are likely against this objective.</p>	Minor adverse
9	<p>This policy primarily sets out how development at Bradford on Avon is envisaged to take place over the plan period and supports approximately 140 homes. It does not allocate any land for housing but includes a reserve site for 120 dwellings. This level of growth will provide a small number of affordable homes and support some house types and sizes therefore effects are considered likely to be minor positive. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.</p>	Minor positive
10	<p>This policy supports approximately 140 homes at Bradford on Avon. It does not allocate land for housing or employment uses but sees approximately 80 dwellings being delivered on small sites of less than ten dwellings and identifies a reserve site for 120 dwellings. The neighbourhood area designation requirement is 15 dwellings. Given the relatively small amount of growth envisaged, it is likely to result in a small amount of affordable housing and very few new services or facilities being delivered. Reviewing the information available, a minor positive effect is assessed against this objective.</p>	Minor positive
11	<p>This policy supports approximately 140 homes at Bradford on Avon. It does not allocate land for housing or employment uses but sees approximately 80 dwellings being delivered on small sites of less than ten dwellings and identifies a reserve site for 120 dwellings. The neighbourhood area designation requirement is 15 dwellings. Given the relatively modest amount of growth envisaged, a minor adverse effect is considered likely against this objective.</p>	Minor adverse
12	<p>This policy supports approximately 140 homes at Bradford on Avon. It does not allocate land for housing or employment uses but sees approximately 80 dwellings being delivered on small sites of less than ten dwellings and identifies a reserve site for 120 dwellings. The neighbourhood area designation requirement is 15 dwellings. Given the relatively small amount of growth envisaged, it is unlikely that this site will have any significant impact on long term economic growth. As such, a minor positive is assessed against this objective.</p>	Minor positive
<p><b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect</b></p>		

<b>Recommendations</b>
1. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.

<b>Policy 58 – Warminster Market Town</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy primarily sets out how development at Warminster is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Warminster. It is noted the policy includes a priority to protect and enhance GBI assets and biodiversity. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on greenfield land surrounding the settlement, impacting the associated ecological/geological sensitivities, this policy introduces information to suggest significant effects are likely against this objective. This is judged as being major adverse at this stage given the current uncertainty surrounding the mitigation possible to reduce phosphate levels and discharge into the River Avon. Given the importance of this mitigation, it is recommended that this is noted as a priority for the town within this policy.	<b>Major adverse</b>
2	This policy supports approximately 1,780 homes and 5.6ha of employment at Warminster. It does not allocate any new land for housing or employment uses. The neighbourhood area designation requirement is 90 dwellings. Most of this growth is likely to be located on greenfield land, some of which is likely to be BMV agricultural land. There are few opportunities for development to take place on PDL. Overall, a moderate adverse effect is considered likely against this objective.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
3	This policy primarily sets out how development at Warminster is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Warminster. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase effects on the local water network. This policy introduces information to suggest moderate adverse effects are likely against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
4	This policy primarily sets out how development at Warminster is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Warminster. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase the probability of negative effects on air quality and environmental pollution. This policy introduces information to suggest minor adverse effects are likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
5	This policy primarily sets out how development at Bradford on Avon is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Bradford on Avon. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase ground water flood risk at the town. This policy introduces information to suggest moderate adverse effects are likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
6	This Development at Warminster policy broadly outlines key issues/infrastructure / items to encourage sustainable development for the town centre and town as a whole. Please refer to SA Site Assessments 2.14. 1,780 homes and 5.6 ha employment allocated. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective being positively achieved, related to the scale significant opportunity exists with this level of development across this area.	<b>Neutral</b>
7	This policy primarily sets out how development at Warminster is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Warminster. The importance of heritage assets in Warminster are recognised. Reviewing the information available there are various heritage assets in and around Warminster and effects are considered likely to be minor adverse. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
8	This policy primarily sets out how development at Warminster is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Warminster. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on greenfield land surrounding the settlement, impacting the associated landscape sensitivities, this policy introduces information to suggest minor adverse effects are likely against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
9	This policy primarily sets out how development at Warminster is envisaged to take place over the plan period and supports approximately 1,780 homes. It does not allocate any land for new housing but provision includes the existing strategic allocation west of Warminster and also includes Borehill Farm and Boreham Road	<b>Minor positive</b>

	strategic allocations. New housing may come forward later in the plan period if nutrient issues are resolved. As it is currently unsure whether new housing will be delivered a minor positive effect is likely. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	
10	This policy primarily sets out how development at Warminster is envisaged to take place over the plan period and supports approximately 1,780 homes and 5.6ha of employment at Warminster. It does not allocate any new land for housing or employment uses. The neighbourhood area designation requirement is 90 dwellings. Measures introduced will bring forward a good level of affordable housing (later in the plan period if nutrient issues are resolved) as well as supporting the town centre as a focus for services and facilities, including the potential for expansion of the GP surgery and improving leisure facilities. Reviewing the information available, this policy will result in a moderate positive benefit when assessed against this objective.	Moderate positive
11	This policy primarily sets out how development at Warminster is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Warminster. Reviewing the information available and the scale of growth proposed, it is likely to put pressure on local transport capacity and existing transport infrastructure and increase the need to travel. This policy introduces information to suggest significant effects are likely against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
12	This policy primarily sets out how development at Warminster is envisaged to take place over the plan period and supports approximately 1,780 homes and 5.6ha of employment at Warminster. It does not allocate any new land for housing or employment uses. The neighbourhood area designation requirement is 90 dwellings. Measures introduced will bring forward a good amount of employment land and support for the town centre as a principal location for services and facilities as well as supporting the four PEAs, which in turn will encourage a vibrant and diverse economy and provide long term sustainable economic growth. Reviewing the information available, this policy will result in moderate positive benefits when assessed against this objective.	Moderate positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b>		
1. Currently additional development at the town is facing a hiatus due to phosphate levels and discharges into the River Avon SAC. It is recommended that solutions to this ecological problem are outlined as a priority at Warminster within this policy to improve the conditions within the River Avon SAC.		
2. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.		

<b>Policy 59 – Land at Brook Street</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy safeguards land at Brook Street for mitigation measures to assist in alleviating the phosphate levels currently within/being discharged to the River Avon SAC which is a critical measure to achieve in ensuring major adverse effects are avoided against this objective. Reviewing the information available, it seems likely this policy will facilitate the resolution of an existing issue and subsequently scores a likely moderate positive effect.	Moderate positive
2	This policy allocates Land at Brook Street for uses to mitigate the likely adverse effects on the River Avon SAC from housing development. It is not a policy that supports development of the site and therefore neutral effects are likely against this objective.	Neutral
3	This policy allocates Land at Brook Street for uses to mitigate the likely adverse effects on the River Avon SAC from housing development. It is not a policy that supports development of the site and therefore neutral effects are likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Neutral
4	This policy allocates Land at Brook Street for uses to mitigate the likely adverse effects on the River Avon SAC from housing development. It is not a policy that supports development of the site and therefore neutral effects are likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Neutral
5	This policy safeguards land at Brook Street for mitigation measures to assist in alleviating the phosphate levels currently within/being discharged to the River Avon SAC which is a critical measure to achieve in ensuring major adverse effects are avoided against this objective. Reviewing the information available, it seems likely this policy will facilitate the resolution existing surface and groundwater flood risk in this area and subsequently scores a likely minor positive effect.	Minor positive
6	This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or barriers any to prevent the objective being achieved.	Neutral



7	This policy primarily safeguards land at Brook Street for mitigation measures to assist in alleviating the phosphate levels currently within/being discharged to the River Avon SAC. Reviewing the information available this policy does not provide or introduce information to suggest significant impacts are likely against this objective.	Neutral
8	This policy primarily safeguards land at Brook Street for mitigation measures to assist in alleviating the phosphate levels currently within/being discharged to the River Avon SAC. Reviewing the information available this policy does not provide or introduce information to suggest significant impacts are likely against this objective.	Neutral
9	This policy primarily safeguards land at Brook Street to mitigate adverse effects on the River Avon SAC from housing development. This policy does not provide housing and therefore is not considered to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	This policy primarily safeguards land at Brook Street for mitigation measures to assist in alleviating the phosphate levels currently within/being discharged to the River Avon SAC. Reviewing the information available this policy does not provide or introduce information to suggest significant impacts are likely against this objective.	Neutral
11	This policy allocates Land at Brook Street for uses to mitigate the likely adverse effects on the River Avon SAC from housing development. It is not a policy that supports development of the site and therefore, neutral effects are likely against this objective.	Neutral
12	This policy primarily safeguards land at Brook Street for mitigation measures to assist in alleviating the phosphate levels currently within/being discharged to the River Avon SAC. Reviewing the information available this policy does not provide or introduce information to suggest significant impacts are likely against this objective.	Neutral
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b> None.		

<b>Policy 60 – Westbury Market Town</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy primarily sets out how development at Westbury is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Westbury. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on greenfield land surrounding the settlement, impacting the associated ecological/geological sensitivities, this policy introduces information to suggest negative effects are likely against this objective.	Minor adverse
2	This policy supports approximately 1,400 homes and 14.7ha of employment at Westbury. It allocates land for approximately 460 dwellings. The neighbourhood area designation requirement is 90 dwellings. Most of this growth is likely to be located on greenfield land, some of which is likely to be BMV agricultural land. There are few opportunities for development to take place on PDL. Overall, a moderate adverse effect is considered likely against this objective.	Moderate adverse
3	This policy primarily sets out how development at Westbury is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Westbury. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase effects on the local water network. This policy introduces information to suggest minor adverse effects are likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
4	This policy primarily sets out how development at Westbury is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Westbury. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase the probability of negative effects on air quality and environmental pollution. This policy introduces information to suggest moderate adverse effects are likely against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
5	This policy primarily sets out how development at Bradford on Avon is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Bradford on Avon. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place would increase flood risk elsewhere. This	Minor adverse

	policy introduces information to suggest minor adverse effects are likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	
6	The policy broadly outlines key issues/infrastructure / items to encourage sustainable development for the Westbury as a whole and employment areas. Please refer to SA Site Assessments 2.15. 1,400 homes and 16.7 ha of employment allocated. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers prevent the objective being positively achieved.	Neutral
7	This policy primarily sets out how development at Westbury is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Westbury. The policy recognises the importance of heritage at the town. Reviewing the information available there are various heritage assets in and around Westbury and effects are considered likely to be minor adverse. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
8	This policy primarily sets out how development at Westbury is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Westbury. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this level of growth taking place on greenfield land surrounding the settlement, impacting the associated landscape sensitivities, this policy introduces information to suggest negative effects are likely against this objective.	Minor adverse
9	This policy primarily sets out how development at Westbury is envisaged to take place over the plan period and supports approximately 1400 homes. It allocates land for approximately 460 dwellings. This level of growth will provide significant affordable housing and support the provision of a range of house types and sizes therefore effects are considered likely to be moderate positive. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate positive
10	This policy primarily sets out how development is envisaged to take place at Westbury over the plan period. This policy supports approximately 1,400 homes and 14.7ha of employment at Westbury. It allocates land for approximately 460 dwellings. The neighbourhood area designation requirement is 90 dwellings. Owing to the amount of housing proposed, a significant amount of affordable housing will result, thus expanding provision and associated infrastructure to meet community needs. These measures will bring major positive benefits in terms of reducing deprivation and poverty and provide for a better-served community, as such, this policy achieves a moderate positive score against this objective.	Major positive
11	This policy primarily sets out how development at Westbury is envisaged to take place over the plan period. This includes outlining the amount of growth provided at Westbury. Reviewing the information available and the scale of growth proposed, it is likely to put pressure on local transport capacity and existing transport infrastructure and increase the need to travel. This policy introduces information to suggest significant effects are likely against this objective. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
12	This policy supports approximately 1,400 homes and 14.7ha of employment at Westbury. It allocates land for approximately 460 dwellings. The neighbourhood area designation requirement is 90 dwellings. The policy introduces measures such as supporting the delivery of a strategy for town centre regeneration and retaining and expanding local employment. By reviewing the information provided, it would appear that these measures will bring major positive benefits in terms of providing for long term economic growth and a vibrant and diversified economy and, as such, this policy achieves a moderate positive score against this objective.	Major positive

**Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect**

#### Recommendations

1. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.

#### Policy 61 – Land West of Mane Way, Westbury

SA Objective	Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy	Assessment score
1	This policy allocates land West of Mane Way for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy notes the need to buffer and enhance on site watercourses including Biss Brook as strategic GBI/wildlife corridors. The retention and buffering of such features is clear on the concept plan. For a detailed assessment of this	Minor adverse

	site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	
2	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 220 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA for a much higher number of dwellings (Site 10) – refer to Annex 2.15. Overall, moderate adverse effects are likely.	Moderate adverse
3	This policy allocates land West of Mane Way for development, informing the type of development, infrastructure and mitigation measures. This site has been assessed in the SA for a much higher number of dwellings (please refer to the SA site assessment for full details). The area covered by Thames Water has been classed by the Environment Agency as 'seriously water stressed'. Steps will need to be taken to ensure the efficient use of water through the development and occupation of the site. Significant water infrastructure covers the site. It is likely that moderate off-site infrastructure reinforcement would be required for water supply. With regard to foul water network capacity, it is likely that significant off-site infrastructure reinforcement would be required. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. It is recommended that policy wording be amended to reflect the results of the SA site assessment.	Moderate adverse
4	This policy allocates land West of Mane Way for development, informing the type of development, infrastructure and mitigation measures. This site has been assessed in the SA for a much higher number of dwellings (please refer to the SA site assessment for full details). Development of the site is likely to lead to increased levels of environmental pollution and air quality. Noise impacts are likely from the adjoining road and railway line and will require mitigation. The site adjoins a working farm which could give rise to impacts from noise, dust, odour and pests, again these would need to be mitigated against. Westbury has an AQMA and traffic associated with this development is likely to add to an increase of traffic entering the town network, which would add to pressures on the AQMA. Appropriate mitigation would be required. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate adverse
5	This policy allocates land West of Mane Way for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. The policy allocates half as much as the SA site assessment however the majority of the site in the policy is affected by multiple types of flood risk. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment. Recommendations have been made to the policy wording.	Moderate adverse
6	The policy allocates 220 dwellings. Please refer to the SA site assessments at annex 2.15. Overall, given the opportunity for future renewable energy generation, but considering the increase in demand this development would create and the existing pressure on the grid, a neutral effect is considered likely against this objective.	Neutral
7	This policy allocates land West of Mane Way for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. The policy includes requirement heritage and archaeological assessments to guide layout and lists key assets. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. Further mitigation requirements that would further strengthen the policy are as follows: 'Further research is needed to identify survival and extent of watermeadows across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of areas of high historic landscape value'. Consider adding further detail on archaeological assessment in line with the SA site assessment.	Moderate adverse
8	This policy allocates land West of Mane Way for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy notes the need to buffer and enhance on site watercourses including Biss Brook whilst the concept plan clearly illustrates the incorporation of this as part of the landscape strategy for the site alongside the retention and enhancement of PRoW. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	Moderate adverse

9	This policy allocates land west of Mane Way for development of approximately 220 dwellings. This is a significantly lower number of dwellings than that assessed in the SA. However, this level of growth will provide affordable housing and support the provision of a range of house types and sizes therefore likely effects are considered to be moderate positive. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate positive
10	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 220 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA for a much higher number of dwellings (Site 10) – refer to Annex 2.15. This site is likely to result in a good number of affordable homes and has relatively good levels of accessibility to the town centre. The site will support local services and facilities, including the provision of financial contributions towards education and healthcare services. It will reduce deprivation and poverty, contribute to reducing rural isolation and will promote a more inclusive community with better facilities and services. However, given the significant reduction in the number of dwellings proposed from that assessed within the SA site assessment, the score for this this site has been reduced accordingly. As such, a moderate positive effect is scored against this objective.	Moderate positive
11	This policy allocates land West of Mane Way for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. For a detailed assessment of the site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment. Recommendations provided in the SA site assessment that are not included in the policy have been set out below.	Moderate adverse
12	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 220 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA for a much higher number of dwellings (Site 10) – refer to Annex 2.15. As noted in the SA site assessment, residential development could support existing protected employment land, however, despite the site being capable of supporting a mixed-use development, no employment element is incorporated in this policy. That said, the site's new residents would support the town centre economy which will have modest effect on encouraging a vibrant and diversified economy and aiding long-term economic growth. Reviewing the information available, although it is acknowledged that this policy will bring forward some economic benefits, the lack of an employment element has reduced the score of this proposal against this objective (from that in the SA site assessment) to a minor positive benefit.	Minor positive

**Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect**

**Recommendations**

1. It is recommended in accordance with the SA site assessment, under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements', that a crossing is delivered on Mane Way to access the shared route network.
2. It is recommended in accordance with the SA site assessment, under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements', to include a contribution towards a Westbury Strategic Transport Strategy.
3. It is recommended in accordance with the SA site assessment, under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements', that the site makes a bus service contribution to deliver a new 30-minute frequency service.
4. It is recommended that wording under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy be amended to include 'Steps will need to be taken to ensure the efficient use of water through the development and occupation of the site'.
5. It is recommended that wording under the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy be amended to include 'It is likely that moderate off-site infrastructure reinforcement would be required for water supply and likely significant off-site infrastructure reinforcement required for foul water drainage'.
6. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.
7. It is recommended that in accordance with the SA site assessment, under 'mitigation measures' a Flood Risk Assessment is required to understand the overall flood risk on site.
8. It is recommended the infrastructure and mitigation section of the policy includes the following: 'Further research is needed to identify survival and extent of watermeadows across the site. Mitigation could include avoidance of areas of high historic landscape value'.
9. Consider adding further detail on archaeological assessment in line with the SA site assessment.

<b>Policy 62 – Land at Bratton Road, Westbury</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
<b>1</b>	This policy allocates land at Bratton Road for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy outlines the importance of providing GBI to the east of the site to include biodiversity enhancements. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, and the nature of ecological designations and/or buffer zones the site falls within, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
<b>2</b>	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 260 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA for a much higher number of dwellings (Site 5) – refer to Annex 2.15. Overall, moderate adverse effects are likely.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
<b>3</b>	This policy allocates land at Bratton Road for development, informing type of development, infrastructure, and mitigation measures. This site has been assessed in the SA for a much higher number of dwellings (please refer to SA site assessment). The area covered by Thames Water has been classed by the Environment Agency as 'seriously water stressed'. Steps will need to be taken to ensure the efficient use of water through the development and occupation of the site. It is likely that moderate off-site infrastructure reinforcement would be required for water supply. With regard to foul water network capacity, it is likely that significant off-site infrastructure reinforcement would be required. With regards to the impacts of surface water discharges, stringent policy criteria would be required to address potential cumulative impacts of development. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. It is recommended that policy wording be amended to reflect the results of the SA site assessment.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
<b>4</b>	This policy allocates land at Bratton Road for development, informing type of development, infrastructure, and mitigation measures. This site has been assessed in the SA for a much higher number of dwellings (please refer to SA site assessment). Development of the site is likely to lead to increased levels of environmental pollution and air quality. Noise impacts are likely from the adjoining road and railway line and will require mitigation. The north boundary of the site abuts a railway line and to the east lies a golf driving range which may be a source of noise arising from early morning machinery. A noise impact assessment would be required to determine the potential impacts and mitigation. Westbury has an AQMA, and traffic associated with this development is likely to add to an increase of traffic entering the town network, which would add to pressures on the AQMA. Appropriate mitigation would be required. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>
<b>5</b>	This policy allocates land at Bratton Road for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. There is still a groundwater flood risk in the south of the site. The number of dwellings being allocated in this policy is fewer than in the SA site assessment. Development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment. Recommendations have been made for amendments to the policy wording.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>6</b>	The policy allocates 260 dwellings. Please refer to the SA site assessments at annex 2.15. Overall, given the opportunity for future renewable energy generation, but considering the increase in demand this development would create and the existing pressure on the grid, a neutral effect is considered likely against this objective. Development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment.	<b>Neutral</b>
<b>7</b>	This policy allocates land at Bratton Road for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. The policy includes requirement heritage and archaeological assessments to guide layout and lists key assets. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment, moderate adverse effect. Further mitigation requirements that would further strengthen the policy are as follows: 'Layout could include historic landscape elements, such as field patterns, hedgerows and mature trees'. Consider adding further detail on archaeological assessment in line with the SA site assessment.	<b>Moderate adverse</b>

8	This policy allocates land at Bratton Road for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements, some of which appear to have been informed by the SA site assessment. For instance, it is noted the policy outlines the need to provide landscaping to retain the open character of the east of the site, including the provision of GBI to the east of the site. For a detailed assessment of this site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment. It is recommended the policy reflects the landscape sensitivity to the south of the site owing to the intervisibility with the ridgeline with development minimising negative effects upon the landscape character.	Moderate adverse
9	This policy allocates land at Bratton Road for development of approximately 260 dwellings. This is a significantly lower number of dwellings than that assessed in the SA. However, this level of growth will provide affordable housing and support the provision of a range of house types and sizes therefore likely effects are considered to be moderate positive. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Moderate positive
10	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 260 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA for a much higher number of dwellings (Site 5) – refer to Annex 2.15. This site is likely to result in a moderate number of affordable homes and has good levels of accessibility to the town centre. The site will support local services and facilities, including the provision of financial contributions towards education and healthcare services. It will result in a reduction of social deprivation and poverty and bring forward some new facilities and services, as well as providing some support to existing facilities. As such, a moderate positive effect is scored against this objective.	Moderate positive
11	This policy allocates land at Bratton Road for development, setting out the form of this development alongside infrastructure and mitigation requirements. For a detailed assessment of the site against this objective, alongside suggested mitigation, please refer to the SA site assessment. Reviewing the information available, development of this site represents the same effect and mitigation achievability as reported in the SA site assessment. Recommendations provided in the SA site assessment that are not included in the policy have been set out below.	Moderate adverse
12	This policy allocates a greenfield site for approximately 260 dwellings. This site has been assessed in the SA for a much higher number of dwellings (Site 5) – refer to Annex 2.15. As noted in the SA site assessment, the site is capable of supporting a mixed-use development, however, no employment element is incorporated in this policy. That said, the site's new residents would support the town centre economy which will have modest effect on encouraging a vibrant and diversified economy and aiding long-term economic growth. Reviewing the information available, although it is acknowledged that this policy will bring forward some economic benefits, the lack of an employment element has reduced the score of this proposal against this objective (from that in the SA site assessment) to a minor positive benefit.	Minor positive

**Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect**

#### **Recommendations**

1. It is recommended the policy reflects the landscape sensitivity to the south of the site owing to the intervisibility with the ridgeline with development minimising negative effects upon the landscape character.
2. In accordance with the SA site assessment, it is recommended that given the site's size and location, mixed-use development is proposed for this allocation. This will help increase opportunities for linked trips through the provision of on-site local services and facilities, subsequently reducing the need for local residents to travel further afield.
3. It is recommended in accordance with the SA site assessment, under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements', to include a contribution towards a Westbury Strategic Transport Strategy including an extension across the railway line at Mane Way.
4. It is recommended that wording under 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy be amended to include 'Steps will need to be taken to ensure the efficient use of water through the development and occupation of the site'.
5. It is recommended that wording under the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy be amended to include 'It is likely that moderate off-site infrastructure reinforcement would be required for water supply and likely significant off-site infrastructure reinforcement required for foul water drainage'.
6. It is recommended that wording under the 'infrastructure and mitigation requirements' section of the policy be amended to include stringent policy criteria would be required to address potential cumulative impacts of development on surface water discharges.
7. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.
8. It is recommended the infrastructure and mitigation section of the policy includes the following: 'Layout could include historic landscape elements, such as field patterns, hedgerows and mature trees'.

9. Consider adding further detail on archaeological assessment in line with the SA site assessment.

<b>Policy 63 – Westbury Country Park</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy provides additional SANG to avoid harm to the Bechstein's bat maternity colonies in Picket and Clanger Woods which are functionally linked to the Bath and Bradford-on-Avon Bats SAC. It is considered an enhancement of existing conditions against this objective may result from this policy.	Minor positive
2	This policy supports provision of a country park for informal recreation. It is not supporting development of land and therefore effects will be neutral against this objective.	Neutral
3	This policy supports provision of a Country Park of approximately 27ha in size to function as a Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) for informal recreation. It is not supporting development of land and therefore effects will be neutral against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Neutral
4	This policy supports provision of a Country Park of approximately 27ha in size to function as a Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) for informal recreation. It is not supporting development of land and therefore effects will be neutral against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Neutral
5	This policy supports provision of a country park for informal recreation. This policy will help to sequest carbon emissions and help to alleviate flood risks in the area. A minor positive effect is considered likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor positive
6	A policy to allocate a country park. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective positively being achieved.	Neutral
7	This policy supports provision of a Country Park of approximately 27ha in size to function as a Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) for informal recreation. The park will not include built development although will include a car park and access routes. Due to the proposal not including built form the likely effects are considered to be neutral. It is recommended that the location of the car park takes into account the setting of Bratton Park and Heywood House and that the layout of the access routes could take account of historic landscape features such as field patterns, hedgerows and mature trees.	Neutral
8	This policy sets out the intention to deliver a country park to act as SANG to avoid harm to the Bechstein's bat maternity colonies in Picket and Clanger Woods which are functionally linked to the Bath and Bradford-on-Avon Bats SAC. The overall management approach would be to provide a natural landscape with a mix of open and semi-woodland to balance the varying desires of those using the site and enhanced where appropriate to provide good habitat for bats including woodland, grassland and ponds. Given this policy intends to manage the landscape in a positive manner, whilst also helping to enhance public access to the countryside, moderate positive effects are considered likely.	Moderate positive
9	This policy supports the provision of a county park. This policy does not provide housing and therefore is not considered to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	This policy supports the provision of a country park for informal recreation. The country park will create a large area of public open space which, it is noted in the supporting text, will be accessible both by car (a free on-site car park will be provided) and by foot. No detail is included of access to the park via other sustainable modes, such as cycling or public transport. An assessment of the accessibility of this asset to all is therefore not possible and thus on the basis of the information available, the Park's ability to promote more inclusive communities, as well as its impact on reducing social deprivation, is limited. This policy is assessed as having a minor positive benefit against this objective. It is recommended that the policy includes details (within the body of the policy and the supporting text) of how it will ensure this facility is one which may be enjoyed sustainably by all.	Minor positive
11	This policy supports provision of a country park for informal recreation. This policy will likely increase recreational pressure on the local transport infrastructure and capacity due to an increase in footfall. Additionally, the free visitor car park proposed at the site will further encourage trips by private vehicle. Therefore, it is recommended that there is provision for access to the Country Park by public transport that links to the major development to the north of Westbury and the town centre. Overall, it is considered that this policy will have a minor adverse effect against this objective.	Minor adverse

<b>12</b>	This policy supports provision of a country park for informal recreation. On the basis of the information available, this policy is unlikely to have any effect on long-term sustainable economic growth of the area. A neutral score is therefore assessed against this objective.	<b>Neutral</b>
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b>		
<p>1. It is recommended that there is provision for access to the Country Park by public transport that links to the major development to the north of Westbury and the town centre.</p> <p>2. It is recommended that the location of the car park takes into account the setting of Bratton Park and Heywood House and that the layout of the access routes could take account of historic landscape features such as field patterns, hedgerows and mature trees.</p>		

<b>Policy 64 – Additional Employment Land</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
<b>1</b>	This policy, in supporting proposals for additional employment land not only within but adjacent to Principal Settlements, Market Towns, Local Service Centres and Large and Small Villages, supports development on greenfield land in such locations. Given the ecological designations and sensitivities around Wiltshire's settlements, this policy introduces information to suggest negative impacts are likely against this objective. Recommendations are not made acknowledging the way in which such development comes forward will be in accordance with other policies contained within the local plan that aim to conserve and enhance ecological/geological interests and hence, do not need replicating within this policy.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>2</b>	This policy supports employment development on unallocated sites within or adjacent to Principal Settlements, Market Towns, Local Service Centres and Large and Small Villages. It is likely that most of these would be greenfield sites in agricultural use given the shortage of PDL across Wiltshire. Overall, a minor adverse effect is considered likely against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>3</b>	This policy supports employment development on unallocated sites within or adjacent to Principal Settlements, Market Towns, Local Service Centres and Large and Small Villages. It is likely that most of these would result in increased effects on the local water network. This policy introduces information to suggest minor adverse effects are likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>4</b>	This policy supports employment development on unallocated sites within or adjacent to Principal Settlements, Market Towns, Local Service Centres and Large and Small Villages. It is likely that most of these would increase the probability of negative effects on air quality and environmental pollution. This policy introduces information to suggest minor adverse effects are likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>5</b>	This policy, in supporting proposals for additional employment land not only within but adjacent to Principal Settlements, Market Towns, Local Service Centres and Large and Small Villages, supports development on greenfield land in such locations. Given that there are areas at risk of flooding across the County, the likelihood that development will be brought forward in areas that are prone to various forms of flooding is high, therefore a minor adverse effect is expected against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>6</b>	The additional Employment Land Policy – outlines the approach for employment land on unallocated sites related to the settlement strategy, grounds that they will be supported and how they need to be mitigated. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or barriers any to prevent the objective positively being achieved. Opportunities for increase proportion of energy by renewable or and low carbon sources of energy, for larger sites.	<b>Neutral</b>
<b>7</b>	The policy deals with development of additional employment land, and there may be instances whereby heritage assets and their settings could be affected by development of employment land. Overall, a minor adverse effect is considered likely against this objective. A recommendation is made to strengthen the consideration of heritage assets.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>8</b>	This policy, in supporting proposals for additional employment land not only within but adjacent to Principal Settlements, Market Towns, Local Service Centres and Large and Small Villages, supports development on greenfield land in such locations. Given the landscape designations and sensitivities around Wiltshire's settlements, and the potential for greenfield development to negatively impact landscape character, this policy introduces information to suggest negative impacts are likely against this objective, potentially significant in some instances given the potential nature and scale of such proposals. It is noted the policy reflects the	<b>Moderate adverse</b>



	need for development to avoid unacceptable harm to landscape character. Recommendations are not made acknowledging the way in which such development comes forward will be in accordance with other policies contained within the local plan that aim to conserve and enhance Wiltshire's landscape character and hence, do not need replicating within this policy. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation.	
9	This policy supports employment development. It will not provide any housing and therefore is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	This policy supports employment development on unallocated sites within or adjacent to Principal Settlements, Market Towns, Local Service Centres and Large and Small Villages. Proposals will only be supported that don't lead to unacceptable harm to residential amenity. It is likely that measures introduced by this policy will aid in job creation thus reducing poverty and deprivation and will introduce better services and facilities. The policy introduces information to suggest a moderate positive effect against this objective.	Moderate positive
11	This policy supports employment development on unallocated sites within or adjacent to Principal Settlements, Market Towns, Local Service Centres and Large and Small Villages. The policy adds that proposals will only be supported where they lead to no unacceptable impacts in the local transport network and are supported by adequate infrastructure. Overall, a minor adverse effect is considered likely against this objective.	Minor adverse
12	This policy supports employment development on unallocated sites within or adjacent to Principal Settlements, Market Towns, Local Service Centres and Large and Small Villages. The policy sets the framework for consideration of employment development that is appropriate to the role and setting of the settlement and sets out measures of how employment development will be considered elsewhere. The measures introduced by this policy will provide long-term sustainable economic growth. The policy introduces information that suggests a major positive effect against this objective.	Major positive

**Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect**

#### Recommendations

1. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.
2. It is recommended that criteria b. include reference to the historic environment, as well as landscape character.

<b>Policy 65 – Existing Employment Land</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy supports the principle of renewing and intensifying employment uses on existing employment land and subsequently primarily deals with the redevelopment of previously developed land that is often of lower ecological/geological value, reducing the likelihood of negative impacts against this objective. The policy criteria surrounding the loss of employment land is not judged as having likely impacts against this objective.	Neutral
2	This policy supports proposals for the renewal and intensification of existing employment uses, particularly on Principal Employment Areas. This policy will have benefits for this objective as it will make effective and efficient use of brownfield sites and prevent development of other greenfield sites. Overall, a minor positive effect is considered likely against this objective.	Minor positive
3	This policy supports proposals for the renewal and intensification of existing employment uses, particularly on Principal Employment Areas. This policy primarily deals with the redevelopment of previously developed land therefore there would be little effects on the local water network. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Neutral
4	This policy supports proposals for the renewal and intensification of existing employment uses, particularly on Principal Employment Areas. This policy primarily deals with the redevelopment of previously developed land therefore there would be little effects on air quality and environmental pollution. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Neutral
5	This policy supports proposals for the new and intensification of existing employment uses, particularly on Principle Employment areas. This policy primarily deals with the redevelopment of previously developed land therefore there would be little effects on flood risk and climate adaption measures. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Neutral

6	This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or barriers any to prevent the objective positively being achieved. opportunities for increase proportion of energy by renewable or and low carbon sources of energy as a result.	Neutral
7	The policy primarily deals with the redevelopment of Principal Employment Areas and other employment land, which are generally outside of land of heritage value. However, there may be instances whereby heritage assets and their settings could be affected by development of employment land. Overall, a minor adverse effect is considered likely against this objective.	Minor adverse
8	This policy supports the principle of renewing and intensifying employment uses on existing employment land and subsequently primarily deals with the redevelopment of previously developed employment land that is often of lower landscape sensitivity, reducing the likelihood of negative impacts against this objective. The intensification of uses on these sites will need to be conducted in a manner sensitive to the sites wider landscape character, reflecting the minor negative effect score against this policy. The policy criteria surrounding the loss of employment land is not judged as having likely impacts against this objective.	Minor adverse
9	This policy supports employment development. This policy is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	This policy supports proposals for the renewal and intensification of existing employment uses, particularly in Principal Employment Areas. It is likely that measures introduced by this policy will aide in job creation thus reducing poverty and deprivation, which in turn will introduce better local services and facilities. The policy introduces information to suggest a moderate positive effect against this objective.	Moderate positive
11	This policy supports the principle of renewing and intensifying employment uses on existing employment land, particularly on Principal Employment Areas. The policy primarily deals with the redevelopment of previously developed land but there is no mention in the policy for implications or criteria regarding reducing the need to travel and sustainable or active transport choices. It is considered that the policy will likely have a neutral effect against this objective.	Neutral
12	This policy supports proposals for the renewal and intensification of existing employment uses, particularly in Principal Employment Areas. The policy places an emphasis on the higher skilled and low carbon sectors as being of absolute important to the Wiltshire economy, as well as supporting Wiltshire's extensive rural economy, retaining the availability of and enhancing existing employment sites. The measures introduced by this policy will provide for the long-term sustainable economic growth of Wiltshire and will also help promote a more diversified and vibrant economy. The policy introduces information that suggests a major positive effect against this objective.	Major positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b>		
1. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.		

<b>Policy 66 – Military Establishments</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy, in supporting proposals for additional development associated with military operations, could lead to development in locations that are on relatively isolated greenfield sites. Given the ecological/geological designations and sensitivities in and around the county this policy introduces information to suggest negative impacts are likely against this objective, potentially significant given the potential impacts upon protected species/habitats/sites. Recommendations are not made acknowledging the way in which such development comes forward will be in accordance with other polices contained within the local plan that aim to conserve and enhance ecological/geological interests and hence, do not need replicating within this policy. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation.	Moderate adverse
2	This policy supports new development within or adjoining operational military establishments and the redevelopment of redundant facilities. This policy will largely be positive against this objective as development will take place on brownfield sites and re-use some existing buildings. Overall, a minor positive effect is considered likely against this objective.	Minor positive
3	This policy supports new development within or adjoining operational military establishments and the redevelopment of redundant facilities. The policy could give rise to major development in isolated and unsustainable locations. Therefore, overall, the policy is likely to have a minor adverse effect on this objective. Overall, a minor adverse effect is considered likely against this objective.	Minor adverse

4	This policy supports new development within or adjoining operational military establishments and the redevelopment of redundant facilities. The policy could give rise to major development in isolated and unsustainable locations. Therefore, overall, the policy is likely to have a minor adverse effect on this objective. Overall, a minor adverse effect is considered likely against this objective.	Minor adverse
5	This policy supports new development within or adjoining operational military establishments and the redevelopment of redundant facilities. The policy could give rise to major development in areas that are at risk of flooding and could exacerbate flood risk elsewhere. Therefore, overall, the policy is likely to have a minor adverse effect on this objective. Overall, a minor adverse effect is considered likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
6	The policy outlines the approach for new operational security and defence and redundant military proposals. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective positively being achieved.	Neutral
7	The policy concerns development at military land, and with its final section covers that all such development should be informed by the cultural and historical significance of the military facilities located at the site. The policy would benefit from clarification that such development must be appropriate to any wider heritage assets and their settings.	Minor adverse
8	This policy, in supporting proposals for additional development associated with military operations, could lead to development in locations that are on relatively isolated greenfield sites. Given the landscape designations and sensitivities around Wiltshire, and the potential for greenfield development to negatively impact landscape character, this policy introduces information to suggest negative impacts are likely against this objective, potentially significant in some instances given the potential nature and scale of such proposals. It is noted the policy reflects the need for such development to be of a scale and design that enhances the character of the site and compatible with its wide landscape setting. Recommendations are not made acknowledging the way in which such development comes forward will be in accordance with other policies contained within the local plan that aim to conserve and enhance Wiltshire's landscape character and hence, do not need replicating within this policy. A reduction in the significance of effect will be dependent on the form that development takes and associated mitigation.	Moderate adverse
9	Although this policy supports employment development on redundant military establishments, it does allow other uses where there is clear evidence that employment uses are not practical propositions. Overall, a minor positive effect is likely.	Minor positive
10	This policy supports new development within or adjoining operational military establishments and the redevelopment of redundant facilities. The policy, through redevelopment of redundant military establishments, could give rise to some additional facilities and services. The policy notes that where sites are isolated these must be served by adequate access and infrastructure. Reviewing the information available, this policy is assessed as having a minor positive effect against this objective.	Minor positive
11	This policy supports new development within or adjoining operational military establishments and the redevelopment of redundant facilities. The policy could give rise to major development in isolated and unsustainable locations. Overall, the policy is likely to have a moderate adverse effect on the objective. It is recommended the policy includes criteria for ensuring there is adequate provision of sustainable transport choices, for the change of use, conversion, or redevelopment of redundant military establishments outside settlement boundaries to employment uses.	Moderate adverse
12	This policy supports new development within or adjoining operational military establishments and the redevelopment of redundant facilities. Measures introduced will support the change of use, conversion or redevelopment of redundant military establishments outside settlement boundaries to employment uses, subject to criteria will aide in supporting a diverse and vibrant economy and promote long-term economic growth. As such, this policy is assessed as having a moderate positive effect against this objective.	Moderate positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It is recommended the policy includes criteria for ensuring there is adequate provision of sustainable transport choices, for the change of use, conversion, or redevelopment of redundant military establishments outside settlement boundaries to employment uses.</li> <li>2. It is recommended that the policy includes support for energy generated by renewable energy and low carbon sources.</li> <li>3. It is recommended that the policy make clear that any such proposals must be appropriate to heritage assets and their settings that could be affected by the development.</li> </ol>		

<b>Policy 67 – Sequential Test and Retail Impact Assessment</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy, in outlining the sequential test and criteria proposals for main town centre uses that fall outside of the defined town centre must meet, is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the protection and enhancement of biodiversity and geological features within Wiltshire and wider criteria of this objective.	Neutral
2	This policy supports the retention of main town centre uses within town centre or edge of centre locations. This is likely to be beneficial for this objective as it will encourage redevelopment and/or intensification of town centre brownfield sites and existing buildings and discourage development of greenfield sites outside the town centre. Overall, a minor positive effect is considered likely against this objective.	Minor positive
3	This policy supports the retention of main town centre uses within town centre or edge of centre locations. This is likely to encourage redevelopment and/or intensification of town centre brownfield sites and existing buildings and discourage development of greenfield sites outside the town centre. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Neutral
4	The policy serves to prioritise the development of land for new retail development within town centres, rather than out of town locations, to support town centre viability. A consequence of this is to concentrate such uses within a smaller confined area whereby the need to travel and the impacts of environmental pollution are reduced, with better opportunities for use of public transport networks. The policy is judged to have a minor positive impact assessed against this objective.	Minor positive
5	This policy, in outlining the sequential test and criteria for main town centre uses that fall outside of the defined town centre must meet, this policy is likely to lead to development in areas that are less prone to flooding that deliver climate mitigation measures. The policy is judged to have a minor positive impact assessed against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor positive
6	Outlines the approach for retail assessment. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective being achieved. Opportunities for increase proportion of renewable energy and low carbon sources of energy, relative to scale.	Neutral
7	This policy sets out the sequential test and retail impact assessment approach to be taken in the town centres. It is not considered this policy is likely to cause effects with regards to the historic environment.	Neutral
8	This policy, in outlining the sequential test and criteria proposals for main town centre uses that fall outside of the defined town centre must meet, is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the conservation and enhancement of Wiltshire's landscapes and landscape character and wider criteria of this objective.	Neutral
9	This policy is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	This policy supports the retention of main town centre uses within town centre or edge of centre locations, to support town centre vitality and viability. A sequential approach to town centre uses will support provision of such uses in locations which are more sustainably accessible to a larger proportion of the community. Accordingly, by reviewing the information available, this policy is likely to have a moderate positive effect against this objective.	Moderate positive
11	This policy supports the retention of main town centre uses within town centre or edge of centre locations. This is likely to be beneficial for this objective as it will encourage redevelopment and/or intensification of sustainably located town centre sites and will discourage development of less sustainable sites outside the town centre. Overall, a minor positive effect is considered likely against this objective.	Minor positive
12	This policy supports the retention of main town centre uses within town centre or edge of centre locations. By adopting a sequential approach to the location of town centre uses, this policy will support the vibrancy and vitality of the town centre, providing for a variety of different employment needs in areas which are the most accessible by sustainable transport, which in turn will provide for long-term economic growth. Accordingly, by reviewing the information available, this policy is likely to a major positive effect when considered against this objective.	Major positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b>		
None.		

<b>Policy 68 – Managing Town Centres</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures aimed at shaping development in town centres. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood that the development this policy shapes will fall on previously developed land in town centres, it is not considered this policy is likely to cause effects with regards the protection and enhancement of biodiversity and geological features within Wiltshire and wider criteria of this objective.	Neutral
2	This policy seeks to enhance the vitality and viability of the town centres in Wiltshire through promoting the regeneration of central areas and delivery of new growth at settlements to support the vitality of centres. This is likely to be beneficial for this objective as most redevelopment will take place on central brownfield sites and re-use existing buildings, making efficient and effective use of land. Overall, a minor positive effect is considered likely against this objective.	Minor positive
3	This policy seeks to enhance the vitality and viability of the town centres in Wiltshire through promoting the regeneration of central areas and delivery of new growth at settlements to support the vitality of centres. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood that the development this policy shapes will fall on previously developed land in town centres. It is likely that this policy would have a neutral effect on the use and management of water resources and wider criteria of this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Neutral
4	A consequence of this policy is to concentrate town centre uses to defined areas whereby the need to travel and the impacts of environmental pollution are reduced, with better opportunities for use of public transport networks. The policy is judged to have a minor positive impact assessed against this objective.	Minor positive
5	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures aimed at shaping development in town centres. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood that the development this policy shapes will fall on previously developed land in town centres, it is not considered this policy is likely to cause effects with regards to flood risk within Wiltshire and wider criteria of this objective.	Neutral
6	The policy outlines the hierarchy approach to town centres, town centre boundaries, primary shopping centres. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or barriers any to prevent the objective positively being achieved.	Neutral
7	This policy sets out a series of measures aimed at shaping development in town centres, with some reference made to the need to consider the historic environment within the town centre areas. It is not considered this policy is likely to cause effects with regards to the historic environment.	Neutral
8	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures aimed at shaping development in town centres. It is noted the policy outlines the importance of the protection of the character and appearance of town centres, specifically those subject to Conversation Area designations Reviewing the information available and the likelihood that the development this policy shapes will fall on previously developed land in town centres, it is not considered this policy is likely to cause effects with regards the conservation and enhancement of Wiltshire's landscapes and landscape character and wider criteria of this objective.	Neutral
9	This policy is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	This policy seeks to enhance the vitality and viability of the town centres in Wiltshire through promoting the regeneration of central areas and delivery of new growth at settlements to support the vitality and viability of town centres. This policy will promote locations which are more sustainably accessible to a larger proportion of the community. Accordingly, by reviewing the information available, this policy is likely to have a minor positive effect against this objective.	Minor positive
11	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures aimed at shaping development in town centres. A consequence of this policy is to concentrate town centre uses to defined areas whereby the need to travel is reduced and instead promotes better opportunities for use of public transport networks. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood that the development this policy shapes will fall on previously developed land in town centres, it is considered likely to have a minor positive effect against this objective.	Minor positive
12	This policy seeks to enhance the vitality and viability of the town centres in Wiltshire through promoting the regeneration of central areas and delivery of new growth at settlements to support the vitality of centres. This policy will support the vibrancy and vitality of the town centre, providing for a variety of different employment needs in areas which are the most accessible by sustainable transport, which in turn will provide for long-term economic growth. Accordingly, by reviewing the information available, this policy is likely to a major positive effect when considered against this objective.	Major positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect</b>		

<b>Recommendations</b> None.
---------------------------------

<b>Policy 69 – Tourism and Related Development</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy outlines support for tourism and related development provided such development is in accordance with the wider sustainability aims of the development plan. Recommendations are subsequently not made acknowledging the way in which such development comes forward will be in accordance with other policies contained within local and national policy that aim to conserve and enhance ecological/geological interests and hence, do not need replicating within this policy. This policy does introduce the possibility of greenfield development, potentially in isolated rural locations, and the minor adverse effect score reflects this.	Minor adverse
2	This policy supports tourism and related development in Wiltshire. Effects of this policy against this objective are not likely to be significant but the policy may result in some small-scale development of greenfield sites. It may also lead to the redevelopment of brownfield sites and existing buildings. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely against this objective.	Neutral
3	This policy sets out broad supports for tourism and related development, introducing the potential for greenfield development and development in the rural areas. There is potential for development to have an effect on the use and management of water resources. Overall, a minor adverse effect is considered likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
4	This policy sets out broad supports for tourism and related development, introducing the potential for greenfield development and development in the rural areas. There is potential for such development to increase air pollution and environmental pollution, and therefore recommendations are made to provide caveats within the policy to protect against such effects.	Minor adverse
5	This policy sets out broad supports for tourism and related development, introducing the potential for greenfield development and development in the rural areas. There is potential for such development to be located on land that is prone to flooding, and therefore recommendations are made to provide caveats within the policy to protect against such effects.	Minor adverse
6	The policy outlines geographic areas where tourism and related development will be encouraged and key requirements. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or barriers any to prevent the objective positively being achieved.	Neutral
7	This policy sets out broad supports for tourism and related development, introducing the potential for greenfield development and development in the rural areas. There is potential for such development to impact on the historic environment which is addressed in part by the third bullet point of the policy. A further recommendation is made to expand the reference to heritage assets to reflect all heritage assets, not just those that are related to the proposed development.	Minor adverse
8	This policy outlines support for tourism and related development provided such development is in accordance with the wider sustainability aims of the development plan. Recommendations are subsequently not made acknowledging the way in which such development comes forward will be in accordance with other policies contained within local and national policy that aim to conserve and enhance Wiltshire's landscapes and hence, do not need replicating within this policy. This policy does introduce the possibility of greenfield development, potentially in isolated rural locations, and the minor adverse effect score reflects this.	Minor adverse
9	This policy is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	This policy outlines support for the tourism industry and related development provided such development is in accordance with the wider sustainability, economic, social and environmental benefits of the development plan. This policy will have minimal effect against this objective although, there is potential for development to bring about some associated facilities and services which may promote more inclusive local communities. Accordingly, this policy is assessed as having a minor positive score against this objective.	Minor positive
11	This policy outlines support for tourism and related development, provided that such development is in accordance with the wider sustainability aims of the development plan. Effects of this policy against this objective may result in an increase in footfall to unsustainable locations. Overall, a minor adverse effect is considered likely against this objective.	Minor adverse
12	This policy outlines support for the tourism industry and related development provided such development is in accordance with the wider sustainability, economic, social and environmental benefits of the development plan. The policy acknowledges that Wiltshire has a large and lucrative tourism industry owing to its wealth of	Major positive

natural and heritage assets, which in turn provides for a range of diverse employment opportunities. By recognising and supporting the role of the tourism industry, the policy promotes a vibrant and diversified economy and provides for long term sustainable economic growth. As such, this policy is assessed as having a major positive effect when considered against this objective.	
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect</b>	
<b>Recommendations</b> 1. It is recommended that the policy includes provision for sustainable transport choices under 'development proposals based around tourism should...'. 2. It is recommended that the policy text be amended to ensure that development, particularly in rural or isolated locations, lead to no adverse impacts in respect of environmental pollution (light, noise, odour). 3. It is recommended that the policy text be amended to ensure that development, particularly in areas of flood risk, requires a Flood Risk Assessment to ensure there are no flood risks on site and development will not exacerbate flood risk elsewhere. 4. It is recommended that the final bullet of the policy be amended to make clear that not only heritage assets that are related to the proposed development be preserved and enhanced.	

<b>Policy 70 – Sustainable Transport</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy, in aiming to facilitate people travelling shorter distances and drive less, should result in reduced carbon emissions and help to tackle climate change. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood that these measures will help to tackle climate change, which has a significant bearing on the biological features of Wiltshire, results in likely positive effects against this objective.	Minor positive
2	This policy aims to help people travel shorter distances and drive less. It may result in a reduced need to build new roads on agricultural land and encourage redevelopment of town centre brownfield sites which will be positive for this objective. Overall, a minor positive effect is considered likely against this objective.	Minor positive
3	This policy aims to help people travel shorter distances, drive less, and encourages the use of sustainable transport modes. It should result in reduced carbon emissions and help tackle climate change. There is potential for development to have a positive effect on the use and management of water resources. Overall, a minor positive effect is considered likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor positive
4	The policy sets out a range of policy measures by which modes of use of sustainable transport will be supported, in order to support people away from reliance on petrol/diesel vehicles. The policy has direct benefits in respect of the ability to achieve the objective of reducing air pollution, and to some degree other sources of environmental pollution (light, noise and odour).	Moderate positive
5	This policy, in aiming to facilitate people travelling shorter distances and drive less, should result in reduced carbon emissions and help to tackle climate change. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood that these measures will help to tackle climate change, results in likely positive effects against this objective.	Minor positive
6	The policy outlines how the council will use its planning and transport powers to reduce the need to travel, shorter distance and travel by sustainable / active travel modes. By planning development in accessible locations. Including electric charging infrastructure. A significant opportunity and return for increase proportion of energy by renewable or and low carbon sources of energy (EV) but will be relative to scale.	Moderate positive
7	This policy is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the historic environment and the wider criteria of this objective.	Neutral
8	This policy does not provide or introduce information to suggest significant impacts are likely against this objective. In aiming to facilitate people travelling shorter distances and drive less, this policy should result in reduced carbon emissions and help to tackle climate change whilst also contributing to a reduced need to construct transport infrastructure in the wider countryside, all of which should have a positive impact against this objective. Overall, this results in a likely minor positive effect against this objective.	Minor positive
9	This policy is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral

10	This policy aims to help people travel shorter distances, drive less and encourages the use of sustainable transport modes. Planning significant developments in locations that are accessible by sustainable transport modes, will ensure benefits may be enjoyed by a greater section of the population and will promote more inclusive communities. Furthermore, by focusing growth in the identified principal settlements and market towns a greater range of services and facilities will result in the most sustainably accessible locations. Overall, a moderate positive effect is considered against this objective.	Moderate positive
11	This policy aims to help people travel shorter distances and drive less. It may result in a reduced reliance on private vehicles and the need to build new roads, subsequently making an efficient use of existing transport infrastructure. The policy also clearly promotes investment in sustainable and active transport options, all of which should have a significant positive impact against this objective. Overall, a major positive effect is considered likely against this objective.	Major positive
12	This policy aims to help people travel shorter distances, drive less and encourages the use of sustainable transport modes, against a recognition of the need to keep the economy moving. Measures include promoting walking, cycling and public transport for journeys in urban areas which will have a moderate positive benefit in providing for a vibrant and diversified economy all of which could have a moderate positive benefit against this objective.	Moderate positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b> None.		

<b>Policy 71 – Transport and New Development</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy, in aiming to ensure development prioritises sustainable transport modes, should result in reduced carbon emissions and help to tackle climate change. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood that these measures will help to tackle climate change, which has a significant bearing on the biological features of Wiltshire, results in likely positive effects against this objective.	Minor positive
2	This policy requires new development to be located and designed to promote and encourage the use of sustainable transport modes. The transport hierarchy prioritises sustainable forms of transport. This may result in a reduced need to build new roads on agricultural land which will be positive for this objective. Overall, a minor positive effect is considered likely against this objective.	Minor positive
3	This policy requires new development to be located and designed to promote and encourage the use of sustainable transport modes. The transport hierarchy prioritises sustainable forms of transport. This policy is likely to have effects on the use and management of water resources. Overall, a minor positive effect is considered likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor positive
4	This policy aims to ensure development prioritises sustainable transport modes, which is likely to result in indirect benefits in terms of minimising air pollution and other sources of environmental pollutions associated with the transport network.	Minor positive
5	This policy, in aiming to ensure development prioritises sustainable transport modes, should result in reduced carbon emissions and help to tackle climate change. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood that these measures will help to tackle climate change, results in likely positive effects against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor positive
6	The policy outlines modal priorities determining development. This includes electric charging infrastructure. A significant opportunity and return for increase proportion of energy by renewable or and low carbon sources of energy (EV) but will be relative to scale.	Moderate positive
7	This policy is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the historic environment and the wider criteria of this objective.	Neutral
8	This policy does not provide or introduce information to suggest significant impacts are likely against this objective. In aiming to ensure development prioritises sustainable transport modes, this policy should result in reduced carbon emissions and help to tackle climate change whilst also contributing to a reduced need to construct transport infrastructure in the wider countryside, all of which should have a positive impact against this objective. Overall, this results in a likely minor positive effect against this objective.	Minor positive
9	This policy is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral



10	This policy requires new development to be located and designed to promote and encourage the use of sustainable transport modes. The transport hierarchy prioritises sustainable forms of transport and will ensure accessibility is provided for all when considering the location and design of new development, thus promoting more inclusive local communities. Overall, a minor positive effect is considered likely against this objective.	Minor positive
11	This policy requires new development to be located and designed to promote and encourage the use of sustainable transport modes. The transport hierarchy prioritises sustainable and active modes of transport. It may result in a reduced reliance on private vehicles and the need to build new roads and make efficient use of existing transport infrastructure. The policy should have a significant positive impact against this objective, resulting in a likely moderate positive effect against this objective.	Moderate positive
12	This policy requires new development to be located and designed to promote and encourage the use of sustainable transport modes. The transport hierarchy prioritises sustainable forms of transport. The policy introduces measures relating to infrastructure (such as suitable and safe access to the highway network and 'fit for purpose and safe loading/unloading facilities) which will help promote economic growth. As such, this policy is assessed as having a minor positive benefit against this objective	Minor positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b> None.		

<b>Policy 72 – Development Impacts on the Primary and Major Road Networks</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the protection and enhancement of biodiversity and geological features within Wiltshire and the wider criteria of this objective.	Neutral
2	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
3	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Neutral
4	This policy is likely to result in indirect benefits from an air pollution and environmental pollution perspective, with new development likely to be located away from major sources of air, noise and light pollution as a result.	Minor positive
5	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
6	This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or barriers any to prevent the objective positively being achieved.	Neutral
7	This policy is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the historic environment and the wider criteria of this objective.	Neutral
8	This policy is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the conservation and enhancement of Wiltshire's landscapes and landscape character and the wider criteria of this objective.	Neutral
9	This policy is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	This policy is not considered likely to cause effects with regards reducing poverty and deprivation or in promoting more inclusive communities with better facilities and services. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
11	This policy aims to restrict new development from being accessed directly from the national primary route network or major road network outside built-up areas. This should help prevent issues impacting negatively on local transport capacity through the effective management of traffic. Overall, a minor positive effect is considered likely against this objective.	Minor positive

12	This policy is not considered likely to cause effects with regard to encouraging a vibrant and diversified economy or to provide for long-term sustainable growth. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely against this objective.	Neutral
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b> None.		

<b>Policy 73 – Transport: Demand Management</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy, in aiming to encourage the use of sustainable transport modes, should result in reduced carbon emissions and help to tackle climate change. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood that these measures will help to tackle climate change, which has a significant bearing on the conservation of the biological features of Wiltshire, results in likely positive effects against this objective.	Minor positive
2	This policy supports demand management measures to encourage the use of sustainable transport modes. This may result in a reduced need to build new roads on agricultural land which will be positive for this objective. Overall, a minor positive effect is considered likely against this objective.	Minor positive
3	This policy supports demand management measures to encourage the use of sustainable transport modes. This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Neutral
4	This policy is likely to result in indirect benefits from an air pollution and environmental pollution perspective, with demand management measure having the potential to lead to reductions in air, noise and light pollution as a result.	Minor positive
5	This policy, in aiming to encourage the use of sustainable transport modes, should result in reduced carbon emissions and help to tackle climate change. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood that these measures will help to tackle climate change, results in likely positive effects against this objective.	Minor positive
6	The policy relates to demand management of car parking and charging measures. It is likely that benefits could arise that encourage active and sustainable travel options. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or barriers any to prevent the objective positively being achieved.	Minor positive
7	This policy is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the historic environment and the wider criteria of this objective.	Neutral
8	This policy, in aiming to encourage the use of sustainable transport modes, should result in reduced carbon emissions and help to tackle climate change. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood that these measures will help to tackle climate change, which has a positive impact upon the sustainability of Wiltshire's landscape, results in likely positive effects against this objective.	Minor positive
9	This policy is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	This policy supports demand management measures to encourage the use of sustainable transport modes. This may result in the provision of more sustainable infrastructure, both in terms of additional public transport provision and more active travel choices, which in turn may have some benefit in reducing rural isolation and promoting more inclusive communities. Overall, a minor positive benefit effect is achieved against this objective.	Minor positive
11	This policy, in aiming to encourage the use of sustainable and active transport modes, should result in a reduced need to travel and reliance on private vehicles and subsequently not exacerbate issues involving local transport capacity and infrastructure. The policy also supports investment in new infrastructure for sustainable and active modes of travel. Overall, this policy is likely to result in moderate positive effects against this objective.	Moderate positive
12	This policy supports demand management measures to encourage the use of sustainable transport modes. This may result in in the provision of more sustainable infrastructure, both in terms of additional public transport provision and more active travel choices, which in turn will make town centres more accessible for a	Minor positive

	greater amount of users. This will have consequences for the vitality and viability of the town centre and thus provide some support for long-term economic growth. Overall, a minor positive effect is considered against this objective.	
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b> None.		

<b>Policy 74 – Movement of Goods</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the protection and enhancement of biodiversity and geological features within Wiltshire and the wider criteria of this objective.	Neutral
2	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
3	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Neutral
4	This policy aims to ensure effective management of freight traffic through the county, with a preference for use of rail transport, the strategic transport network and advisory freight network. The policy is likely to result in indirect benefits in terms of minimising air pollution and other sources of environmental pollutions in populated areas.	Minor positive
5	This policy is not likely to have no effect against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Neutral
6	The policy relates to management of movement of freight traffic and its related impacts. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or barriers any to prevent the objective positively being achieved.	Neutral
7	This policy is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the historic environment and the wider criteria of this objective.	Neutral
8	This policy is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the conservation and enhancement of Wiltshire's landscapes and landscape character and the wider criteria of this objective.	Neutral
9	This policy is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	This policy aims to ensure the effective management of freight traffic through the county, with a preference for use of rail transport, the strategic transport network and advisory freight network. Supporting text details the need to balance economic vibrancy and growth against the needs of the local communities and the environment. Measures introduced by the policy therefore aim to ensure this balance is met and the impact on local communities is minimised which has an overall minor positive benefit when assessed against this objective.	Minor positive
11	This policy seeks to ensure that development allows for the efficient movement of goods to help manage the impacts of construction and distribution freight traffic on the local community and environment. The volume of construction and distribution freight traffic that is envisaged by the level of growth planned for in other policies will likely significantly exacerbate issues involving local transport capacity and infrastructure and will therefore, likely have a moderate adverse impact on this objective.	Moderate adverse
12	This policy aims to ensure effective management of freight traffic through the county, with a preference for use of rail transport, the strategic transport network and advisory freight network. The careful and considered sustainable movement of goods will provide some support for long-term sustainable economic growth. Overall, a minor positive benefit is assessed against this objective.	Minor positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect</b>		

<b>Recommendations</b> None.
---------------------------------

<b>Policy 75 – Strategic Transport Network</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy, in supporting the development and enhancement of the strategic transport network, could place development on greenfield land whilst also adding pressure on flora and fauna adversely effected by such development and its associated impacts. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this policy facilitating greenfield development and negative impacts associated with the expansion of the strategic road network upon Wiltshire’s biodiversity, negative effects are likely against this objective. Recommendations are not made acknowledging the way in which such development comes forward will be in accordance with other polices contained within the local plan that aim to conserve and enhance ecological/geological interests and hence, do not need replicating within this policy. It is acknowledged the expansion of the rail and bus network may facilitate an expansion in the use of sustainable transport modes.	Minor adverse
2	This policy seeks to develop and improve the strategic transport network to support the objectives and policies in the Local Plan and Local Transport Plan. This could involve significant land take for building new roads e.g. Melksham bypass, and new railway stations. However, new stations may have the effect of reducing the need for building new roads on agricultural land. Overall, a minor adverse effect is considered likely against this objective.	Minor adverse
3	This policy seeks to develop and improve the strategic transport network to support the objectives and policies in the Local Plan and Local Transport Plan. This could involve significant land take for building new roads and new railway stations, etc. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this policy facilitating greenfield development and negative impacts associated with the expansion of the strategic road/rail network upon the use and management of water resources, negative effects are likely against this objective. Overall, a minor adverse effect is considered likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
4	This policy seeks to develop and improve the strategic transport network, which is unlikely to result in significant effects beyond what is already experienced in terms of air, light and noise pollution on these routes – albeit may result in intensification. The policy also supports the development of, or improvement to, several railway stations in the county. While this may create opportunities for residents to utilise modes of sustainable transport, the effects are not clear to quantify, and therefore the overall effects are judged to be neutral.	Neutral
5	This policy seeks to develop and improve the strategic transport network to support the objectives and policies in the Local Plan and Local Transport Plan. This could involve significant land take for building new roads e.g. Melksham bypass, and new railway stations which many be located on areas prone to flooding. However, new stations may have the effect of reducing the need for building new roads. Overall, a minor adverse effect is considered likely against this objective.	Minor adverse
6	The policy relates how the strategic transport network will be developed and improved to support the objectives and policies in the Local Plan. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or barriers any to prevent the objective positively being achieved. Has the opportunity to encourage sustainable travel options.	Minor positive
7	The policy, in supporting the development and enhancement of the strategic transport network, could place development in locations which may impacts on heritage assets and their settings, which may lead to adverse effects which would require assessment in the round taking into account other policy objectives.	Minor adverse
8	This policy, in supporting the development and enhancement of the strategic transport network, could place development on greenfield land which may have an adverse effect upon Wiltshire’s landscapes. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of this policy facilitating greenfield through Wiltshire’s landscapes, negative effects are likely against this objective. Recommendations are not made acknowledging the way in which such development comes forward will be in accordance with other polices contained within the local plan that aim to conserve and enhance Wiltshire’s landscapes and hence, do not need replicating within this policy. It is acknowledged the expansion of the rail and bus network may facilitate an expansion in the use of sustainable transport modes.	Minor adverse
9	This policy will be positive against this objective as it will support housing growth across the county.	Minor positive
10	This policy seeks to maintain, manage and selectively improve the strategic transport network to support development growth at Chippenham, Melksham, Salisbury, Trowbridge, Westbury and Warminster. The policy also supports the development of, or improvement to, several railway stations in the county, which will in turn provide better facilities and services to the local communities they serve. Overall, a minor positive effect is assessed against this objective.	Minor positive

11	This policy seeks to develop and improve the strategic transport network to support the objectives and policies in the Local Plan and Local Transport Plan. The policy also promotes and encourages the development and/or improvement of a number of railway stations. This demonstrates a clear commitment to invest in improving the local transport infrastructure and sustainable transport options. This is considered likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.	Minor positive
12	This policy seeks to maintain, manage and selectively improve the strategic transport network to support development growth at Chippenham, Melksham, Salisbury, Trowbridge, Westbury and Warminster. The policy also supports the development of, or improvement to, several railway stations in the county. Connectivity across and in/out of Wiltshire plays a vital role in catering for the efficient movement of inter-urban and long-distance trips. The measures introduced by the policy will encourage a vibrant and diversified economy and support long-term sustainable economic growth. Overall, a moderate positive effect is assessed against this objective.	Moderate positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Neutral effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b> None.		

<b>Policy 76 – Providing Affordable Homes</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy, in outlining the approach to the delivery of affordable housing, is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the protection and enhancement of biodiversity and geological features within Wiltshire and the wider criteria of this objective.	Neutral
2	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
3	The policy, being related to the type of housing that is delivered as part of residential development schemes, is unlikely to have an effect in respect of the use and management of water resources. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
4	The policy, being related to the type of housing that is delivered as part of residential development schemes, is unlikely to have an effect in respect of air quality and environmental pollution.	Neutral
5	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
6	This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or barriers to prevent the objective positively being achieved.	Neutral
7	The policy, being related to the type of housing that is delivered as part of residential development schemes, is unlikely to have an effect in respect of the historic environment.	Neutral
8	This policy, in outlining the approach to the delivery of affordable housing, is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the conservation and enhancement of Wiltshire's landscapes and landscape character and the wider criteria of this objective.	Neutral
9	This policy supports affordable homes provision and will have a significantly positive effect against this objective as it will allow a greater range of house types to be built. Overall, this policy is assessed as having a major positive benefit when considered against this objective.	Major positive
10	This policy provides a framework for the deliverability of affordable housing in Wiltshire. This framework will have positive benefits in ensuring opportunities for affordable housing provision is maximized, which will have moderate positive benefits in reducing poverty and deprivation and promoting more inclusive communities. Overall, this policy is assessed as having a moderate positive benefit when considered against this objective.	Moderate positive
11	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
12	This policy, in outlining the approach to the delivery of affordable housing, is not considered likely to cause effects with regards long term sustainable economic growth. A neutral score is therefore given against this objective.	Neutral
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect</b>		

<b>Recommendations</b>
None.

<b>Policy 77 – Rural Exceptions Sites</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
<b>1</b>	Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of greenfield development taking place to fulfil the rural exception site criteria, some of which may be ecologically/geologically constrained, results in likely negative effects against this objective. Recommendations are not made acknowledging the way in which such development comes forward will be in accordance with other polices contained within the local plan that aim to conserve and enhance ecological/geological interests and hence, do not need replicating within this policy.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>2</b>	This policy supports small rural sites at Local Service Centres, Large and Small Villages and other settlements, with housing development located outside but adjoining settlement boundaries or, for Small Villages and those not identified within the settlement strategy, adjoining the built area. This development is likely to mostly take place on greenfield sites, although brownfield sites may also be developed. Significant effects are not considered likely as sites will be small and possibly not too numerous. Overall, a minor adverse effect is considered likely against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>3</b>	This policy supports small rural sites at Local Service Centres, Large and Small Villages and other settlements, with housing development located outside but adjoining settlement boundaries or, for Small Villages and those not identified within the settlement strategy, adjoining the built area. This development is likely to have an effect on water resources, however significant effects are not considered likely as sites will be small and possibly not too numerous. Overall, a minor adverse effect is considered likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>4</b>	The policy sets out criteria relating to principally affordable housing schemes in edge of settlement locations which are likely to be greenfield. Development in such locations is likely to lead to some negative impacts from an environmental pollution perspective, albeit at a small scale due to the limited scale of development that is permissible by the policy.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>5</b>	This policy supports small rural sites at Local Service Centres, Large and Small Villages and other settlements, with housing development located outside but adjoining settlement boundaries or, for Small Villages and those not identified within the settlement strategy, adjoining the built area. This development is likely to take place on greenfield land that could be prone to flood risk and its development may exacerbate climatic issues. Minor adverse effects are considered likely as sites will be too small to deliver adaptation measures.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>6</b>	This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective positively being achieved.	<b>Neutral</b>
<b>7</b>	The policy sets out criteria relating to rural exceptions sites within and on the edge of settlements. Edge of settlement development has potential to lead to negative impacts where heritage assets are present. It is recommended that reference is made to the need to ensure that heritage assets and their settings would be preserved through any such schemes.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>8</b>	Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of greenfield development taking place to fulfil the rural exception site criteria, some of which may be sensitive in landscape terms, results in likely negative effects against this objective. Recommendations are not made acknowledging the way in which such development comes forward will be in accordance with other polices contained within the local plan that aim to conserve and enhance Wiltshire's landscapes and hence, do not need replicating within this policy.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>9</b>	This policy supports Rural Exception Sites. Its primary purpose is to provide affordable housing to meet the local needs of a settlement and in some circumstances may include some market housing. This will help provide some affordable housing and support the provision of a range of house types and sizes therefore likely effects are considered to be moderate positive.	<b>Moderate positive</b>
<b>10</b>	This policy supports housing development, where its primary purpose is to provide affordable homes to meet local needs, at settlements defined at Local Service Centres and Large Villages, housing development outside but adjoining settlement boundaries, or for Small Villages and those not identified within the settlement strategy adjoining the built area. Measures introduced by this policy will result in additional affordable homes being available across a wider variety of sites and therefore maximises opportunity for affordable homes in rural areas. This policy is assessed as having a moderate positive effect against this objective.	<b>Moderate positive</b>

11	This policy supports small rural sites at Local Service Centres, Large and Small Villages and other settlements, with housing development located outside but adjoining settlement boundaries or, for Small Villages and those not identified within the settlement strategy, adjoining the built area. Given the level of development the policy allows for, significant effects are not to be expected and so it is considered likely to have a minor adverse effect on this objective.	Minor adverse
12	This policy supports housing development, where its primary purpose is to provide affordable homes to meet local needs, at settlements defined at Local Service Centres and Large Villages, housing development outside but adjoining settlement boundaries, or for Small Villages and those not identified within the settlement strategy adjoining the built area. The policy will indirectly, through the provision of new homes and an increase in the number of local residents, support the vitality and viability of adjoining settlements. Overall, a minor positive effect is therefore assessed against this objective.	Minor positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b>		
1. It is recommended that reference is made to the need to ensure that heritage assets and their settings would be preserved through any such schemes.		

<b>Policy 78 – Meeting Wiltshire’s Housing Needs</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the protection and enhancement of biodiversity and geological features within Wiltshire and the wider criteria of this objective.	Neutral
2	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
3	The policy is unlikely to have an effect in respect of the use and management of water resources. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
4	The policy is unlikely to have an effect in respect of air quality and environmental pollution.	Neutral
5	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
6	This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective positively being achieved.	Neutral
7	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
8	This policy is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the conservation and enhancement of Wiltshire’s landscapes and landscape character and the wider criteria of this objective.	Neutral
9	This policy will have a positive effect against this objective as it will allow a greater range of house types to be built. Overall, a major positive effect is assessed against this objective.	Major positive
10	By setting out the basic standards for new housing, the policy will have benefits when considered against this objective, in terms of promoting better quality housing provision which will reduce social deprivation. Overall, a moderate positive effect is assessed against his objective.	Moderate positive
11	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
12	This policy is likely to have no effect when considered against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b>		
None.		

<b>Policy 79 – First Homes Exception Sites</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of greenfield development taking place to fulfil the first homes exception site criteria, some of which may be ecologically/geologically constrained, results in likely negative effects against this objective. Recommendations for making the policy more effective are listed below. It is believed the wording of this policy may undermine adherence with other policies contained within the local plan that aim to conserve and enhance Wiltshire's biodiversity/geodiversity.	Minor adverse
2	This policy supports First Homes Exception Sites within or adjoining existing settlements, except those in the Green Belt or designated rural areas. Effects are not likely to be significant against this objective as sites will be small in nature but it is likely that development will take place on greenfield agricultural land. Overall, a minor adverse effect is considered likely against this objective. Recommendations for making the policy more effective are listed below.	Minor adverse
3	The policy sets out criteria relating to First Homes affordable housing schemes within and on the edge of settlements. Effects are not likely to be significant against this objective as sites will be small in nature. Overall, a minor adverse effect is considered likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
4	The policy sets out criteria relating to First Homes affordable housing schemes within and on the edge of settlements. Edge of settlement development is likely to lead to some negative impacts from an environmental pollution perspective, albeit at a small scale due to the limited scale of development that is permissible by the policy.	Minor adverse
5	Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of greenfield development taking place to fulfil the criteria set out to meet the needs of Wiltshire's vulnerable and older population, some of which may be ecologically/geologically constrained, results in likely negative effects against this objective. Recommendations are not made acknowledging the way in which such development comes forward will be in accordance with other policies contained within the local plan that aim to reduce the risk of flooding on site and manage surface water.	Minor adverse
6	This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective positively being achieved.	Neutral
7	The policy sets out criteria relating to First Homes affordable housing schemes within and on the edge of settlements. Edge of settlement development has potential to lead to negative impacts where heritage assets are present. It is recommended that for clarity, point 4 includes within the list of examples, heritage assets and their settings.	Minor adverse
8	Reviewing the information available and the likelihood of greenfield development taking place to fulfil the first homes exception site criteria, some of which may be sensitive in landscape terms, results in likely negative effects against this objective. Recommendations for making the policy more effective are listed below. It is believed the wording of this policy may undermine adherence with other policies contained within the local plan that aim to conserve and enhance Wiltshire's landscapes.	Minor adverse
9	This policy supports First Homes and will have a positive effect against this objective as it will allow a greater range of house types to be built.	Moderate positive
10	This policy supports First Homes Exception Sites within or adjoining existing settlements, except those in the Green Belt or designated rural areas. Measures introduced by this policy will result in additional affordable homes being available across a wider variety of sites and therefore maximises opportunity for an affordable home to a greater proportion of the population, thus creating more inclusive communities. This policy is assessed as having a moderate positive effect against this objective.	Moderate positive
11	This policy supports First Homes Exception Sites within or adjoining existing settlements, except those in the Green Belt or designated rural areas. Given the level of development is restricted to in the policy, significant effects against this objective are not expected. Overall, it is likely to have a minor adverse effect on this objective.	Minor adverse
12	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b>		



1. The policy states that a proposal should be '*within or adjoining the existing settlement*'. It is not clear what settlements are included in this. Does this include any settlement outside of designated rural areas and Green Belt? Does it include Small Villages and those in the open countryside? It is recommended that this is clarified to make the policy more effective.
2. Supporting text to the policy states that First Homes Exception Sites can come forward on unallocated land '*outside of a development plan..*'. It is not clear what this means and recommended that this is clarified.
3. The policy states that '*Development proposals for First Homes Exception Schemes will be supported, provided (skip to point 4) The proposal does not result in unacceptable harm to areas or assets of designated importance or constrained by wider environmental considerations - e.g. areas at risk of flooding*'. It is considered this may encompass designated landscapes or ecological/geological designations. The suggestion that, if unacceptable harm to such designations is avoided development is acceptable, may undermine the policies of the Local Plan that aim to conserve and enhance Wiltshire's Landscapes and/or Biodiversity/Geodiversity. It is recommended this is either clarified or removed given development that comes forward will need to accord with the policies of the wider Local Plan that aim to go beyond simply the avoidance of unacceptable harm to the environment.
4. It is recommended that for clarity point 4 includes, within the list of examples, heritage assets and their settings.

<b>Policy 80 – Self and Custom Build Housing</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the protection and enhancement of biodiversity and geological features within Wiltshire and the wider criteria of this objective.	<b>Neutral</b>
2	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	<b>Neutral</b>
3	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	<b>Neutral</b>
4	The policy sets out the requirement for self and custom build homes as part of a wider mix of housing on major scheme. This is not likely to lead to an effect from an air quality and environmental pollution perspective.	<b>Neutral</b>
5	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	<b>Neutral</b>
6	This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective positively being achieved.	<b>Neutral</b>
7	The policy sets out the requirement for self and custom build homes as part of a wider mix of housing on major scheme. This is not likely to lead to an effect from a historic environment perspective.	<b>Neutral</b>
8	This policy is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the conservation and enhancement of Wiltshire's landscapes and landscape character and the wider criteria of this objective.	<b>Neutral</b>
9	This policy supports self and custom build housing and will have a positive effect against this objective as it will allow a greater range of house types to be built.	<b>Moderate positive</b>
10	This policy is not considered likely to have any notable effect on reducing poverty and deprivation or providing more inclusive communities and is therefore likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	<b>Neutral</b>
11	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	<b>Neutral</b>
12	This policy is not considered likely to have any notable effect on economy or its long-term growth and is therefore likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	<b>Neutral</b>
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b>		

None.

<b>Policy 81 – Community Facilities</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	The redevelopment of community facilities is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the protection and enhancement of biodiversity and geological features within Wiltshire and the wider criteria of this objective. The provision of new community facilities outside of settlement boundaries or at small villages is considered more likely to introduce development on greenfield land and may have an adverse effect upon ecological/geological interests within Wiltshire. Overall, a minor adverse effect is considered likely against this objective.	Minor adverse
2	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
3	The redevelopment of community facilities is not considered likely to cause effects regarding the use and management of water resources. The provision of new community facilities is considered to have an effect on water resources; however, this is unlikely to be significant. Overall, a minor adverse effect is considered likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	Minor adverse
4	The redevelopment of community facilities is not considered likely to cause effects regarding air quality and environmental pollution. The provision of new community facilities outside of settlement boundaries or at small villages is considered to have more potential to lead to perceptible pollution impacts, such as noise and light pollution, leading to the potential for a minor adverse effect against this objective. The policy could be enhanced with a further criterion requiring appropriate consideration of environmental pollution.	Minor adverse
5	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
6	This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective positively being achieved.	Neutral
7	The policy criteria relate to both the retention of, and new, community facilities. New buildings may have potential to be in locations that could affect a heritage asset. The policy could be enhanced with a further criterion requiring appropriate consideration of the historic environment.	Minor adverse
8	The redevelopment of community facilities is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the conservation and enhancement of Wiltshire's landscapes and landscape character and the wider criteria of this objective. The provision of new community facilities outside of settlement boundaries or at small villages is considered more likely to introduce development on greenfield land and may have an adverse effect upon Wiltshire's landscapes. Overall, a minor adverse effect is considered likely against this objective.	Minor adverse
9	This policy sets out criteria for the redevelopment and creation of new community facilities and does not include criteria for housing. This policy is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	This policy sets out criteria for the consideration of the redevelopment and creation of new community facilities. The policy aims to avoid the loss of existing community facilities where possible and to provide support for new community facilities within settlement boundaries. The aims of this policy are likely to result in significant positive benefits against this objective as it will promote more inclusive communities with better services and facilities. Overall, a major positive effect is assessed against this objective.	Major positive
11	This policy only supports development leading to a loss in community facilities where it can be demonstrated the site/building is no longer required or no longer economically viable for an equivalent or alternative community use. The policy also supports the development of new community facilities within settlement boundaries where they meet other policies of the Plan and in Small Villages and outside of the settlement boundaries where they meet strict sustainability criteria. Overall, it is considered that supporting the redevelopment and development of new community facilities in a sustainable manner will reduce the need to travel and will result in a minor positive effect on this objective.	Minor positive

<b>12</b>	This policy sets out criteria for the consideration of the redevelopment and creation of new community facilities. Significant effects are not expected against this objective, but it is likely that some degree of associated employment may be generated in relation to functioning of the day-to-day operation of the community facilities. Overall, a minor positive effect is considered likely against this objective.	<b>Minor positive</b>
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Neutral effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b>		
1. Introduce additional criteria under 'Development of new community facilities' requiring development to demonstrate that there would be an acceptable level of impact in terms of environmental pollution arising from the development, including noise, light, odour and air pollution.		
2. Amend criterion ii. under 'Development of new community facilities' to include reference to the historic setting and heritage assets.		

<b>Policy 82 – Housing in the Countryside</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
<b>1</b>	This policy outlines specific and restricted criteria whereby housing in the countryside is deemed suitable and subsequently limits the level of residential development that takes place in the open countryside, often restricting this to the redevelopment of existing buildings. Given the ecological/geological value of much of the Wiltshire countryside, this control is anticipated to have a minor positive effect against this objective. Recommendations are not made acknowledging the way in which such development comes forward will be in accordance with other policies contained within the local plan that aim to conserve and enhance ecological/geological interests and hence, do not need replicating within this policy.	<b>Minor positive</b>
<b>2</b>	This policy does not support new housing in the countryside subject to certain strict criteria. This policy will be beneficial against this objective as it will restrict housing growth in the countryside and reduce loss of greenfield agricultural land. It also supports the conversion and re-use of existing buildings. Overall, a minor positive effect is considered likely against this objective.	<b>Minor positive</b>
<b>3</b>	This policy outlines specific and restricted criteria whereby housing in the countryside is deemed suitable and subsequently limits the level of residential development that takes place in the open countryside, often restricting this to the redevelopment of existing buildings. This policy is likely to have an impact on the use and management of water resources, however it is unlikely that this would be significant. Overall, a minor adverse effect is considered likely against this objective. There are no policy recommendations resulting from the assessment of this policy against this objective.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>4</b>	The policy sets out the strict circumstances under which new housing may be permissible in the countryside, which have potential to lead to perceptible pollution impacts, such as noise and light pollution, leading to the potential for a minor adverse effect against this objective. The policy could be enhanced with a further criterion requiring appropriate consideration of environmental pollution.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>5</b>	This policy outlines specific and restricted criteria whereby housing in the countryside is deemed suitable and subsequently limits the level of residential development that takes place in the open countryside. There is every likelihood that development could take place on areas that are prone to flooding however, considering the purpose of this policy, which is to limit residential development in the countryside, it is likely that there will be a neutral effect against this objective.	<b>Neutral</b>
<b>6</b>	This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or barriers any to prevent the objective positively being achieved.	<b>Neutral</b>
<b>7</b>	The policy criteria define the circumstances whereby housing in the countryside may be acceptable, which may have potential to be in locations that could affect a heritage asset. The policy could be enhanced with a further criterion requiring appropriate consideration of the historic environment.	<b>Minor adverse</b>
<b>8</b>	This policy outlines specific and restricted criteria whereby housing in the countryside is deemed suitable and subsequently limits the level of residential development that takes place in the open countryside, often restricting this to the redevelopment of existing buildings. Given the landscape sensitivity and character of much of the Wiltshire countryside, this control is anticipated to have a minor positive effect against this objective. Recommendations are not made acknowledging the way in which such development comes forward will be in accordance with other policies contained within the local plan that aim to conserve and enhance Wiltshire's landscapes and hence, do not need replicating within this policy.	<b>Minor positive</b>

9	This policy restricts housing in the countryside and overall will have a minor adverse effect against this objective.	Minor adverse
10	This policy outlines specific and restricted criteria whereby housing in the countryside is deemed suitable and subsequently limits the level of residential development that takes place in the open countryside, often restricting this to the redevelopment of existing buildings. This policy is not considered likely to have any notable effect on reducing poverty and deprivation or providing more inclusive communities and is therefore likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
11	This policy outlines specific and restricted criteria whereby housing in the countryside is deemed suitable and subsequently limits the level of residential development that takes place in the open countryside, often restricting this to the redevelopment of existing buildings. It is noted that the policy requires safe and suitable access to be demonstrated, appropriate opportunities to promote sustainable transport modes, and that any adverse impacts on the transport network can be acceptably mitigated. The effects of this policy against the objective are unlikely to be significant and so, overall, a minor adverse effect is considered likely.	Minor adverse
12	This policy outlines specific and restricted criteria whereby housing in the countryside is deemed suitable and subsequently limits the level of residential development that takes place in the open countryside, often restricting this to the redevelopment of existing buildings. This policy is not considered likely to have any notable effect on economy or its long-term growth and is therefore likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor adverse effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b>		
1. Introduce additional criteria under the final paragraph requiring development to demonstrate that there would be an acceptable level of impact in terms of environmental pollution arising from the development, including noise and light.		
2. Introduce additional criteria under the final paragraph requiring development to demonstrate that there would be an acceptable level of impact on the historic environment.		

<b>Policy 83 – Health &amp; Wellbeing</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the protection and enhancement of biodiversity and geological features within Wiltshire and the wider criteria of this objective.	Neutral
2	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
3	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
4	This policy is unlikely to lead to effects from the perspective of air quality and environmental pollution.	Neutral
5	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
6	This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or barriers any to prevent the objective positively being achieved.	Neutral
7	This policy is unlikely to lead to effects from the perspective of air quality and environmental pollution.	Neutral
8	This policy is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the conservation and enhancement of Wiltshire's landscapes and landscape character and the wider criteria of this objective.	Neutral
9	This policy is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral

10	This policy details how proposals should demonstrate they will contribute positively to health and wellbeing by enabling and promoting healthy lifestyles and minimising health and wellbeing impacts. The policy recognises that the Plan has a crucial role to play in ensuring opportunities exist for people to make healthier lifestyle choices and address health inequalities. The introduction of health considerations in decision-making will result in significant positive benefits in reducing deprivation and promoting more inclusive local communities with better services and facilities. Overall, a major positive benefit is assessed against this objective.	Major positive
11	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
12	This policy is not considered likely to have any notable effect on economy or its long-term growth and is therefore likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b> None.		

<b>Policy 84 – Public Open Space and Play Facilities</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures aimed at ensuring open space and play facilities are incorporated into development of sufficient quantity, quality, and accessibility. Whilst not necessarily areas of high biodiversity value, incorporating such measures as part of development can help to incorporate assets of ecological value into the built environment including foraging opportunities and wildlife corridors. It is noted the policy outlines how the location of open space should help to meet biodiversity and GBI objectives which is welcome. Reviewing the information available this policy is considered likely to have a minor positive effect against this objective.	Minor positive
2	This policy seeks to protect and improve the quantity, quality, and accessibility of open space. This will be beneficial for this objective as open space areas will be delivered and maintained as part of new development. It may also indirectly lead to greater density of new housing. Overall, a minor positive effect is considered likely against this objective.	Minor positive
3	This policy seeks to protect and improve the quantity, quality, and accessibility of open space. Reviewing the information available this policy is considered likely to have a minor positive effect against this objective. Overall, a minor positive effect is considered likely against this objective.	Minor positive
4	The policy has the potential to improve accessibility to public open spaces and play facilities, which may reduce the need to travel to access such facilities. The provision of open space would also include tree planting. This would lead to a minor positive effect with respect to the potential to reduce air pollution resulting from travel; and potential air quality improvements and pollution reduction from planting.	Minor positive
5	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures aimed at ensuring open space and play facilities are incorporated into development of sufficient quantity, quality, and accessibility. Greater areas of open space can result in better infiltration rates in new housing developments and the maintenance of existing open space can serve as climate change adaptation and help to cool the environment. Overall, there is likely to be a minor positive effect against this objective. There are no policy recommendations from this assessment against this objective.	Minor positive
6	This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or barriers any to prevent the objective positively being achieved.	Neutral
7	The policy, by virtue of supporting opportunities to highlight cultural heritage within proposals for open space and play, is likely to lead to a minor positive effect.	Minor positive
8	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures aimed at ensuring open space and play facilities are incorporated into development of sufficient quantity, quality, and accessibility. The incorporation of open space as part of the built environment can assist with mitigating and integrating the built form into the wider landscape context alongside ensuring the built environment is of a high quality. Reviewing the information available this policy is considered likely to have a minor positive effect against this objective.	Minor positive

9	This policy is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	This policy seeks to protect and improve the quantity, quality, and accessibility of open space. The aims of this policy are likely to result in significant positive benefits against this objective as it will promote and create public spaces and community facilities that support public health and meet recreational needs, which in turn promote more inclusive communities with better services and facilities. Overall, a major positive effect is assessed against this objective.	Major positive
11	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
12	This policy is not considered likely to have any notable effect on economy or its long-term growth and is therefore likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b> None.		

<b>Policy 85 – Sustainable Construction and Low Carbon Energy</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures aimed at ensuring development is of a sustainable construction and low carbon energy. It is anticipated that such measures will assist in tackling climate change. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood that these measures will help to tackle climate change, which has a significant bearing on the conservation and enhancement of the flora and fauna in Wiltshire, results in likely significant positive effects against this objective. A policy recommendation has been made to strengthen this policy.	Moderate positive
2	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
3	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
4	The policy criteria set out measures to assist in tackling climate change. Requirements for fabric efficiency, renewable use and generation, and infrastructure to support the use of electric vehicles will help to reduce requirements for carbon emissions both on and off-site, thus reducing pollution outputs. Therefore, a moderate positive effect is anticipated. A minor wording amendment is recommended to further enhance the policy.	Moderate positive
5	The policy criteria set out measures to assist in tackling climate change. Requirements for fabric efficiency, renewable use and generation, and infrastructure to support the use of electric vehicles will help to reduce requirements for carbon emissions both on and off-site, thus greenhouse gas emissions. The policy also aims to produce more renewable energy on site and encourage energy efficiency measures. This policy is significant in addressing climate change within Wiltshire and as such this policy is likely to have a major positive effect against this objective.	Major positive
6	This policy outlines sustainable standards for construction and low carbon energy for new and existing building. This is a key and significant policy in order that the objective can be achieved.	Major positive
7	The policy sets out some requirements for new builds for onsite renewable energy generation, which could have potential to impact on the setting of heritage assets. A minor adverse effect is likely, and a recommendation is made to ensure the historic environment is factored into the policy.	Minor adverse
8	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures aimed at ensuring development is of a sustainable construction and low carbon energy. It is anticipated that such measures will assist in tackling climate change. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood that these measures will help to tackle climate change, which has a bearing on the conservation and enhancement of Wiltshire's landscapes, results in a likely minor positive effect against this objective. A policy recommendation has been made to strengthen this policy.	Minor positive

9	This policy is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	This policy is unlikely to have any notable effect against this objective in terms of reducing poverty and deprivation or promoting more inclusive communities with better services and facilities. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
11	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
12	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures aimed at ensuring development is of a sustainable construction and low carbon energy. Measures proposed will aide in maximising the generation and use of renewable energy and low carbon sources of energy, a key element of this objective in promoting long-term sustainable economic growth. Accordingly, this policy is assessed as having moderate positive benefits when considered against this objective.	Moderate positive

**Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect**

**Recommendations**

1. This policy begins by outlining how 'new build residential will *strive* to achieve a zero-carbon standard'. It is considered this policy could be strengthened by outlining that development '*will*' achieve this standard as opposed to '*striving*' to do so. This would have a positive impact on the policies ability to tackle climate change which subsequently has a positive impact against objectives 1, 4 and 8.
2. The elements of the policy relating to new builds could be improved with reference to the need to ensure that external onsite renewable generation must demonstrate that there would be no adverse impacts as a result on the historic environment.

**Policy 86 – Renewable Energy**

SA Objective	Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy	Assessment score
1	This policy primarily sets out support for renewable energy installations. It is anticipated that such measures will assist in tackling climate change, albeit it should be acknowledged that standalone wind installations can have negative impacts upon bird species and all installations should adhere to the same mitigation hierarchy of habitat avoidance as other forms of development. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood that these measures will help to tackle climate change, noting that the policy outlines the need to conserve and enhance biodiversity including species and habitats, results in likely minor positive effects against this objective. A policy recommendation has been made to suggest how this policy may capitalise on the potential habitat enhancement measures that can accompany certain standalone renewable energy installations.	Minor positive
2	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Although it is noted that proposals will need to demonstrate how they impact on best and most versatile agricultural land and that is supported as it may help protect this valuable resource. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
3	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
4	The policy overall sets out general support for renewable energy generation which will reduce requirements for carbon emissions both on and off-site, thus reducing pollution outputs. While some renewable infrastructure may give rise to noise and light pollution, the policy includes a criterion which ensures that proposals protect the amenity of residents including from noise, odour, and visual amenity. Therefore, a moderate positive effect is anticipated.	Moderate positive
5	The policy overall sets out general support for renewable energy generation which will reduce requirements for carbon emissions both on and off-site, thus reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This policy is significant in addressing climate change within Wiltshire and as such this policy is likely to have a major positive effect against this objective.	Major positive
6	This policy outlines approach for stand-alone renewable energy schemes, and integrated renewable and low-carbon technologies on existing building. This is a key and significant policy in order that the objective can be achieved.	Major positive

7	Proposals for renewable energy schemes within the setting of heritage assets have the potential to lead to effects in terms of visual impacts on the historic environment. The policy sets out a criterion to ensure that the impacts of any such proposals take due regard to potential impacts on the historic environment. A minor adverse effect is likely.	Minor adverse
8	This policy primarily sets out support for renewable energy installations. It is anticipated that such measures will assist in tackling climate change, albeit such installations can have a negative impact upon the wider landscape. It is noted the policy outlines the importance of adhering to the other policies within the local plan, mentioning landscape within the bullets in the policy. Reviewing the information available and the possibility that such installations can have a negative impact upon the landscape, results in a likely minor adverse effect against this objective.	Minor adverse
9	This policy is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	This policy primarily sets out support for renewable energy installations, including those resulting as part of a Community-Led Energy Scheme. The provision of renewable energy installations, especially those that are established as part of a Community-Led scheme, will provide accessibility to better services and facilities and promoting more inclusive communities. Overall, a moderate positive effect is assessed against this objective.	Moderate positive
11	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Although, it is noted that proposals will need to demonstrate how they impact on the proper functioning of the local highway network, recognising and responding to the value and function of designated rights of way network.	Neutral
12	This policy primarily sets out support for renewable energy installations. Measures proposed will aide in maximising the generation and use of renewable energy and low carbon sources of energy, a key element of this objective in supporting long-term sustainable economic growth. Accordingly, this policy is assessed as having moderate positive benefits when considered against this objective.	Moderate positive

**Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect**

#### Recommendations

1. It is considered that this policy, when considering standalone renewable energy installations, could include the suggestion that where possible land for such installations is managed in a way to maximise its ecological value. For instance, the management of grassland and the surrounding habitat, for instance a solar installation, could be managed in a manner as to optimise the ecological value of the grassland and boundary habitat. This would optimise the possibility of positive effects against objective 1.

<b>Policy 87 – Embodied Carbon</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy, in outlining the need for applications for major development to submit an Embodied Carbon Assessment, is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the protection and enhancement of biodiversity and geological features within Wiltshire and the wider criteria of this objective.	Neutral
2	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
3	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
4	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
5	This policy outlines approach for major residential and/or non-residential development and the need to be supported by an Embodied Carbon Assessment. Successful implementation of this policy will reduce the carbon emissions during the construction phase of the development. This policy is significant in addressing climate change within Wiltshire and as such this policy is likely to have a major positive effect against this objective.	Major positive
6	This policy outlines approach for major residential and/or non-residential development and the need to be supported by an Embodied Carbon Assessment. This is a key and significant policy in order that the objective can be achieved.	Major positive
7	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral



8	This policy, in outlining the need for applications for major development to submit an Embodies Carbon Assessment, is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the conservation and enhancement of Wiltshire's landscapes and landscape character and the wider criteria of this objective.	Neutral
9	This policy is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	This policy is unlikely to have any notable effect against this objective in terms of reducing poverty and deprivation or promoting more inclusive communities with better services and facilities. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
11	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
12	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b> None.		

<b>Policy 88 – Biodiversity and Geodiversity</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures aimed at conserving and enhancing biodiversity and geodiversity. This includes, but is not restricted to, the need for development to be directed to the land of least ecological/geological value whilst also outlining the steps development should take to avoid negative impacts upon Wiltshire's biodiversity/geodiversity. The policy also outlines a series of measures that aims to ensure biodiversity is embedded within the built environment to maximise the realisation of the opportunity that the built environment can represent to some species. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood that these measures will help to conserve and enhance biodiversity/geodiversity, it is considered this policy is likely to have a significant positive effect against this objective.	Major positive
2	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
3	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures aimed at conserving and enhancing biodiversity and geodiversity. This includes encouraging the use and management of water resources in a sustainable manner. Reviewing the information available it is likely the policy will have a positive effect on this objective. Overall, a minor positive effect is considered likely.	Minor positive
4	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
5	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures aimed at conserving and enhancing biodiversity and geodiversity. This includes, but is not restricted to, the need for development to be directed to the land of least ecological/geological value whilst also outlining the steps development should take to avoid negative impacts upon Wiltshire's biodiversity/geodiversity. Conserving and enhancing biodiversity and geodiversity sites can help to reduce carbon emissions and steer development away from areas at risk of flooding. Reviewing the information available it is likely the policy will have a positive effect on this objective. Overall, a minor positive effect is considered likely.	Minor positive
6	This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective positively being achieved.	Neutral
7	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral

8	This policy, in outlining measures aimed at conserving and enhancing biodiversity/geodiversity, is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the conservation and enhancement of Wiltshire's landscapes and landscape character and the wider criteria of this objective.	Neutral
9	This policy is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures aimed at conserving and enhancing biodiversity and geodiversity. This policy is unlikely to have any notable effect against this objective in terms of reducing poverty and deprivation or promoting more inclusive communities with better services and facilities. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
11	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
12	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b> None.		

<b>Policy 89 – Biodiversity Net Gain</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures aimed at securing biodiversity net gain. It is noted the policy outlines a biodiversity net gain percentage of 20% which is considered likely to enhance the potential for positive effects against this objective. Similarly, the measures set out within the policy aimed at optimising the deliverability of biodiversity net gain are considered an effective way at optimising the potential for ecological benefits. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood that these measures will help to enhance biodiversity, it is considered this policy is likely to have a significant positive effect against this objective.	Major positive
2	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
3	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
4	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
5	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
6	This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective positively being achieved.	Neutral
7	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
8	This policy, in outlining measures aimed at securing biodiversity net gain, is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the conservation and enhancement of Wiltshire's landscapes and landscape character and the wider criteria of this objective.	Neutral
9	This policy is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
11	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral

12	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b> None.		

<b>Policy 90 – Woodland, Hedgerows, and Trees</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures aimed at optimising the conservation, delivery and management of woodland, hedgerows and trees. It is noted the policy outlines the importance of planting the right tree in the right place, this is considered important from an ecological perspective. It is also considered likely that supporting the provision of tree cover within the built environment alongside ensuring management of planting is undertaken to maximise survival rate and longevity is likely to have a positive impact against this objective. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood that these measures will help to enhance biodiversity, it is considered this policy is likely to have a minor positive effect against this objective.	Minor positive
2	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
3	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures aimed at optimising the conservation, delivery and management of woodland, hedgerows, and trees. This includes encouraging the use of tree, woodland, and hedgerow planting to manage water runoff. Reviewing the information available it is likely the policy will have a positive effect on this objective. Overall, a minor positive effect is considered likely.	Minor positive
4	The policy supports the conservation, delivery and management of woodland, hedgerows and trees, for which there would be direct benefits from an air quality perspective. Therefore, a moderate positive effect is likely.	Moderate positive
5	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures aimed at optimising the conservation, delivery and management of woodland, hedgerows, and trees. This includes encouraging the use of tree, woodland, and hedgerow planting to manage water runoff and provide resilience to climatic risks. Reviewing the available information, it is likely the policy will have a positive effect on this objective. Overall, a moderate positive effect is likely.	Moderate positive
6	This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective positively being achieved.	Neutral
7	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
8	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures aimed at optimising the conservation, delivery and management of woodland, hedgerows and trees. It is noted the policy outlines the support of increased woodland and street tree cover in urban areas whilst ensuring the suitable management of such planting to optimise its survival and longevity. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood that these measures will help to enhance the quality and integration of the built environment into the wider landscape, it is considered this policy is likely to have a minor positive effect against this objective.	Minor positive
9	This policy is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures aimed at optimising the conservation, delivery and management of woodland, hedgerows and trees. It is noted the policy supports the inclusion of tree lined streets, community orchards and garden tree planting as part of all major developments as well as recognising the importance of these features in improving the health and well-being of local communities. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood that these measures will foster more inclusive communities with better facilities, , it is considered this policy is likely to have a moderate positive effect against this objective.	Moderate positive

11	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
12	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures aimed at optimising the conservation, delivery and management of woodland, hedgerows and trees. It is noted the policy outlines the support for the economic benefits of woodland and tree planting from agroforestry, leisure and tourism, with supporting text highlighting the potential diversity of economic opportunities and jobs the industry can support. As such, this policy provides for moderate benefits in supporting long-term sustainable economic growth and encourages a vibrant and diversified economy. Overall, this policy is assessed as having a moderate positive benefit against this objective.	Moderate positive
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b> None.		

<b>Policy 91 – Conserving and Enhancing Wiltshire's Landscapes</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy, in outlining measures aimed at conserving and enhancing Wiltshire's landscapes, is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the protection and enhancement of biodiversity and geological features within Wiltshire and the wider criteria of this objective.	Neutral
2	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
3	This policy, in outlining measures aimed at conserving and enhancing Wiltshire's landscapes. This includes protecting geology and soils and in turn protecting groundwater storage, etc. Reviewing the information available it is likely the policy will have a positive effect on this objective. Overall, a minor positive effect is considered likely.	Minor positive
4	The policy supports the conservation and enhancement of Wiltshire's valued landscapes. This includes specific criteria to manage the potential effect of light pollution arising from development and its impact on tranquillity within the landscape. Therefore, a moderate positive effect is likely.	Moderate positive
5	This policy, in outlining measures aimed at conserving and enhancing Wiltshire's landscapes. This includes protecting geology and soils and in turn protecting groundwater storage, carbon sequestration and alleviating flood risk. Reviewing the information available it is likely the policy will have a positive effect on this objective. Overall, a minor positive effect is likely.	Minor positive
6	This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective positively being achieved.	Neutral
7	The policy objectives are to conserve and enhance Wiltshire's landscapes. Landscape settings are important to a significant number of Wiltshire's heritage assets, which would benefit from this policy. This would have a moderate positive effect in respect of the historic environment.	Moderate positive
8	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures aimed at conserving and enhancing Wiltshire's landscapes. The policy outlines how development should aim to conserve and enhance Wiltshire's landscapes which is considered likely to maximise the opportunity development can represent in this regard. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood that these measures will help to conserve and enhance Wiltshire's Landscape, it is considered this policy is likely to have a significant positive effect against this objective.	Major positive
9	This policy is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral

10	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures aimed at aimed at conserving and enhancing Wiltshire's landscapes. This policy is not considered likely to have any notable effect on reducing poverty and deprivation or promoting more inclusive communities and is therefore likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
11	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures aimed at conserving and enhancing Wiltshire's landscapes. The policy outlines how development should aim to conserve and enhance Wiltshire's landscapes which is considered likely to maximise the opportunity development can represent in this regard. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood that these measures will help limit the scale of development in Wiltshire's Designated Landscapes, it is considered this policy is likely to have minor adverse effects against this objective.	Minor adverse
12	This policy primarily sets out a series of measures aimed at aimed at conserving and enhancing Wiltshire's landscapes. This policy is not considered likely to have any notable effect on the economy or its long-term sustainable growth and is therefore likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b> None.		

<b>Policy 92 – Conserving and enhancing dark skies</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy primarily sets out how, within outlined locations, development must conserve and enhance dark skies. Dark skies are a critical component to some species that rely on these conditions and subsequently, reviewing the information available, it is considered this policy is likely to have a significant positive effect against this objective given it will help to resolve the existing issue of light pollution negatively effecting certain species.	Moderate positive
2	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
3	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
4	The policy supports the conservation and enhancement of Wiltshire's dark skies nature reserve and AONBs with requirements to reduce light pollution to a minimum. From the perspective of the objective of minimising light pollution within protected landscapes, a major positive effect is likely.	Major positive
5	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
6	This policy will attempt to reduce light pollution. A product of this will be to conserve energy. This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or barriers any to prevent the objective positively being achieved.	Moderate positive
7	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
8	This policy primarily sets out how, within outlined locations, development must conserve and enhance dark skies. Dark skies are a key component to some of Wiltshire's landscapes and, reviewing the information available, it is considered this policy is likely to have a significant positive effect against this objective given it will help to resolve the existing issue of light pollution negatively effecting the landscape character.	Moderate positive
9	This policy is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	This policy is not considered likely to have any notable effect on reducing poverty and deprivation or promoting more inclusive communities and is therefore likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
11	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral

12	This policy is not considered likely to have any notable effect on the economy or its long-term sustainable growth and is therefore likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b> None.		

<b>Policy 93 – Green and Blue Infrastructure</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy primarily sets out how development should protect, integrate, and enhance the GBI network associated with the built environment. The GBI network hosts many of the habitats that Wiltshire's flora and fauna rely upon with the connectivity of this network being critical to some species movement, acting as valued wildlife corridors. Reviewing the information available, considering this policy aims to optimise the retention, enhancement, connectivity, and management of Wiltshire's GBI network, it is considered this policy is likely to have a significant positive effect against this objective.	Moderate positive
2	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
3	This policy primarily sets out how development should protect, integrate, and enhance the GBI network associated with the built environment. This includes projects that reduce flood risk and improve water quality as well as encourage sustainable drainage schemes. Reviewing the information available it is likely the policy will have a significant positive effect on this objective. Overall, a moderate positive effect is considered likely.	Moderate positive
4	The policy has the potential to improve accessibility to the green and blue infrastructure network, which may reduce the need to travel to access these assets. This also includes tree planting. This would lead to a minor positive effect with respect to air pollution / air quality.	Minor positive
5	This policy primarily sets out how development should protect, integrate, and enhance the GBI network associated with the built environment. This includes projects that reduce flood risk and improve water quality as well as encourage sustainable drainage schemes. Creating, and enhancing GBI corridors will help to cool the environment and improve infiltration rates, influencing flood risk. Reviewing the information available it is likely the policy will have a positive effect on this objective. Overall, a minor positive effect is likely.	Minor positive
6	This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective positively being achieved.	Neutral
7	The policy has the potential to improve accessibility and linkages between the natural and historic landscapes within Wiltshire. This would lead to a minor positive effect with respect to the historic environment.	Minor positive
8	This policy primarily sets out how development should protect, integrate, and enhance the GBI network associated with the built environment. Reviewing the information available and the likelihood that these measures will help to enhance the quality and integration of the built environment into the wider landscape, it is considered this policy is likely to have a minor positive effect against this objective.	Minor positive
9	This policy is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	This policy sets out how development shall make provision for the retention and enhancement of Wiltshire's green and blue infrastructure network and ensure that suitable links to the network are provided and maintained. This includes measures that will retain and enhance existing public rights of ways, maximising accessibility and opportunities for new connections as well as improving accessibility to the green and blue network, with one of the overall goals being the support of health and well-being of communities. As such, this policy will have significant positive benefits in promoting more inclusive communities and is assessed as having a moderate positive benefit against this objective.	Moderate positive

11	This policy sets out how development shall make provision for the retention and enhancement of Wiltshire's green and blue infrastructure network and ensure that suitable links to the network are provided and maintained. It is noted that new development will be required to retain and enhance existing public rights of way, maximising accessibility and opportunities for new connections. Existing and new routes will be integrated into the wider GBI network providing links throughout the development and surrounding area. This will encourage active transport modes and facilities for pedestrians/cyclists. Therefore, it is considered that there will be a minor positive impact against this objective.	Minor positive
12	This policy sets out how development shall make provision for the retention and enhancement of Wiltshire's green and blue infrastructure network and ensure that suitable links to the network are provided and maintained. This policy is not considered likely to have any notable effect on the economy or its long-term sustainable growth and is therefore likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b> None.		

<b>Policy 94 – Wiltshire's Canals and the Boating Community</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy, in outlining support for the restoration/reconstruction/new links to the canal network, is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the protection and enhancement of biodiversity and geological features within Wiltshire and the wider criteria of this objective. It is noted, given the potential ecological value of the canals in their unrestored state, that the policy outlines the need to fully assess the ecological impacts of canal work to ensure these are considered if such work is undertaken. Recommendations are not made acknowledging the way in which such development comes forward will be in accordance with other policies contained within the local plan that aim to conserve and enhance ecological/geological interests and hence, do not need replicating within this policy.	Neutral
2	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. The restoration of the Wilts and Berks canal between Semington and the River Avon at Melksham will lead to the loss of some agricultural land but this would be a relatively small loss. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
3	This policy, in outlining support for the restoration/reconstruction/new links to the canal network. This includes potential impacts on water resources (abstraction), water quality and flood risk. Reviewing the information available it is likely the policy will have a positive effect on this objective. Overall, a minor positive effect is considered likely.	Minor positive
4	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
5	This policy, in outlining support for the restoration/reconstruction/new links to the canal network, it is likely that the restoration of the canal will provide new and enhanced green infrastructure corridors and this will provide adaptation to climatic risks such as overheating. It is also likely to have an effect on flood risk within areas of restoration, reviewing the information available a positive effect is likely against this objective. Overall, a minor positive effect is likely.	Minor positive
6	This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective positively being achieved.	Neutral
7	The safeguarded routes are located where there is potential for impacts on some heritage assets, including Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas. The policy sets criteria that require any proposals to demonstrate that the historic environment will be protected and enhanced. Overall, there are likely to be few or no effects against this objective and a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
8	This policy, in outlining support for the restoration/reconstruction/new links to the canal network, is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the conservation and enhancement of Wiltshire's landscapes and landscape character and the wider criteria of this objective. It is noted the policy outlines the need to ensure, when undertaking canal work, that the landscape impacts are fully assessed and taken into account. Recommendations are not made acknowledging the way in which such development comes forward will be in accordance with other policies contained within the local plan that aim to conserve and enhance Wiltshire's landscape and hence, do not need replicating within this policy.	Neutral

9	This policy is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	It should be noted that canal restoration/creation, will help promote walking and cycling alongside the canals and ensure further integration into the wider green and blue infrastructure (GBI) network which in turn will have some benefit in creating enhanced public spaces and community facilities that support public health. Accordingly, this policy is assessed as having a minor positive effect against this objective.	Minor positive
11	This policy, in outlining support for the restoration/reconstruction/new links to the canal network will help make more efficient use of Wiltshire's navigable waterways. It should be noted that canal restoration/creation, will help promote walking and cycling alongside the canals and ensure further integration into the wider green and blue infrastructure (GBI) network. However, it should be noted that boats using the canals do not comprise a sustainable form of transport and the policy may encourage further private use of the routes. Given these mixed effects against the objective, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
12	This policy, in outlining support for the restoration/reconstruction/new links to the canal network. This policy is not considered likely to have any notable effect on the economy or its long-term sustainable growth and is therefore likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b> None.		

<b>Policy 95 – Flood Risk</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy, in outlining the approach development should take to flood risk, is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the protection and enhancement of biodiversity and geological features within Wiltshire and the wider criteria of this objective. It is noted that the policy outlines that SuDS should follow a nature-based approach in an attempt to realise the ecological benefits these assets can represent.	Neutral
2	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
3	This policy outlines the approach development should take to flood risk. This includes the use and management of water resources in a sustainable manner. Reviewing the information available it is likely the policy will have a significant positive effect on this objective. Overall, a moderate positive effect is considered likely.	Moderate positive
4	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
5	This policy outlines the approach development should take to flood risk. This includes the use and management of water resources in a sustainable manner. Reviewing the information available it is likely the policy will have a significant positive effect on this objective. Overall, a major positive effect is considered likely.	Major positive
6	This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective positively being achieved.	Neutral
7	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
8	This policy, in outlining the approach development should take to flood risk, is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the conservation and enhancement of Wiltshire's landscapes and landscape character and the wider criteria of this objective.	Neutral
9	This policy is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	This policy is not considered likely to have any notable effect on reducing poverty and deprivation or promoting more inclusive communities and is therefore likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
11	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral



12	This policy is not considered likely to have any notable effect on the economy or its long-term sustainable growth and is therefore likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b> None.		

<b>Policy 96 – Water Resources</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy, in outlining the approach development should take to the usage of water resources, is aiming to ensure the appropriate management of water resources to ensure that the quantity and quality of water resources are maintained and improved throughout Wiltshire. Such measures are considered likely to improve the existing conditions in terms of water quantity and quality that some of Wiltshire flora and fauna rely upon meaning it is considered this policy will have a likely minor positive effect against this objective.	Minor positive
2	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
3	This policy, in outlining the approach development should take to the usage of water resources, is aiming to ensure the appropriate management of water resources to ensure that the quantity and quality of water resources are maintained and improved throughout Wiltshire. Reviewing the information available it is likely the policy will have a very significant positive effect on this objective. Overall, a major positive effect is considered likely.	Major positive
4	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
5	This policy, in outlining the approach development should take to the usage of water resources, is aiming to ensure the appropriate management of water resources to ensure that the quantity and quality of water resources are maintained and improved throughout Wiltshire. Reviewing the information available it is likely the policy will have a very positive effect on this objective. Overall, a minor positive effect is considered likely.	Minor positive
6	This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective positively being achieved.	Neutral
7	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
8	This policy, in outlining the approach development should take to the usage of water resources, is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the conservation and enhancement of Wiltshire's landscapes and landscape character and the wider criteria of this objective.	Neutral
9	This policy is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	This policy is not considered likely to have any notable effect on reducing poverty and deprivation or promoting more inclusive communities and is therefore likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
11	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
12	This policy is not considered likely to have any notable effect on the economy or its long-term sustainable growth and is therefore likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect</b>		

<b>Recommendations</b> None.
---------------------------------

<b>Policy 97 – Contaminated Land</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy, in outlining the approach development should take to the use of contaminated land, is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the protection and enhancement of biodiversity and geological features within Wiltshire and the wider criteria of this objective.	Neutral
2	This policy requires development proposals which are likely to be on or adjacent to land which may have been subject to contamination to demonstrate that measures can be taken to effectively mitigate the impacts of land contamination. This policy supports this objective which seeks to encourage the remediation of contaminated land. Overall, a moderate positive effect is considered likely against this objective. A recommendation is made below to improve the effectiveness of this policy.	Moderate positive
3	This policy requires development proposals which are likely to be on or adjacent to land which may have been subject to contamination to demonstrate that measures can be taken to effectively mitigate the impacts of land or water contamination. Reviewing the information available it is likely the policy will have a significant positive effect on this objective. Overall, a moderate positive effect is considered likely.	Moderate positive
4	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
5	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
6	This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective positively being achieved.	Neutral
7	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
8	This policy, in outlining the approach development should take to the use of contaminated land, is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the conservation and enhancement of Wiltshire's landscapes and landscape character and the wider criteria of this objective.	Neutral
9	This policy is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	This policy is not considered likely to have any notable effect on reducing poverty and deprivation or promoting more inclusive communities and is therefore likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
11	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
12	This policy is not considered likely to have any notable effect on the economy or its long-term sustainable growth and is therefore likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral

**Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect**

<b>Recommendations</b> 1. The background text to the policy includes a list of documents, one or more of which will need to be provided by developers to demonstrate that the development site is, or will be, made suitable for the proposed final use. It is recommended that this list is included within the policy itself to improve its effectiveness as such requirements have been included in other policies in the Plan.
---

<b>Policy 98 – Ensuring High Quality Design and Place Shaping</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy, in outlining the approach development should take ensuring high quality design and place shaping, includes the criteria that development should retain and enhance natural features, (e.g., trees, hedges, banks and watercourses), to take opportunities to enhance biodiversity and create wildlife and corridors as part of development. In aiming to ensure these natural features are retained and enhanced as part of the built environment, it is considered this policy is likely to improve the existing conditions of the built environment and will have a likely minor positive effect against this objective.	Minor positive
2	This policy requires new developments to make efficient use of land whilst taking account of the local context. This supports this objective. Overall, a minor positive effect is considered likely against this objective.	Minor positive
3	The policy, being related to design of housing and housing development, is unlikely to have direct effects in respect of the use and management of water resources in a sustainable manner. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
4	The policy, being related to design of housing and housing development, is unlikely to have direct effects in respect of air quality and environmental pollution.	Neutral
5	This policy, in outlining the approach development should take ensuring high quality design and place shaping, this includes criteria around SuDs and enhancing biodiversity, GBI and incorporating sustainable building design by energy hierarchy. all of which contribute to adaption and mitigation to climatic risks and flood risks. It is considered this policy is likely to improve the existing conditions of the built environment and will have a likely moderate positive effect against this objective.	Moderate positive
6	The policy outlines the standard of design requirements in all new developments, to demonstrate how the proposal will meet the objectives of the Wiltshire Design Guide and other local Design Guides. At paragraph v. taking all opportunities for incorporating sustainable build design by energy hierarchy, ie. reducing the need for energy (e.g., for home heating or cooling), being more efficient with energy, and maximising the use of renewable energy. This policy will therefore be a significant and key policy in positively achieving the objective.	Major positive
7	This policy criteria define the design parameters by which applications will be judged, with cross reference to the Wiltshire design Guide and other local Design Guides. The policy criteria place focus on the need for development to consider local distinctiveness and appropriate response to the historic environment. The policy is likely to lead to a moderate positive effect from the perspective of this objective.	Moderate positive
8	This policy, in outlining the approach development should take ensuring high quality design and place shaping, is considered likely to lead to the creation of high quality, inclusive design of buildings and the public realm, accounting for the surrounding built and natural landscape. In aiming to ensure a high quality of design in the built environment it is considered this policy is likely to help maximise the design quality of development and will have a likely significant positive effect against this objective.	Major positive
9	This policy is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	This policy, in outlining the approach development should take in ensuring high quality design and place shaping, includes measures which promote accessibility and inclusivity, recognising high quality design improves health and well-being. It also advocates that new development should be located and structured in a way that reduces the need to travel by car, with high quality transport infrastructure increasing the attractiveness of public transport, walking and cycling. These measures all support more inclusive communities with better services and facilities, as well as reducing social deprivation. Overall, a major positive benefit is assessed for this policy against this objective.	Major positive
11	This policy requires a high standard of design for all development achieved through meeting the objectives of the Wiltshire Design Guide and other local Design Guides, taking local context into account. It is noted that the policy requires development to make efficient use of local transport infrastructure and strategies and have consideration for accessibility, movement and parking. Overall, it is considered that this policy will have a minor positive impact against this objective.	Minor positive
12	This policy, in outlining the approach development should take in ensuring high quality design and place shaping, includes measures to minimise carbon emissions and promote renewable energy, reducing impact on climate change, requiring that this forms an integral part of the design solutions. These measures are a key element of this objective in promoting long-term sustainable economic growth. Accordingly, this policy is assessed as having moderate positive benefits when considered against this objective.	Moderate positive

**Overall policy assessment score: Moderate positive effect**

**Recommendations**  
None.

**Policy 99 – Ensuring the Conservation and Enhancement of the Historic Environment**

SA Objective	Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy	Assessment score
1	This policy, in aiming to conserve and enhance the historic environment, is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the protection and enhancement of biodiversity and geological features within Wiltshire and the wider criteria of this objective.	Neutral
2	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
3	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
4	The policy, being related to the preservation of the historic environment, is unlikely to have direct effects in respect of air quality and environmental pollution.	Neutral
5	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
6	This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective positively being achieved.	Neutral
7	This policy aim is to ensure the conservation and enhancement of the historic environment in Wiltshire, across a range of heritage assets. The policy is likely to lead to a major positive effect from the perspective of this objective. The policy could be strengthened for the sake clarity to add specific reference to Listed Buildings and Scheduled Monuments.	Major positive
8	This policy, in aiming to conserve and enhance the historic environment, in part aims to ensure the conservation and enhancement of important landscapes of historic significance, both built and natural. Taking this into consideration, overall, it is considered this policy will have a likely minor positive effect against this objective.	Minor positive
9	This policy is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	This policy is not considered likely to have any notable effect on reducing poverty and deprivation or promoting more inclusive communities and is therefore likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
11	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
12	This policy is not considered likely to have any notable effect on the economy or its long-term sustainable growth and is therefore likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral

**Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect**

**Recommendations**  
1. Amend criteria iii. for the sake of clarity to include reference Listed Buildings and Scheduled Monuments: “iii. buildings and structures of special architectural or historic interest, such as Listed Buildings and Scheduled Monuments”

<b>Policy 100 – The Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites World Heritage Site</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy, in aiming to protect and enhance the Stonehenge, Avebury and associated sites World Heritage Site, is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the protection and enhancement of biodiversity and geological features within Wiltshire and the wider criteria of this objective.	Neutral
2	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
3	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
4	The policy, being related to the preservation of the Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated World heritage Site, is unlikely to have direct effects in respect of air quality and environmental pollution.	Neutral
5	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
6	This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective positively being achieved.	Neutral
7	This policy aim is specific to the protection and enhancement of the Stonehenge, Avebury and associated sites World Heritage Site and its setting, with policy requirements linking to the objectives of the management plan for the World Heritage Site, and the emerging World Heritage Site Setting Study. The policy is likely to lead to a major positive effect.	Major positive
8	This policy, in aiming protect and enhance the Stonehenge, Avebury and associated sites World Heritage Site, in part aims to ensure the conservation and enhancement of an important landscape of historic significance. Taking this into consideration, overall, it is considered this policy will have a likely minor positive effect against this objective.	Minor positive
9	This policy is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	This policy is not considered likely to have any notable effect on reducing poverty and deprivation or promoting more inclusive communities and is therefore likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
11	This policy sets out how The Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of the World Heritage Site (WHS) in Wiltshire will be protected and sustained. The policy also sets out ways in which the WHS can be supported and enhanced through development in accordance with the Management Plan. One approach is through reducing the impacts of traffic through a transport plan. This example of mitigation is unlikely to have a significant effect on the objective and so a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
12	This policy is not considered likely to have any notable effect on the economy or its long-term sustainable growth and is therefore likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b>		
None.		

<b>Policy 101 – Air Quality</b>		
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Likely significant effects including any key mitigation measures and/or recommendations for improving the policy</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>
1	This policy, in aiming to ensure development effectively mitigates any negative impacts upon air quality, is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the protection and enhancement of biodiversity and geological features within Wiltshire and the wider criteria of this objective.	Neutral
2	This policy is likely to have positive effects against this objective. By requiring that developments demonstrate that measures can be taken to effectively mitigate emission levels, this will encourage developments that are well connected to town centres and which therefore could be built at higher densities and/or redevelop brownfield sites. And by encouraging effective use of sustainable transport modes, may reduce the need to build new roads. Overall, a minor positive effect is considered likely.	Minor positive
3	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
4	The policy sets out detailed requirements to ensure proposals that could lead to or exacerbate poor air quality seek to mitigate adverse emission levels in order to protect public health, environmental quality and amenity. A major positive effect is considered likely.	Major positive
5	This policy is likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
6	This policy does not include evidence to suggest significant effects are likely contrary to this objective or any barriers to prevent the objective positively being achieved.	Neutral
7	The policy is unlikely to lead to effects in respect of maintaining and enhancing the historic environment.	Neutral
8	This policy, in aiming to ensure development effectively mitigates any negative impacts upon air quality, is not considered likely to cause effects with regards the conservation and enhancement of Wiltshire's landscapes and landscape character and the wider criteria of this objective.	Neutral
9	This policy is not considered likely to significantly affect the provision of an appropriate supply of affordable housing or the provision of a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
10	This policy sets out the requirement of Air Quality Assessments for development that is likely to exacerbate areas of poor air quality and potential mitigation measures that may be taken against the effects of development on air quality. The policy supports good site connectivity with public transport routes, and provision of facilities for active travel, including dedicated cycle paths, all of which may reduce reliance on private vehicles. These measures will bring about positive benefits in relation to this objective, providing for more inclusive communities with a better range of services and facilities. Overall, this policy is assessed as having a moderate positive effective against this objective.	Moderate positive
11	This policy sets out the requirement of Air Quality Assessments for development that is likely to exacerbate areas of poor air quality and potential mitigation measures that may be taken against the effects of development on air quality. Traffic management and highway improvement agreements will have a positive impact on local transport capacity and existing transport infrastructure. The policy also supports investment in sustainable transport options and facilities, as well as active travel facilities which may reduce reliance on private vehicles. Overall, a moderate positive effect is considered likely against this objective.	Moderate positive
12	This policy is not considered likely to have any notable effect on the economy or its long-term sustainable growth and is therefore likely to have few or no effects against this objective. Overall, a neutral effect is considered likely.	Neutral
<b>Overall policy assessment score: Minor positive effect</b>		
<b>Recommendations</b>		
None.		