

**Local Development Plan 2032  
Draft Plan Strategy  
Addendum to  
Sustainability Appraisal Report  
January 2021**

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## **Non-Technical Summary**

This Addendum to the draft Plan Strategy Sustainability Appraisal (SA) October 2019 is prepared in support of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council's Local Development Plan (LDP) 2032 and should be read in conjunction with these previously published documents.

All representations received during the formal public consultation period for the draft Plan Strategy, held between the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020, and the Council's response to these representations, can be found in the LDP draft Plan Strategy Public Consultation Report, published in conformity with The Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015.

After due consideration of all representations received to the draft Plan Strategy, Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council, in accordance with the Department for Infrastructure's Development Plan Practice Note 10, December 2019, is recommending a number of focussed and minor changes to the published draft Plan Strategy. These can be found within the published consultation document **"Consultation on Focussed Changes Addendum including Minor Changes Schedule, January 2021"** which accompanies this Addendum.

This Addendum assesses those proposed focussed and minor changes in relation to the SA process and comprises of the following:

- A screening of all proposed changes to policies to assess if they alter the 'likely significant effects' predicted in the already published SA Report of October 2019, or if they may lead to any new or additional potential significant effects.

The detailed findings are set out in Appendix A of this Addendum.

Following consideration of the proposed focussed changes, it has been concluded that all of the proposed changes to the draft Plan Strategy can be screened out of requiring further Sustainability Appraisal incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), on the basis of having no potential for significant negative impacts on the Sustainability Objectives.

The Addendum is being published for public consultation for a period of 8 weeks, which corresponds to the timeframe specified in Development Plan Practice Note 10 Submitting Development Plan Documents for Independent Examination.

## 1.0 Introduction

1.1 The draft Plan Strategy was published for public consultation, with a pre-consultation period which ran from Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019; and formal consultation commencing on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019 for an extended nine week period up to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020. The draft Plan Strategy was set out in two parts:

- Part 1 – Plan Strategy
- Part 2 – Operational Policies

1.2 The Council received 128 representations during this consultation process. Paragraph 4.3 of Development Plan Practice Note (DPPN) 10, Submitting Development Plan Documents for Independent Examination, states that:

*‘Following receipt of representations to the DPD, the council will consider the issues raised.....Ultimately the council will consider each issue raised and determine whether there will be: No Change; Minor Changes; Focussed Changes or Fundamental Changes required to its Plan Strategy...’*

1.3 Full consideration of the representations received to the draft Plan Strategy are detailed in a Public Consultation Report (PCR) which takes account of the main issues raised. This will be published on submission of all documents to the Department for Infrastructure in order to cause an Independent Examination.

1.4 Following consideration of all representations received, the Council is proposing a number of changes to the published draft Plan Strategy. This takes full account of the administrative procedures for any proposed change to the draft Plan Strategy as outlined in DPPN 10.

1.5 The Council has identified the need to make both focussed and minor changes to its Plan Strategy. Focussed changes are presented in the form of a ‘Focussed Changes’ Addendum as indicated in paragraph 4.7 of DPPN 10 and Minor Changes are provided as a separate Schedule in accordance with paragraph 4.5 of DPPN 10.

1.6 In accordance with paragraph 10 of DPPN 10, the Council is publishing the Focussed Changes addendum and Minor Changes schedule and all other statutory assessments, including this Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Addendum, a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Addendum, an Equality Impact Addendum and a Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA) Addendum for a period of 8 weeks as required.

1.7 The addendum of focussed changes together with the SA addendum and other statutory assessments are being published for public consultation for a period of eight weeks, which corresponds to the timeframe specified in regulation 16 of the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015.

1.8 The proposed Focussed Changes require consideration by SA and SEA in order to check if they alter the ‘likely significant effects’ predicted in the already published SA Report of October 2019, or if they may lead to any new additional potential significant effects.

1.9 This Addendum to the SA Report (October 2019) identifies whether the outcomes of that original report should be varied or revised, based on assessment of the focussed changes identified in the schedule. If any change is considered to result in a variation of the original assessment, this Addendum will specify where and how this will be reflected in the SA. This Addendum and any outcomes should be read in conjunction with the SA Report (October 2019).

1.10 This Addendum includes the following:

- Screening of all proposed changes to policy to consider if any ‘materially’ change (i.e. change what actions the LDP might inevitably lead to); what the SA initially assessed or assumed about how the LDP would be implemented;
- An examination of the proposed changes which might have an effect on the policy’s performance against the Sustainability Objectives and assessment of whether the changes would necessitate a revision to the SA; and
- Conclusions and recommendations.

## **2.0 Statutory Requirements**

2.1 The Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, sections 8(6) and 9(7) requires an appraisal of sustainability to be carried out for the Plan Strategy. A SA must cover social and economic effects of the LDP as well as any environmental effects by complying with EU SEA Directive 2001/42/EC on the assessment of effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment (SEA Directive).

2.2 The SEA Directive is transposed into Northern Ireland legislation through the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004 (the EAPP(NI) Regulations). The EAPP (NI) Regulations set more detailed requirements for the process and content of the environmental assessment of plans and development.

## **3.0 Screening of Proposed Changes**

3.1 As previously mentioned the Council received 128 representations to its public consultation on the draft Plan Strategy. Full consideration of the representations received to the draft Plan Strategy are detailed in a Public Consultation Report (PCR) which takes account of the main issues raised. Following consideration of all representations the Council has identified the need to make both focussed and minor changes to its Plan Strategy. A copy of all representations received are available on the Council’s website.

3.2 The proposed focussed changes to the draft Plan Strategy have the potential to change the assessment of likely effects on social, economic and environmental interests. Some of the focussed changes (insertions, deletions and amendments) alter the wording of policies or the subsequent justification and amplification which provides policy clarification and implementation of that policy.

3.3 If a focussed change causes an impact on the policies of the dPS then that impact must be assessed. With this in mind the initial step is considering the SA and the ‘screening’ of the proposed focussed changes to identify whether these modifications would alter any of the conclusions previously reached in the SA Report and could therefore be likely to have significant effects on the environment as a result of the implementation of the Plan Strategy.

3.4 Every focussed change has been compared against the published draft Plan policies and its supporting information to check whether or not the intent or implementation of that policy has been altered. This comparison will identify whether the proposed changes alter any of the conclusions previously reached in the SA Report and would therefore be likely to have significant effects on the environment as a result of implementing the dPS with the changes proposed. The screening of the proposed focussed changes is set out in Table 1 below.

3.5 The Council, in conjunction with publishing and consulting on these focussed changes, is also publishing a minor changes schedule that notes issues raised in public representations, but that it considers would not impact upon the soundness of the published dPS. The Council’s consideration on this matter is contained in Table 2 below.

**Table 1: Screening of Proposed Focused Changes**

<b>PART ONE PLAN STRATEGY</b>					
<b>Focussed Change Reference</b>	<b>Chapter/Policy of draft Plan Strategy</b>	<b>Proposed Focussed Change</b>	<b>Predicted Impact on the SOs from applying the change(s)</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>
<b>A: A QUALITY PLACE – ENABLING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES AND DELIVERY OF NEW HOMES</b>					
FC1A	SP08 Housing in Settlements	The Council has considered the figures for affordable housing need and acknowledges that an error has occurred. The Council proposes for clarity, as a focussed change, to amend this figure as follows: <u>Page 28:</u> “Extrapolating this figure over the Plan period from 2017-2032 equates to an estimated figure of approximately 2,400 <i>social housing dwelling</i> units. An additional need is also indicated for intermediate housing which equates to an additional projected need for <del>3,840</del> <i>1,920</i> units over the Plan period.” <u>Page 61:</u> “The total affordable housing requirement for the Plan period is <del>6,240</del> <i>4,320</i> units of which 2,400 are social housing units.”	No change / neutral as the figures have been corrected in line with published data and this has no predicted impact on the SO relating to the delivery of the social or affordable provision over the plan period.	This is a minor/factual correction for clarification purposes to a strategic policy. The objective of the policy remains unaffected.	Screened Out
FC1B	SP08 Housing in Settlements	The Council proposes for clarity, as a focussed change, to amend Table 3 of the draft Plan Strategy (dPS) page 64, and relating text on pages 58-63 under the Strategic Housing Allocation, to reflect the most up-to-date HGI data provided at time of publication of the draft Plan Strategy. A minor adjustment (equivalent to 3% of the HGI figure) was made to reflect the mid-point between the two employment-led scenarios that were included in the Housing Growth Study (as updated). An Addendum to Technical Supplement 1 Housing Growth Study has also been provided to reflect the HGI update.	No change / neutral as the figures have been corrected in line with published data and this has no predicted impact on the SO relating to the delivery of housing provision over the plan period.	Clarification on the updated HGI published in September 2019. Requires amendments to pages 58- 63 and Table 3 of Part 1 of the draft Plan Strategy (page 64). The updating of Table 3 links directly to policy SP08 in that the Plan will support development proposals that a) are in accordance	Screened Out

		<i>See Annex 1 for amended Table 3 (page 64) and relating text (pages 58-63, Part 1) and Addendum to Technical Supplement 1.</i>		with the Strategic Housing Allocation provided in Table 3. While a new element has not been added to the policy a part of that policy has been impacted upon by the revision and as such may have an impact on the implementation of that policy.	
<b>B: A THRIVING PLACE – DRIVING SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH</b>					
n/a					
<b>C: A VIBRANT PLACE – GROWING OUR CITY, TOWN CENTRES, RETAILING AND OTHER USES</b>					
FC2	SP14 Town Centres, Retailing and Other Uses	The Council proposes for clarity, as a focussed change, to remove criteria b) from Strategic Policy 14, page 96, as follows: <i>“b) support Sprucefield Regional Shopping Centre in recognition of its regional status in accordance with key site requirements.”</i>	Slight enhancement of positive effect for SO8, no overall change.	The removal of criterion b) from SP14 may have an impact on the implementation of the policy as it removes the Regional Shopping Centre from the initial consideration of the policy.	Screened Out
<b>D: AN ATTRACTIVE PLACE – PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE TOURISM, OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND OUTDOOR RECREATION</b>					
n/a					
<b>E: A GREEN PLACE – PROTECTING AND ENHANCING THE HISTORIC AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT</b>					
n/a					
<b>F: A CONNECTED PLACE – SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE</b>					
FC3	SP21 Renewable Energy	The Council proposes for clarity, as a focussed change, to amend paragraph 3 of the J&A, page 146, as follows: <i>“A <b>precautionary cautious</b> approach for renewable energy development proposals will apply within designated</i>	No change / neutral	The proposed deletions and insertion are for clarification purposes and result in no impact	Screened Out

		landscapes which are of significant value, such as Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty <i>and their wider settings</i> . <i>In such sensitive landscapes</i> , it may <del>also</del> be difficult to accommodate renewable energy proposals, including wind turbines, without detriment to the region’s cultural and natural heritage assets.”		on the implementation of that policy. The strategic objective of the policy remains unaffected.	
<b>CHAPTER 5 MONITORING AND REVIEW</b>					
n/a					
<b>GLOSSARY</b>					
n/a					

<b>PART TWO OPERATIONAL POLICIES</b>					
<b>Focused Change Reference</b>	<b>Chapter/Policy of draft Plan Strategy</b>	<b>Proposed Focused Change</b>	<b>Predicted Impact on the SOs from applying the change(s)</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>
FC4	HOU1 New Residential Development	The Council proposes for clarity, as a focussed change, to amend Policy HOU1 criteria b), page 12, as follows: “b) on previously developed land (brownfield sites) <i>or as part of mixed-use development</i> “	Slight enhancement of positive effect for SO6 and SO7, no overall change.	The insertion placed into criteria b) from HOU1 may have an impact on the implementation of the policy on the sustainability objectives as it adds an additional circumstance which was not considered in the original SA.	Screened Out
FC5A	HOU4 Design in New Residential Development	The Council proposes for clarity as, a focussed change, to amend the first paragraph of the J&A of Policy HOU4, page 15, by inclusion of a second sentence, as follows: “ <i>This Policy will apply to those alternative uses which are deemed to be acceptable under Policy HOU2.</i> ”	No change / neutral	The proposed insertions in both the Policy and J&A are for clarification purposes and result in no impact on the	Screened Out

				implementation of that policy. No additional elements have been introduced. The strategic objective of the policy remains unaffected.	
FC5B	HOU4 Design in New Residential Development	<p>The Council proposes for clarity as a focussed change to amend criteria d) of Policy HOU4, page 15, as follows:  “d) residential development should be brought forward in line with the following density bands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City Centre boundary 120-160 dwellings per hectare</li> <li>• <i>Settlement Development Limits of the City, Towns Centres</i> and <i>Greater Urban Areas</i> 25-35 dwellings per hectare</li> <li>• <i>Settlement Development Limits of Villages and Small Settlements</i> 20-25 dwellings per hectare”</li> </ul>	No change / neutral	Clarification of the policy wording (to include settlement development limits) does not change the intent of the policy or its objective.	Screened Out
FC6	COU5 Affordable Housing	<p>The Council proposes for clarity, as a focussed change, to amend the last paragraph of Policy COU5, page 34, as follows:  “Generally only one group will be permitted in close proximity to any particular settlement in the rural area <i>and should demonstrate that the need cannot be met within the identified settlement.</i>”</p>	No change / neutral	The insertion placed at the end of this policy introduces a demonstration of need. The insertion does not alter the implementation of the policy, as the location of any proposed development remains unaltered.	Screened Out

FC7	ED7 Retention of Zoned Land and Economic Development	The Council proposes for clarity, as a focussed change, to amend Policy ED7, page 48, as follows: <b>“Unzoned Land in Settlements</b> On unzoned land a development proposal that would result in the loss of an existing Class B2, B3 or B4 use, <i>or land last used for these purposes</i> , will only be permitted where it is demonstrated that:...”	Slight enhancement of positive effect for SO5 no overall change.	The insertion placed into the policy ED7 may have an impact on the implementation of the policy as it adds an additional circumstance which was not considered in the original SA.	Screened Out
FC8A	MD1 Environmental Protection	The Council proposes for clarity, as a focussed change, to amend Policy MD1, page 51, as follows: “...Minerals development within or in close proximity to an area that has been designated, or is proposed for designation to protect its landscape, scientific, natural <i>or built</i> heritage significance will not normally be granted permission...”	Enhances SO14 from a negligible to a minor positive effect.	The insertion placed into the policy MD1 at two places may have an impact on the implementation of the policy as it adds an additional element (Built heritage) which was not considered in the original SA.	Screened Out
FC8B	MD1 Environmental Protection	The Council proposes for clarity, as a focussed change, to amend the last sentence of Policy MD1, page 51, as follows: “Minerals development within or in close proximity to an area that has been designated, or is proposed for designation to protect its landscape, scientific of natural <i>or built</i> heritage significance will not normally be granted permission ( <i>with the exception of valuable minerals as set out in policy MD4</i> ) where this would prejudice the essential character of the area and the rationale for its designation.”	No change / neutral	The deletion is not considered to have an impact on the implementation of the policy.	Screened Out
<b>C: A VIBRANT PLACE – GROWING OUR CITY, TOWN CENTRES, RETAILING AND OTHER USES</b>					
n/a					
<b>D: AN ATTRACTIVE PLACE – PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE TOURISM, OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND OUTDOOR RECREATION</b>					
n/a					

<b>E: A GREEN PLACE – PROTECTING AND ENHANCING THE HISTORIC AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT</b>					
FC9	HE6 Change of Use and/or Extensions or Alterations to a Listed Building	The Council proposes for clarity, as a focussed change, to amend the first sentence of Policy HE6, page 77, as follows: “The Council <del>will</del> <i>may</i> permit the change of use...”	No change / neutral	The amendment to the policy does not alter the implementation of the policy and its impact on the sustainability objectives.	Screened Out
FC10	HE14 Enabling Development	The Council proposes for clarity, as a focussed change, to amend paragraph 5 of the J&A of HE14, page 84, as follows: “This statement should include <i>a conservation statement or plans and</i> sufficient, detailed financial information as is necessary to allow the Council, and or its consultees to make an informed decision upon the application.”	No change / neutral	The proposed insertion is for clarification purposes and results in no impact on the implementation of that policy. The strategic objective of the policy remains unaffected.	Screened Out
<b>F: A CONNECTED PLACE – SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE</b>					
FC11	TRA1 Creating an Accessible Environment	The Council proposes for clarity, as a focussed change, to amend bullet point c) of Policy TRA1, page 92, as follows: “c) priority pedestrian <i>and cycling</i> movement within and between land uses”	Slight enhancement of positive effect for SO8, no overall change.	The insertion placed into the policy TRA1 may have an impact on the implementation of the policy as it adds an additional element (Cycling) which was not considered in the original SA.	Screened Out
FC12	TRA3 Access to Protected Routes	The Council proposes for clarity, as a focussed change, to amend Policy TRA3, under subheading ‘Other Protected Routes – Outside Settlement Limits’ page 94, as follows: “Other Protected Routes – Outside Settlement Limits Planning permission will only be granted for a development proposal involving direct access, or the intensification of the use of an existing access <i>where it is demonstrated that access cannot reasonably be taken from</i>	No change / neutral	The proposed amendments are for clarification purposes and result in no impact on the implementation of that policy. The strategic objective of	Screened Out

		<del>an adjacent minor road</del> in the following circumstances: <i>An exception will apply For a replacement dwelling in accordance with Policy COU3 where the dwelling to be replaced is served by an existing vehicular access onto the protected route; for a farm dwelling or a dwelling serving an established commercial or industrial enterprise where access cannot be reasonably obtained from an adjacent minor road; and, for other developments which would meet the criteria for development in the countryside, where access cannot be reasonably obtained from an adjacent minor road.</i> In all cases the proposed access must be in compliance with the requirements of Policy TRA2.”		the policy remains unaffected.	
FC13	RE1 Renewable Energy Development	The Council proposes for clarity, as a focussed change, to insert an additional paragraph of text to Policy RE1, after paragraph 4, page 100, as follows: <i>“Any renewable energy development on active peatland will not be permitted unless there are imperative reasons of overriding public interest as defined under The Conservation (Natural Habitats, etc) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 as amended.”</i>	No change / neutral	The proposed insertion is for clarification purposes and results in no impact on the implementation of that policy. The operational objectives and implementation of the policy remains unaffected.	Screened Out
FC14A	UT1 Utilities	The Council proposes for clarity, as a focussed change, to amend the first sentence of Policy UT1, page 104, as follows: <i>“To ensure that the visual and environmental impact of utility development is kept to a minimum, the provision of utility services...”</i>	No change / neutral	The proposed insertion is for clarification purposes and results in no impact on the implementation of that policy. The strategic objective of the policy remains unaffected to lay the services underground. No further SA is required.	Screened Out

FC14B	UT1 Utilities	<p>The Council proposes for clarity, as a focussed change, to amend Policy UT1, page 104, as follows:</p> <p><i>“To ensure that the visual and environmental impact of utility development is kept to a minimum, the provision of utility services such as water, wastewater, electricity and gas to new development proposals should be laid underground where considered feasible and viable.</i></p> <p><del><i>An exception will be permitted for overhead electricity lines and poles serving new development, where underground provision is not feasible or viable.</i></del></p> <p><i>Proposals for all overhead electricity lines and associated infrastructure, either regional transmission or local distribution networks, will be subject to the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>a) pylons, poles and overhead lines should follow natural features of the environment, having regard to designated areas of landscape or townscape sensitivity, to minimise visual intrusion;</i></li> <li><i>b) Avoidance of areas of nature conservation, historic environment or archaeological interest, where possible;</i></li> <li><i>c) Wirescape should be kept to a minimum;</i></li> <li><i>d) Associated infrastructure works should be visually integrated, making use of existing and proposed landscaping;</i></li> </ul> <p><del><i>(e)</i></del><i>Proposed power lines should comply with the 1998 International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP).”</i></p>	No change / neutral	The proposed insertions are for clarification purposes and results in no impact on the implementation of that policy. The strategic objective of the policy remains unaffected to lay the services underground and this is to be considered where it is feasible and viable to do so. No further SA is required.	Screened Out
FC15	FLD5 Development in Proximity to Reservoirs	<p>The Council proposes for clarity, as a focussed change, to amend Policy FLD5, page 116, in accordance with the advice issued in June 2019 by DfI Rivers as follows:</p> <p>“New development will only be permitted within the potential flood inundation area of a “controlled reservoir” as shown on the Strategic Flood Maps, if:</p>	Slight enhancement of positive effect for SO1, no overall change.	The amendments placed into the policy FLD5 may have an impact on the implementation of the policy on the	Screened Out

		<p>a) <del>it can be demonstrated the applicant can demonstrate that the condition, management and maintenance regime of the reservoir is appropriate to provide sufficient assurance regarding its reservoir safety, so as to enable the development to proceed; or</del></p> <p>b) <del>where assurance on the condition, management and maintenance regime of the relevant reservoir(s) is not demonstrated, the application is accompanied by a Flood Risk Assessment, or other analysis, which demonstrates: 1. an assessment of the downstream flood risk in the event of: a controlled release of water; an uncontrolled release of water due to reservoir failure; a change in flow paths as a result of the proposed development, and 2. That there are suitable measures to manage and mitigate the identified flood risk including details of emergency evacuation procedures assesses the downstream flood risk in the event of an uncontrolled release of water due to reservoir failure as being acceptable to enable the development to proceed. Replacement buildings within the potential flood inundation area downstream of a controlled reservoir must be accompanied by a Flood Risk Assessment.</del></p> <p><del>With all development proposals</del> There will be a presumption against development within the potential flood inundation area for proposals that include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• essential infrastructure;</li> <li>• storage of hazardous substances; and</li> <li>• bespoke accommodation for vulnerable groups. <del>and for any development located in areas where the Flood Risk Assessment indicates potential for an unacceptable combination of depth and velocity (See Policy FLD1)</del></li> </ul>		<p>sustainability objectives as it adds and removes elements which were and were not considered in the original SA.</p>	
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		<i>Replacement Building(s):- Where assurance on the condition, management and maintenance regime of the relevant reservoir/s is not demonstrated, planning approval will be granted for the replacement of an existing building(s) within the potential flood inundation area of a controlled reservoir provided it is demonstrated that there is no material increase in the flood risk to the proposed development or elsewhere."</i>			
<b>GLOSSARY</b>					
n/a					

#### 4. Detailed Assessment of Proposed Changes

- 4.1 For completeness and transparency all of the proposed focussed changes have been examined against the Sustainability Objectives. These are set out in the tables provided in Appendix A.
- 4.2 This assessment has been carried out in line with the SA Framework as a means of ensuring that the social, environmental and economic needs of the area have been considered in plan preparation. It enables the effects of plan proposals to be described, analysed and compared. It also helps identify measures to minimise negative effects and enhance positive effects. The SA Framework consists of Sustainability Objectives with prompts which assess plan proposals against a baseline.
- 4.3 A total of fourteen social, economic and environmental Sustainability Objectives have been identified in the SA Scoping Report. These have been informed by the strategic and policy context, a review of baseline information for the Council area and any evidence of trends and issues.
- 4.4 The scoring and description of how the assessment is made is presented below:

Rating	Description
<b>++</b> Significant Positive	Policy/ proposal would greatly help to achieve the objective
<b>+</b> Minor Positive	Policy/ proposal would slightly help to achieve the objective
<b>0</b> Neutral / no effect	Policy/ proposal would have no overall effect
<b>-</b> Minor Negative	Policy/ proposal would slightly conflict with the objective
<b>--</b> Significant Negative	Policy/ proposal would greatly conflict with the objective
<b>?</b> Uncertain	The effect cannot be predicted because: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the approach has an uncertain relationship to the objective; or</li> <li>the relationship is dependent on the way in which the approach is implemented; or</li> <li>insufficient information may be available to enable an appraisal to be made.</li> </ul>
ST	Short Term Up to five years
MT	Medium Term Five to 15 years
LT	Long term Over 15 years

Key:	<b>++</b> Significant positive effect	<b>+</b> Minor positive effect	<b>0</b> No overall effect	<b>-</b> Minor negative effect	<b>--</b> Significant negative effect	<b>?</b> Score uncertain
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- 4.5 The figures shown in the following section summarise the predicted long term effects of the policy implementation. It should be noted that short and medium term effects were also considered in the SA and, where relevant, these have been described in the detailed appraisal comments in Appendix 4 of the SA Report.

The 14 (sustainability) objectives (SO) for sustainable development for Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council are to:

**[SO] 1...improve health and well-being.**

Public policy seeks to increase healthy life expectancy, reduce preventable deaths, improve mental health and reduce health inequalities. Evidence shows that there is a need to address obesity, increase physical activity and reduce inequalities in health. It is also necessary to provide for the needs of an aging population and minimise the detrimental impacts of noise. This can be achieved by creating an environment that is clean and attractive; encourages healthy lifestyles; protects tranquil and quiet areas and enables access to health care facilities for all.

**[SO] 2...strengthen society.**

Regional policy is directed towards improving community relations and creating a safe society which is more united. Success will be represented by places which are inclusive, respect culture and identity, promote social integration and create a sense of pride. They will also be designed to feel safe and to reduce opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour.

**[SO] 3...provide good quality, sustainable housing.**

The population is growing and therefore there is ongoing need for new housing in locations that meet regional policy, are accessible and balance the needs of society and the environment. The make-up of households is changing therefore design needs to meet long term requirements with good quality build to be sustainable. This objective should reduce homelessness and ensure decent, affordable homes with a mix of types.

**[SO] 4...enable access to high quality education.**

Good education improves opportunities for employment and also contributes to avoidance of poverty and healthier lifestyles. The provision of suitable accommodation for educational establishments in appropriate, accessible locations should play a part in making schools more sustainable and reducing inequalities in education.

**[SO] 5...enable sustainable economic growth.**

Regional policy seeks to develop a strong, competitive and regionally balanced economy. It is necessary to provide suitable locations for employment, with flexibility where necessary, to reflect current and future distribution of jobs across sectors, encourage new business start-ups, facilitate innovation, regenerate areas, attract investment and make employment as accessible as possible for all. This will reduce unemployment and poverty by helping more people to earn a living and increase their income.

**[SO] 6...manage material assets sustainably.**

Material assets such as infrastructure and sources of energy production are essential for society and the economy but need careful planning to ensure that they are designed for efficiency and to minimise adverse impacts. The concept of circular economy treats waste as resource which should be managed sustainably to reduce production and increase recovery, recycling and composting rates; new or adapted facilities may be required.

**[SO] 7...protect physical resources and use sustainably.**

Land, minerals, geothermal energy and soil are resources which require protection from degradation and safeguarding for future use. Sustainable agriculture, tourism and sustainable use of minerals and geothermal energy can help to support the economy.

**[SO] 8...encourage active and sustainable travel.**

There is a common goal to reduce traffic emissions and congestion which means reducing single-occupancy car use and increasing other forms of transport, especially at peak times. The location of housing and key services can facilitate better access to public transport. Opportunities for active travel makes travel more affordable and may bring added health benefits while also reducing

greenhouse gas emissions. Measures to manage car demand, such as parking and re-allocation of roads, which encourage a shift from car to public transport, walking and cycling will contribute to this goal.

**[SO] 9...improve air quality**

Air pollution has serious impacts on human health as well as degrading the natural environment. This objective can be achieved through reducing sources of air pollution. Where air pollution cannot be totally excluded careful siting of development should avoid impacts on sensitive receptors.

**[SO] 10...reduce causes of and adapt to climate change.**

International commitments require greenhouse gas emissions to be reduced to lessen their effects on climate. Measures that help reduce energy consumption and enable renewable energy helps mitigate greenhouse gas emissions however adaptation is also required to plan for the impacts of climate change.

**[SO] 11...protect, manage and use water resources sustainably.**

This objective encompasses reducing levels of water pollution, sustainable use of water resources, improving the physical state of the water environment and reducing the risk of flooding now and in the future. It meets the requirements of Northern Ireland legislation, strategies and plans in support of the Water Framework Directive and other Directives that relate to water and it takes account of the future impacts of climate change.

**[SO] 12...protect natural resources and enhance biodiversity.**

International obligations which are adopted in Northern Ireland legislation and policies require the protection of biodiversity including flora, fauna and habitats, including the marine environment. This is for their intrinsic value and for the wider services that they provide to people, the economy and the environment for example as carbon stores which lessen the effects of climate change. This objective includes protecting and enhancing biodiversity and the coastal and marine area, as well as protection of green and blue infrastructure to enhance the services that natural resources provide.

**[SO] 13...maintain and enhance landscape character.**

International and national policies seek to conserve the natural character and landscape of the coast and countryside and protect them from excessive, inappropriate or obtrusive development. This objective seeks to maintain the character and distinctiveness of the area's landscapes and to protect and enhance open spaces and the setting of prominent features, settlements and transport corridors.

**[SO] 14...protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage.**

The historic environment and cultural heritage are resources that inform our history and bring character and sense of place. They also attract visitors and contribute to the economy and bring vibrancy to the places where we live, work and relax. This can be achieved by protecting and enhancing Conservation Areas, townscapes and other sites of historic and cultural value including their setting.

## 5.0 Assessment of Minor changes

5.1 The Council has screened out all Minor Changes as listed in Table 2 below.

5.2 This is in line with DPPN 10 para 4.3 which states:

- MINOR CHANGES - Notes the issues and whilst determines that the DPD as prepared is sound, proposes Minor Changes that could be acceptable, which would not impact upon the soundness of the DPD.

5.3 Therefore the Council's position is that a minor change should not impact on soundness or the implementation of any policy against the Sustainability Objectives and ultimately it will not adversely affect the sustainability of the overall Plan Strategy.

**Table 2 Screening of Minor Changes**

Minor Change Reference	Reason	Predicted Impact on the SOs from applying the change(s)	Conclusion
MC1, MC12, MC13, MC17, MC19A, MC19B, MC20A, MC20B, MC21A, MC22, MC26A, MC27, MC29, MC31B, MC32D, MC35A, MC36, MC38, MC46, MC51, MC54A, MC54B, MC56A, MC56B, MC56C, MC57	Minor/factual correction for clarification purposes	No change / neutral	Screen Out
MC5, MC10, MC16, MC40, MC43, MC44, MC47, MC48, MC50	Minor/factual correction for clarification and consistency purposes.	No change / neutral	Screen Out
MC2, MC3A, MC6A, MC6B, MC6C, MC7A, MC7B, MC8A, MC8C, MC9A, MC9B, MC14, MC15, MC18, MC19C, MC21B, MC23, MC24A, MC24B, MC24C, MC25, MC26B, MC28, MC30, MC31A, MC32A, MC32B, MC32C, MC33, MC34A, MC34B, MC35B, MC35C, MC37, MC39A, MC39B, MC41, MC42, MC45, MC49, MC52A, MC52B, MC52C, MC58A	Change is for clarification on implementation of the policy.	No change / neutral	Screen Out
MC3B, MC4, MC8B, MC52D, MC53, MC55, MC56D	Change is for clarification on implementation of the policy and factual purposes.	No change / neutral	Screen Out
MC58B	Change is for clarification on implementation of the policy and consistency.	No change / neutral	Screen Out
MC11A, MC11B	Inclusion of definition is for clarification purposes.	No change / neutral	Screen Out

MC59	Change is for clarification on implementation of policies.	No change / neutral	Screen Out
MC60, MC61	Change is a result of issue identified in the SA. For consistency purposes.	No change / neutral	Screen Out
MC62, MC63, MC64, MC65A, MC65B, MC66	Change is a result of issue identified in the HRA. For clarity purposes.	No change / neutral	Screen Out
MC61	This is an alteration to a supporting document.	No change / neutral	Screen Out

## Conclusions and Recommendations

- 6.1 This document has examined the proposed focussed changes and the proposed minor changes to the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council LDP 2017 – 2032 draft Plan Strategy. It is an Addendum to the *'Sustainability Appraisal of the Draft Plan Strategy 2032 (incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment) - Sustainability Appraisal Report'* (the SA Report).
- 6.2 It should be read in conjunction with that SA Report, the Interim Sustainability Appraisal Report published at Preferred Options Paper stage in April 2017, the draft Plan Strategy and the draft Habitats Regulations Assessment Report.
- 6.3 Screening undertaken as part of this Addendum has concluded that none of the minor changes will 'materially' change what the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) initially assessed (i.e. change what actions the LDP might inevitably lead to) or what the SA assumed about how the LDP would be implemented. The incorporation of these proposed changes in the draft Plan Strategy will have no significant impact on the Plan's performance against the Sustainability Objectives.
- 6.4 The screening found that all of the proposed focussed changes would also not 'materially' change what the SA initially assessed, or what it assumed about how the LDP would be implemented. However, it was determined that six of the fifteen proposed focussed changes delivered one or more new elements to the policies which would not have been considered in the original SA. These policies were consequently subjected to a screening of their potential effects on the Sustainability Objectives and the outcomes of the SA, presented in Section 4 of this report.
- 6.5 The assessment found that these changes resulted in minor improvements to the performance of the policies against certain individual Sustainability Objectives, with some policies receiving a more positive score against a Sustainability Objective. None of the proposed focussed and minor changes presented any probable conflict with the status of any of the Sustainability Objectives.
- 6.6 The implementation of these proposed focussed changes in the draft Plan Strategy will have no significant impact on the Plan's performance against the Sustainability Objectives.
- 6.7 Taking into account measures which have been already integrated into the draft Plan Strategy to provide for and contribute towards environmental protection, environmental management and sustainable development, it is determined that all potential effects arising from the proposed focussed and minor changes are already in the SA and will not change.
- 6.8 None of the proposed changes would be likely to affect the environment as a result of their implementation within the draft Plan Strategy, in accordance with Schedule 1 of The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004. Therefore the Council considers no further amendments to the SA are required.

## Appendix A: Detailed Screening Table Focussed Changes

<p>FC1A SP08 Housing in Settlements Amendments on (pages 28 and 61)</p>	<p><u>Summary of issue/justification</u> The Council acknowledges that an error occurred and has amend the figures for accuracy and clarity as follows: <u>Page 28:</u> “Extrapolating this figure over the Plan period from 2017-2032 equates to an estimated figure of approximately 2,400 <i>social housing dwelling</i> units. An additional need is also indicated for intermediate housing which equates to an additional projected need for <del>3,840</del> <i>1,920</i> units over the Plan period.” <u>Page 61:</u> “The total affordable housing requirement for the Plan period is <del>6,240</del> <i>4,320</i> units of which 2,400 are social housing units.”</p>
<p>FC1B SP08 Housing in Settlements Amendments pages 58-63 and Table 3 page 64</p>	<p>Clarification on the updated HGI was published in September 2019 and owing to timing was not able to be used in the dPS. As a result, it requires amendments to pages 58- 63 and Table 3 on page 64 of Part 1 of the draft Plan Strategy. The updating of Table 3 links directly to policy SP08 criterion a), in that the Plan will support development proposals that are in accordance with the Strategic Housing Allocation provided in Table 3. The HGI update has not added any new element to the policy, however as part of that policy relates to criterion a) consideration of the SA is required to assess the impact of the implementation of that policy on the Sustainability Objectives.</p>

	1.... improve health and well-being.	2.... strengthen society.	3.... provide good quality, sustainable housing.	4.... enable access to high quality education.	5.... enable sustainable economic growth.	6.... manage material assets sustainably.	7.... protect physical resources and use sustainably.	8.... encourage active and sustainable travel.	9.... improve air quality.	10.... reduce causes of and adapt to climate change.	11.... protect, manage and use water resources sustainably.	12.... protect natural resources and enhance biodiversity.	13.... maintain and enhance landscape character.	14.... protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment.
<b>Original assessment</b>	++	++	++	0	0	+	+	++	+	+	+	+	+	++
<b>Revised assessment</b>	++	++	++	0	0	+	+	++	+	+	+	+	+	++
<b>Expected outcome of implementing the change</b>	No new effects identified on the assessment against each of the Sustainability Objectives. The change will add clarity in providing sustainable housing, but does not alter the original score for that objective. The implementation of the proposed amendments and changes to SP08 of the draft Plan Strategy will have no significant impact.													

<p>FC2 SP14 Town Centres, Retailing and Other Uses Page 96</p>	<p><u>Summary of issue/justification</u> Deletion of criterion b) from SP14 will have an impact on the implementation of the policy as it removes the Regional Shopping Centre from the initial consideration of the policy. This change may affect the policy's influence on the sustainability objectives.</p>
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	1.... improve health and well-being.	2.... strengthen society.	3.... provide good quality, sustainable housing.	4.... enable access to high quality education.	5.... enable sustainable economic growth.	6.... manage material assets sustainably.	7.... protect physical resources and use sustainably.	8.... encourage active and sustainable travel.	9.... improve air quality.	10.... reduce causes of and adapt to climate change.	11.... protect, manage and use water resources sustainably.	12.... protect natural resources and enhance biodiversity.	13.... maintain and enhance landscape character.	14.... protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment.
Original assessment	+	+	0	+	++	++	0	+	?	0	0	0	0	+
Revised assessment	+	+	0	+	++	++	0	+	?	0	0	0	0	+
Expected outcome of implementing the change	<p>No significant change to the assessment against each of the Sustainability Objectives. There may be a limited effect on Objective 8. The removal of criterion b) will provide more focus on active travel and sustainable travel as the amended policy will be more tightly focussed on the promotion of the town centre and will result in a slight increase in the scale of the positive effect for this objective. This effect as outlined is not considered to be sufficiently great to justify raising the revised score to a significant positive.</p> <p>The implementation of the proposed change to the draft Plan Strategy will have no significant impact.</p>													

<p>FC3 SP21 Renewable Energy (page 146)</p>	<p><u>Summary of issue/justification</u></p> <p>The Council proposes for clarity, to amend paragraph 3 of the J&amp;A on page 146, as follows: “A <i>precautionary cautious</i> approach for renewable energy development proposals will apply within designated landscapes which are of significant value, such as Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty <i>and their wider settings</i>. <i>In such sensitive landscapes</i>, it may <i>also</i> be difficult to accommodate renewable energy proposals, including wind turbines, without detriment to the region’s cultural and natural heritage assets.”</p> <p>The deletion and insertion placed into SP21 may have an impact on the implementation of the policy as it removes precautionary and adds an additional circumstance to be considered. These changes may affect the policy’s influence on the Sustainability Objectives.</p>
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	1.... improve health and well-being.	2.... strengthen society.	3.... provide good quality, sustainable housing.	4.... enable access to high quality education.	5.... enable sustainable economic growth.	6.... manage material assets sustainably.	7.... protect physical resources and use sustainably.	8.... encourage active and sustainable travel.	9.... improve air quality.	10.... reduce causes of and adapt to climate change.	11.... protect, manage and use water resources sustainably.	12.... protect natural resources and enhance biodiversity.	13.... maintain and enhance landscape character.	14.... protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment.
Original assessment	+	0	0	0	+	+	?	0	?	++	?	0	0	0
Revised assessment	+	0	0	0	+	+	?	0	?	++	?	0	0	0
Expected outcome of implementing the change	<p>No significant change to the assessment against each of the Sustainability Objectives. Positive effects remain as originally scored in 4 cases. There is no alteration in any of the scores as a result of the changes.</p> <p>The implementation of the proposed change to the draft Plan Strategy will have no significant impact.</p>													

<p>FC4 HOU1 New Residential Development Town Centres Page 12</p>	<p><b>Summary of issue/justification</b> The insertion placed into ED7 may have an impact on the implementation of the policy as it adds an additional circumstance which was not considered in the original SA. This change may affect the policy's influence on the Sustainability Objectives.</p>
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	1.... improve health and well-being.	2.... strengthen society.	3.... provide good quality, sustainable housing.	4.... enable access to high quality education.	5.... enable sustainable economic growth.	6.... manage material assets sustainably.	7.... protect physical resources and use sustainably.	8.... encourage active and sustainable travel.	9.... improve air quality.	10.... reduce causes of and adapt to climate change.	11.... protect, manage and use water resources sustainably.	12.... protect natural resources and enhance biodiversity.	13.... maintain and enhance landscape character.	14.... protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment.
Original assessment	++	++	++	+	+	+	+	++	+	+	+	+	+	++
Revised assessment	++	++	++	+	+	+	+	++	+	+	+	+	+	++
Expected outcome of implementing the change	<p>No significant change to the assessment against each of the Sustainability Objectives. Positive effects on Objectives 6 and 7 may be slightly strengthened due to the more efficient use of land, but the increase would not be sufficient to elevate the revised score to significant positive.</p> <p>The implementation of the proposed change to the draft Plan Strategy will have no significant impact.</p>													

<p>FC5A and FC5B HOU4 Design in New Residential Development (pages 15)</p>	<p><u>Summary of issue/justification</u></p> <p>The Council proposes for clarity, as a focused changed, to amend the first paragraph of the J&amp;A of Policy HOU4, second sentence, as follows:</p> <p><i>“This Policy will apply to those alternative uses which are deemed to be acceptable under Policy HOU2.”</i></p> <p>The insertion does not affect the policy and the design of residential developments; it does apply to the alternative uses acceptable under a previous policy.</p> <p>The Council proposes for clarity to amend one of the bullet points in criteria d) of Policy HOU4 as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Settlement Development Limits of the City, Towns Centres and Greater Urban Areas</i> 25-35 dwellings per hectare</li> </ul> <p><i>Settlement Development Limits of Villages and Small Settlements</i> 20-25 dwellings per hectare</p> <p>With the change to policy wording it adds clarity but alters the previous definition.</p> <p>This change may affect the policy’s influence on the Sustainability Objectives.</p>
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	1.... improve health and well-being.	2.... strengthen society.	3.... provide good quality, sustainable housing.	4.... enable access to high quality education.	5.... enable sustainable economic growth.	6.... manage material assets sustainably.	7.... protect physical resources and use sustainably.	8.... encourage active and sustainable travel.	9.... improve air quality.	10.... reduce causes of and adapt to climate change.	11.... protect, manage and use water resources sustainably.	12.... protect natural resources and enhance biodiversity.	13.... maintain and enhance landscape character.	14.... protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment.
Original assessment	++	++	++	+	+	+	+	++	+	+	+	+	+	++
Revised assessment	++	++	++	+	+	+	+	++	+	+	+	+	+	++
Expected outcome of implementing the change	<p>No significant change to the assessment against each of the Sustainability Objectives. All objectives previously scored positively and while there is a policy wording change it does not impact on any individual SO to a degree that would be sufficient to elevate the revised score to significant positive.</p> <p>The implementation of the proposed change to the draft Plan Strategy will have no significant impact.</p>													

<p>FC6 COU5 Affordable Housing, (page 34)</p>	<p><u>Summary of issue/justification</u></p> <p>The Council proposes, for clarity, to amend the last paragraph of Policy COU5 as follows:  “Generally only one group will be permitted in close proximity to any particular settlement in the rural area <i>and should demonstrate that the need cannot be met within the identified settlement.</i>”</p> <p>The insertion may have an impact on the implementation of the policy as it adds an additional circumstance, a needs test which was not considered in the original SA. This change may affect the policy’s influence on the Sustainability Objectives.</p>
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	1.... improve health and well-being.	2.... strengthen society.	3.... provide good quality, sustainable housing.	4.... enable access to high quality education.	5.... enable sustainable economic growth.	6.... manage material assets sustainably.	7.... protect physical resources and use sustainably.	8.... encourage active and sustainable travel.	9.... improve air quality.	10.... reduce causes of and adapt to climate change.	11.... protect, manage and use water resources sustainably.	12.... protect natural resources and enhance biodiversity.	13.... maintain and enhance landscape character.	14.... protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment.
Original assessment	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revised assessment	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Expected outcome of implementing the change	<p>No significant change to the assessment against each of the Sustainability Objectives. The three objectives which received an original score are not so impacted to such a degree that would be sufficient to elevate the revised score to significant positive. All other objectives remain unaffected.</p> <p>The implementation of the proposed change to the draft Plan Strategy will have no significant impact.</p>													

<p>FC7 ED7 Retention of Zoned Land and Economic Development Page 48</p>	<p><u>Summary of issue/justification</u> The insertion placed into criterion b) from HOU1 may have an impact on the implementation of the policy as it adds an additional circumstance which was not considered in the original SA. This change may affect the policy's influence on the Sustainability Objectives.</p>
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	1.... improve health and well-being.	2.... strengthen society.	3.... provide good quality, sustainable housing.	4.... enable access to high quality education.	5.... enable sustainable economic growth.	6.... manage material assets sustainably.	7.... protect physical resources and use sustainably.	8.... encourage active and sustainable travel.	9.... improve air quality.	10.... reduce causes of and adapt to climate change.	11.... protect, manage and use water resources sustainably.	12.... protect natural resources and enhance biodiversity.	13.... maintain and enhance landscape character.	14.... protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment.
Original assessment	0	+	+	0	++	?	+	+	0	0	?	0	0	0
Revised assessment	0	+	+	0	++	?	+	+	0	0	?	0	0	0
Expected outcome of implementing the change	<p>No significant change to the assessment against each of the Sustainability Objectives. The proposed change may strengthen the positive effects on Objective 5 due to the added protection it provides, but will result in no change to the score as the original policy was already considered to have a significant positive effect.</p> <p>The implementation of the proposed change to the draft Plan Strategy will have no significant impact.</p>													

<p>FC8A and FC8B MD1Environmental Protection Page 51</p>	<p><b>Summary of issue/justification</b> The insertion placed into MD1 at two places may have an impact on the implementation of the policy on the sustainability objectives as it adds an additional element (built heritage) which was not considered in the original SA. The deletion of the reference to MD4 is not considered likely to change how the policy is interpreted against the Sustainability Objectives.</p>
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	1.... improve health and well-being.	2.... strengthen society.	3.... provide good quality, sustainable housing.	4.... enable access to high quality education.	5.... enable sustainable economic growth.	6.... manage material assets sustainably.	7... protect physical resources and use sustainably.	8.... encourage active and sustainable travel.	9.... improve air quality.	10.... reduce causes of and adapt to climate change.	11.... protect, manage and use water resources sustainably.	12.... protect natural resources and enhance biodiversity.	13.... maintain and enhance landscape character.	14.... protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment.
Original assessment	0	0	0	0	+	0	++	0	0	0	+	+	+	0
Revised assessment	0	0	0	0	+	0	++	0	0	0	+	+	+	+
Expected outcome of implementing the change	<p>No significant change to the assessment against each of the Sustainability Objectives. Positive effects on Objective 14 will be enhanced, as built heritage was not referred to in the original policy. The inclusion has to be considered and as such alters that individual score to a minor positive effect. This change will not reduce the scope of sustainable minerals development as assessed in the original policy wording and thus will have no effect on SO5 and SO7.</p> <p>The implementation of the proposed change to the draft Plan Strategy will have no significant impact.</p>													

<p>FC9 HE6 Change of Use and/or Extensions or Alterations to a Listed Building (page 77)</p>	<p><u>Summary of issue/justification</u> The Council proposes for clarity ,to amend the first sentence of Policy HE6 on page 77 as follows: 'The Council <del>will</del> <i>may</i> permit the change of use.....' The amended wording placed into HE6 may not have an impact on the implementation of the policy on the sustainability objectives but it was not considered in the original SA.</p>
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	1.... improve health and well-being.	2.... strengthen society.	3.... provide good quality, sustainable housing.	4.... enable access to high quality education.	5.... enable sustainable economic growth.	6.... manage material assets sustainably.	7 .... protect physical resources and use sustainably.	8.... encourage active and sustainable travel.	9.... improve air quality.	10.... reduce causes of and adapt to climate change.	11.... protect, manage and use water resources sustainably.	12.... protect natural resources and enhance biodiversity.	13.... maintain and enhance landscape character.	14.... protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment.
Original assessment	+	+	0	0	++	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	++
Revised assessment	+	+	0	0	++	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	++
Expected outcome of implementing the change	<p>No significant change to the assessment against each of the Sustainability Objectives. The wording does not result in a change to the score as the original policy was already considered to have a significant positive effect in its main objectives.</p> <p>The implementation of the proposed change to the draft Plan Strategy will have no significant impact.</p>													

<p>FC10 HE14 Enabling Development (page 84)</p>	<p><u>Summary of issue/justification</u></p> <p>The Council proposes for clarity, as a focussed change, to amend paragraph 5 of the J&amp;A of HE14 on page 84, as follows:</p> <p>“This statement should include <i>a conservation statement or plans and</i> sufficient, detailed financial information as is necessary to allow the Council, and or its consultees to make an informed decision upon the application.”</p> <p>The insertion placed into the J&amp;A of HE14 may have an impact on the implementation of the policy on the sustainability objectives as it adds an additional element a statement or plan to aid the decision making process, this was not considered in the original SA.</p>
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	1.... improve health and well-being.	2.... strengthen society.	3.... provide good quality, sustainable housing.	4.... enable access to high quality education.	5.... enable sustainable economic growth.	6.... manage material assets sustainably.	7.... protect physical resources and use sustainably.	8.... encourage active and sustainable travel.	9.... improve air quality.	10.... reduce causes of and adapt to climate change.	11.... protect, manage and use water resources sustainably.	12.... protect natural resources and enhance biodiversity.	13.... maintain and enhance landscape character.	14.... protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment.
Original assessment	0	0	?	0	0	0	?	0	0	0	0	?	?	+
Revised assessment	0	0	?	0	0	0	?	0	0	0	0	?	?	+
Expected outcome of implementing the change	<p>No revised change to the assessment against each of the Sustainability Objectives. The insertion does alter the impact on objective 14 but not to a significant level to raise the score as the insertion is in the J&amp;A, the policy and its implementation are not altered.</p> <p>The implementation of the proposed change to the draft Plan Strategy will have no significant impact.</p>													

<p>FC11 TRA 1 Creating an Accessible Environment Page 92</p>	<p><b>Summary of issue/justification</b> The insertion placed into TRA1 may have an impact on the implementation of the policy on the sustainability objectives as it adds an additional element (Cycling) which was not considered in the original SA.</p>
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	1.... improve health and well-being.	2.... strengthen society.	3.... provide good quality, sustainable housing.	4.... enable access to high quality education.	5.... enable sustainable economic growth.	6.... manage material assets sustainably.	7.... protect physical resources and use sustainably.	8.... encourage active and sustainable travel.	9.... improve air quality.	10.... reduce causes of and adapt to climate change.	11.... protect, manage and use water resources sustainably.	12.... protect natural resources and enhance biodiversity.	13.... maintain and enhance landscape character.	14.... protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment.
Original assessment	++	++	+	+	+	0	0	++	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revised assessment	++	++	+	+	+	0	0	++	0	0	0	0	0	0
Expected outcome of implementing the change	<p>No significant change to the assessment against each of the Sustainability Objectives. The proposed change to insert a specific reference to cycling may strengthen the positive effects of Objective 8 but will result in no change to the score as it was already considered to have a significant positive effect.</p> <p>The implementation of the proposed change to the draft Plan Strategy will have no significant impact.</p>													

<p>FC12 TRA3 Access to Protected Routes (page 94)</p>	<p><u>Summary of issue/justification</u> The Council proposes for clarity, to amend Policy TRA3, under subheading ‘Other Protected Routes – Outside Settlement Limits’ “Other Protected Routes – Outside Settlement Limits Planning permission will only be granted for a development proposal involving direct access, or the intensification of the use of an existing access <i>where it is demonstrated that access cannot reasonably be taken from an adjacent minor road</i> in the following circumstances: <i>An exception will apply For a replacement dwelling in accordance with Policy COU3 where the dwelling to be replaced is served by an existing vehicular access onto the protected route; for a farm dwelling or a dwelling serving an established commercial or industrial enterprise where access cannot be reasonably obtained from an adjacent minor road; and, for other developments which would meet the criteria for development in the countryside, where access cannot be reasonably obtained from an adjacent minor road.</i> In all cases the proposed access must be in compliance with the requirements of Policy TRA2.” The detail of this insertion and deletion were not considered in the original SA and while it is for clarity it is in the policy and requires to be re-assessed.</p>
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	1.... improve health and well-being.	2.... strengthen society.	3.... provide good quality, sustainable housing.	4.... enable access to high quality education.	5.... enable sustainable economic growth.	6.... manage material assets sustainably.	7.... protect physical resources and use sustainably.	8.... encourage active and sustainable travel.	9.... improve air quality.	10.... reduce causes of and adapt to climate change.	11.... protect, manage and use water resources sustainably.	12.... protect natural resources and enhance biodiversity.	13.... maintain and enhance landscape character.	14.... protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment.
Original assessment	++	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
Revised assessment	++	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
Expected outcome of implementing the change	No significant change to the assessment against each of the Sustainability Objectives. The change does not lift Objective 9 out of minor negative score.													

<p>FC13 RE1 Renewable Energy Development (page 100)</p>	<p><u>Summary of issue/justification</u></p> <p>The Council proposes for clarity, to insert an additional paragraph of text to RE1, after paragraph 4 on page 100, as follows:  <i>“Any renewable energy development on active peatland will not be permitted unless there are imperative reasons of overriding public interest as defined under The Conservation (Natural Habitats, etc) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 as amended.”</i></p> <p>The insertion into RE1 may have an impact on the implementation of the policy on the sustainability objectives as it adds an element which was not considered in the original SA.</p>
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	1.... improve health and well-being.	2.... strengthen society.	3.... provide good quality, sustainable housing.	4.... enable access to high quality education.	5.... enable sustainable economic growth.	6.... manage material assets sustainably.	7.... protect physical resources and use sustainably.	8.... encourage active and sustainable travel.	9.... improve air quality.	10.... reduce causes of and adapt to climate change.	11.... protect, manage and use water resources sustainably.	12.... protect natural resources and enhance biodiversity.	13.... maintain and enhance landscape character.	14.... protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment.
Original assessment	0	0	0	0	+	++	?	0	0	++	0	+	-	0
Revised assessment	0	0	0	0	+	++	?	0	0	++	0	+	-	0
Expected outcome of implementing the change	<p>No significant change to the assessment against each of the Sustainability Objectives. The proposed change to insert a specific reference to active peatland may strengthen the positive effects on Objective 6 and 10 but they are already scored as significant positive. The negative score for objective 13 remains as development is still permitted.</p> <p>The implementation of the proposed change to the draft Plan Strategy will have no significant impact.</p>													

<p>FC14A &amp; FC14B UT1 Utilities (page 104)</p>	<p><u>Summary of issue/justification</u> The Council proposes for clarity, to amend Policy UT1 on page 104 as follows: <i>“To ensure that the visual and environmental impact of utility development is kept to a minimum, the provision of utility services such as water, wastewater, electricity and gas to new development proposals should be laid underground where considered feasible and viable. An exception will be permitted for overhead electricity lines and poles serving new development, where underground provision is not feasible or viable.</i></p> <p>The insertions and deletions placed into UT1 may have an impact on the implementation of the policy on the sustainability objectives as it adds and removes elements which were, and were not, considered in the original SA.</p>
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Original assessment	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
Revised assessment	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
Expected outcome of implementing the change	<p>No significant change to the assessment against each of the Sustainability Objectives. There are only three scores recorded in the original assessment as this policy and these objectives are not impacted upon by the proposed change. All other effects remain neutral/negligible in nature.</p> <p>The implementation of the proposed change to the draft Plan Strategy will have no significant impact.</p>													

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Revised assessment	++	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Expected outcome of implementing the change	<p>No significant change to the assessment against each of the Sustainability Objectives. Objective 1 could be considered further enhanced with the inclusion of the amendments, but is already a significant positive. There are only two other scores recorded in the original assessment as this policy is very specific in nature and neither of these objectives are impacted upon by the proposed change. All other effects remain neutral/negligible in nature.</p> <p>The implementation of the proposed change to the draft Plan Strategy will have no significant impact.</p>													