

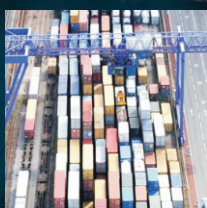


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Sustainability Appraisal Report

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Executive (Non-Technical) Summary

- i. Sustainable development is a central plank of government policy. Sustainability appraisal is a tool to ensure that the council's planning policies take account of nationally recognised principles and priorities for making progress towards sustainable development.
- ii. Sustainability appraisal is an iterative process and will be ongoing throughout the preparation of the Halton Local Plan.
- iii. This section provides a non-technical summary of the SA Report of the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan (DALP) Scoping Document.
- iv. The DALP Scoping Document has been prepared by Halton Borough Council, it identifies the sort of policies that are needed in order to guide the future development of Halton, and equally importantly it will also identifies what sort of policies are no longer needed. It sets out the potential scope and outline of policies that could be included within the DALP. The DALP when completed will:
 - a. Replace a number of policies contained in the Halton Local Plan Core Strategy (adopted April 2013) and the remaining saved policies of the Halton UDP (adopted April 2005).
 - b. Refresh and update the Strategic Policies of the Core Strategy.
 - c. Include allocations of land for residential, employment, retail, leisure and other land uses.
 - d. Identify areas to be designated and protected for landscape, nature conservation, environmental and heritage reasons.
 - e. Provide policies to guide decision making in the development management process.
 - f. Replace the existing UDP Proposals Map.
- v. The objective of this SA is to inform the development of the DALP. It considers the documents implications from a social, economic and environmental perspective, using the relevant baseline data and sustainability objectives identified in the SA Scoping Report (Jan 2016). The findings of this SA will help the Council identify the preferred options for policy development and help to identify the considerations that need to be taken into account whilst drafting more detailed policies and allocating sites.
- vi. The National Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) provides guidance on the content of the SA. This report sets out Stage B of the process, along with a brief overview of the work undertaken in the SA Scoping as part of Stage A.
- vii. The DALP Scoping Document highlights the intention to retain the Core Strategy Vision and Objectives, which have already been agreed and appraised through the adoption of the Core Strategy. However, these have been reassessed as part of this appraisal to ensure that they are still considered appropriate in light of the update to the SA data in the SA Scoping (Jan 2016). It is not considered that there are any objectives that will have a negative impact, and although there are some uncertainties these can be addressed by using the SA process in the consideration of detailed policies and site allocations.
- viii. During the development of the DALP Scoping Document several potential options for how to take policies forward were identified. These potential options are what have been

appraised within this document, considering their likely sustainability impacts both positive and negative. This will aid the Council in preparing policies in these areas by identifying potential impacts that will need to be addressed when more detailed policies are prepared and allocations are considered.

- ix. The DALP will be monitored to ensure that the potential sustainability impacts are checked and to ensure that action can be taken if required. For practical reasons, and in order to remain consistent, this will be based on the indicators identified in the Sustainability Appraisal Framework.
- x. You are invited to comment on the content of this document and to draw the Council's attention to any matters which have not been identified. The consultation period for this Sustainability Appraisal Report runs from: **Thursday 28th January to 3pm on Thursday 10th March 2016**. Only comments received during the consultation period will be considered. The Council asks that consultation responses are made via email to forward.planning@halton.gov.uk, where possible, to save time, paper and money.
- xi. You will find a copy of each of the relevant the documents online at www.halton.gov.uk/DALP or you can view a paper copy at the Halton Direct Links (HDLs) at Halton Lea, Runcorn; Brook Street, Widnes; and Granville Street, Runcorn or at the Libraries at Runcorn Shopping Centre (formerly known as Halton Lea), Runcorn; Granville Street, Runcorn; Kingsway, Widnes and Ditton, Widnes.

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I. Introduction

Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment

- I.1 A Sustainability Appraisal (SA) is a systematic process that attempts to predict and assess the economic, environmental and social effects that may arise from a plan, with a view to avoiding and mitigating adverse impacts and maximising positive impacts where appropriate.
- I.2 A SA must be carried out during the preparation of a Local Plan as required by Section 19 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004¹ to assess how the plan will contribute to sustainable development (SA is not required for Supplementary Planning Documents).
- I.3 It is a legal requirement that SA is undertaken in line with the procedures prescribed by the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004² which transpose the requirements of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive³, setting statutory requirements concerning assessments made of land use planning documents.
- I.4 This is an update to the previous SA Report⁴ which was undertaken to support the Core Strategy Local Plan and the wider Local Plan and Planning Policy Framework, and follows on from the SA Scoping Report January 2016.
- I.5 The National Planning Practice Guidance⁵ (known as PPG) sets out the stages in the SA process (Figure I.1).

¹ HM Gov (2004) Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

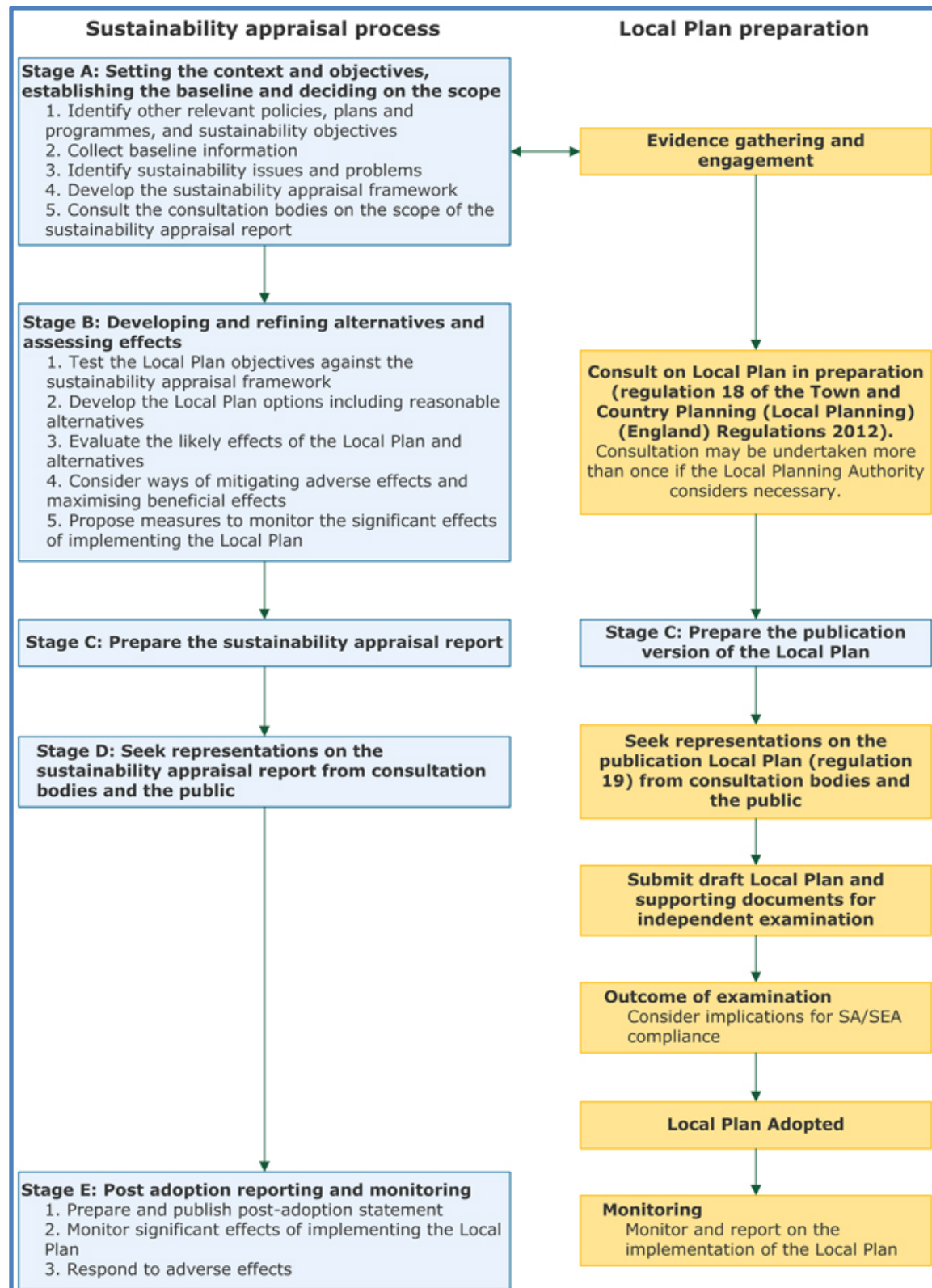
² HM Gov (2004) The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004

³ European Union Directive 2001/42/EC

⁴ Scott Wilson (2009) HBC LDF Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report

⁵ CLG (live) National Planning Practice Guidance (<http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/>)

Figure 1.1: SA Process Stages - National Planning Practice Guidance (CLG, live)



Purpose of this Sustainability Appraisal Report

- I.6 This Sustainability Appraisal is based on the Scoping Report originally produced for Halton's Local Plan (previously known as Local Development Framework) in 2009 and updated in both 2014 and 2016.
- I.7 A Sustainability Appraisal is performed in five stages. These stages are carried out alongside the preparation of the Local Plan.
- I.8 The key stages in the performance of the Sustainability Appraisal of the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan (known as the DALP) are explained in Table I.1.

Table I.1: SA Stages		
Stage	Description	Progress and Location
Stage A	This stage involves setting the context, and establishing a baseline for the Sustainability Appraisal process. Stage A consists of five tasks; these are: • A1: Identify relevant policies, plans and programmes • A2: Collect baseline information • A3: Identify sustainability issues and problems • A4: Develop the Sustainability Appraisal framework • A5: Consult on the scope of the Sustainability Appraisal	This stage is contained within the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (latest update January 2016).
Stage B	This stage involves developing and refining alternatives and assessing effects. It is a specific requirement of the SEA Directive and guidance that emerging plans and policies are appraised in terms of the likely significance of effects. • B1: Test the Local Plan objectives against the sustainability appraisal framework • B2: Develop the Local Plan options including reasonable alternatives • Evaluate the likely effects of the Local Plan and alternatives • Consider ways of mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects • Propose measures to monitor the significant effects of implementing the Local Plan	This stage is contained in this document. However, it may be reviewed as the Local Plan process progresses and policies are written and reviewed.
Stage C	This stage involves the production of a Sustainability Appraisal Report to present	This stage is contained in this document. However, it

	information on the effects of the Development Plan Document. This stage allows formal consultation on the effects of the document.	may be repeated as the Local Plan process progresses and policies are written and reviewed.
Stage D	This stage is to outline the public participation that will occur for the document and the subsequent review of consultation responses and development of relevant changes. This stage should also involve the establishment of the monitoring process to occur, to make sure the documents impacts are positive and have been correctly assessed.	This stage is the consultation that this document will be subject to as the Local Plan progresses.
Stage E	This stage involves monitoring the significant effects of implementing the DALP.	This stage will be completed as part of the monitoring processes identified.

Halton's Development Plan

- I.9 The Council is now producing a new Delivery and Allocations Local Plan (known as the DALP) that will review and replace the policies of the Halton Core Strategy as appropriate and the supersede the remaining policies from the Halton UDP. This would form part of Halton's Local Plan alongside the Joint Merseyside and Halton Waste Local Plan (Joint Waste Local Plan) (July 2013) and the remaining policies of the Core Strategy.
- I.10 The role of the Halton Delivery and Allocations Local Plan and associated Policies Map is to allocate sites and provide detailed policies for Halton's places, areas and issues. Once adopted, the new Delivery and Allocations Local Plan will provide a robust and up-to-date policy framework to guide future development within the Borough. Specifically, the new Local Plan will:
- Replace a number of policies contained in the Halton Local Plan Core Strategy (adopted April 2013) and the remaining saved policies of the Halton UDP (adopted April 2005).
 - Refresh and update the Strategic Policies of the Core Strategy.
 - Include allocations of land for residential, employment, retail, leisure and other land uses.
 - Identify areas to be designated and protected for landscape, nature conservation, environmental and heritage reasons.
 - Provide policies to guide decision making in the development management process.
 - Replace the existing UDP Proposals Map.

Consultation

- I.11 The SEA Directive requires environmental authorities to be consulted at Stage A5 on the scope of the environmental report and again during public consultation at Stage D1 on the plan and report (see Figure 1: SA Process Stages). Historic England, the Environment Agency and Natural England are the statutory Consultation Bodies for England, Natural Resources Wales will however, also be consulted.
- I.12 Comments made on the Sustainability Appraisal of the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan Scoping Report will be taken into account in the production of the Halton Local Plan.

2. Sustainability Appraisal Framework

- 2.1 The SA Scoping Report (Jan 2016) synthesised and presented to stakeholders the main messages emerging from the Local Plan evidence base. The Scoping Report was based on the information gathered and developed during the previous stages of the SA process, specifically a contextual analysis, the collection of baseline information, the identification of sustainability issues as well as the formation of SA objectives.
- 2.2 This SA Scoping Report was organised on the following topic-by-topic basis:
- Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna
 - Water Quality and Resources
 - Soil and Land Resources
 - Air Quality
 - Climatic Factors and Flooding
 - Cultural Heritage and Landscape
 - Population and Human Health
 - Social Inclusiveness including Skills and Education
 - Local Economy and Employment
 - Housing
 - Transportation.
- 2.3 Each of these topics were explored in terms of a context review, including a review of key messages from national and regional policy; an assessment of the current baseline situation, including locally collected data; and an appraisal of the likely future baseline, should existing trends continue. For each topic, the key emerging sustainability issues were highlighted, as were the data limitations encountered.
- 2.4 A critical role of the Scoping Report was to outline a series of SA Objectives and criteria which can be used to assess the sustainability of the Local Plan. These objectives and criteria form the SA Framework. It is provided for information in table 2.1.
- 2.5 It is a specific requirement of the SEA Directive and guidance that emerging plans and policies are appraised to identify their likely significance of effects. This is performed in Stage B of the Sustainability Appraisal process.
- 2.6 This assessment is performed by analysing the impact of the proposed policies of the Delivery and Allocations on a series of social, environmental and economic criteria. This stage of the assessment is performed in order to inform the selection of options to be taken forward. This assessment appraises each of the options proposed in the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan Scoping Report, and will help to develop and refine the way the options are taken forward into policy, as part of the iterative process of preparing the Local Plan. This is done using the SA Framework.

Table 2.1: The SA Framework

Indicators in Green are from Halton's Monitoring Framework

Indicators in Orange are further indicators that the Council may wish to collect data on to help monitoring of the SA Framework

SA Framework			
SA Objective (high level objective)	Locally Distinctive Sub-Criteria	Site Assessment Criteria	Relevant Indicators of Note
I. To protect, enhance and manage places, landscapes and buildings of historic, cultural and archaeological value	Protect and enhance features of historical and archaeological importance which contribute to the cultural and tourism offer of the Borough.	- Proximity to a heritage asset - Potential for impact on a heritage asset eg restoration of a building at risk or redevelopment of a site that is detracting from an asset or loss of asset. - Potential for impact on an area identified for its landscape value. - Access to public open space and natural green space	- Percentage of eligible open spaces managed to green flag award standards - Number of listed buildings in Halton - Number of buildings in conservation areas - Condition of SSSI's % of Grade I and 2* listed buildings at risk - Number of planning permissions refused on the basis of design % of new development meeting BREEAM standards - No. of derelict properties - Number of up to date Conservation Appraisals - Number of refusals due to impact on landscape character/ designation - Hedges removed (number of hedge
	Ensure that all new development meets high standards in terms of quality of design, safety, security and accessibility and relates well to existing development and the public realm.		
	Conserve and enhance high quality landscapes and townscapes in the Borough, especially those that contribute to local distinctiveness.		
	Ensure access to high quality public open space and natural green space.		

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			removal notices refused) - Number of environmental stewardship schemes - Development within area of landscape designation - Number of Tree Preservation Orders made
2. To protect, enhance and manage Biodiversity in Halton	To ensure that new development does not impact upon the condition of sites of biodiversity (including both habitat and species) interest including SSSI and other local and national designations.	- Proximity to a SSSI or Natura 2000 site (distance) - Are there known protected species on the site? Is there potential for protected species to exist on the site?	- Change in propriety habitats and change in species (by type) - Change in areas designated for their intrinsic environmental value - Condition of SSSI's - No. developments including landscaping schemes to benefit biodiversity - No. of developments including schemes to protect and/or enhance existing biodiversity. - Loss of designated habitat
	To protect Natura 2000 sites from the adverse effects of human activity, pollution and coastal erosion.	- Proximity to / Impact on NIA - Proportion of development site on greenfield land - Is there potential for impact on TPOs?	
3. To maintain and enhance the water quality of Halton's inland,	Promote sustainable design and construction measures that reduce water	Proportion of development site	Number of planning permissions granted contrary to the advice of the EA on water

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estuarine and coastal water and to sustainably manage water resources	consumption and result in decreased run-off of polluted water (including during construction phase)	within a Groundwater Source Protection Zone. Proximity to bodies of water that are sensitive to change.	quality grounds Length of watercourses of good biological and chemical quality
	Encourage the allocation and location of new development where water abstraction can occur sustainably.	Could the site accommodate SuDs?	Daily Domestic Water Use (per capita consumption)
	Ensure efficient use and management of water resources throughout the Borough.	Development standards in relation to water efficiency are not related to site locations therefore the SA of sites does not assess this; this is instead considered through policies.	No. of applications including Sustainable Drainage Systems
	Consider the wider implications of the management of foul water and run-off, including cumulative impacts.	It is assumed that sites will not be developed until suitable infrastructure improvements have been implemented to ensure potable water supply and waste water are managed to avoid adverse effects on water quality.	- Number of beaches with a blue flag status - Number of planning permissions granted with potential impacts on water protected source zones. - Number of planning permission granted to development that incorporate Sustainable Drainage Systems.
4. To promote adaptation to Halton's changing climate	Promote new development that minimises the emission of greenhouse gases.	Development standards relating to the minimisation of greenhouse gases are not determined by location and will instead be considered through the detailed proposals for each site.	- Renewable energy capacity installed by type - Provision of renewable energy in new development % of development meeting Code For
	Seek to provide a built environment and green infrastructure network that will minimise health impacts associated with		

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	climate change.		Sustainable Homes standards
5. To reduce flood risk in Halton from rivers, estuaries and sea level change	Ensure new development incorporates SUDs.	Proportion of site within a Flood Zone.	- Number of planning permissions granted contrary to the advice of the EA on flood defence grounds - Number of approvals incorporating EA advice on flood mitigation guidelines
	Avoid development in locations at risk from flooding and mitigate any residual flood risk through appropriate measures including through design.	Development standards relating to the provision of SuDS are not determined by location and will instead be considered through SA of policies.	
6. Increase energy efficiency in the built environment, and the proportion of energy use from renewable sources	Promote high sustainable design and construction standards for housing and non-housing development, in order to ensure that Halton meets the Government target of all new residential development being zero carbon by 2016.	- Does the site allow for development to take advantage of low carbon energy sources? - Does the site allow for alternative energy generation?	- Renewable energy capacity installed by type - Amount of energy produced by renewable energy Sources - Energy efficiency – the average SAP rating of local authority owned dwellings (1 – highly inefficient, 100 – highly efficient) - Provision of renewable energy in new development
	Clear guidelines and support for the use of renewable energy sources such as wind and hydro power in new and existing developments.	All new development is expected to maximise the use of energy efficient methods of construction: proposals will be assessed as part of the planning application and building control process.	
7. To protect and improve land quality in Halton	To conserve and enhance soil quality and general geodiversity in Halton.	Proportion of development site on	Amount of floorspace by employment type, which is on previously developed

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	Develop brownfield sites where these can support wider sustainability objectives (e.g. reduce travel by car, improve the public realm, avoid loss of biodiversity, gardens, etc.). Ensure new development will not result in contamination of land and promote the remediation of existing contaminated sites. Seek to protect areas of best and most versatile agricultural land from development.	greenfield land. - Proportion of site within Agricultural Land Grades 1 and 2. - Proportion of site covered by contaminated land and proportion of contaminated land to be remediated or brought back into use.	land - Percentage of new and converted dwellings on previously developed land % of development on greenfield sites (Ha) Contaminated land reclaimed as a) Open Space/Natural Green Space b) Development % of contaminated land reclaimed in total % new development on brownfield sites % of development on protected open space - Proportion of land allocations on best and most versatile agricultural land (grades 1 and 2)
8. To improve air quality in Halton	Seek to reduce the volume of CO2 emissions attributable to the transport sector. Reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic	- Is the site located where it can be easily access by walking, cycling or public transport in order to reduce journeys made by private car? - Access to cycle ways	- Number and total Air Quality Management Areas - Estimated traffic flows for all vehicle types (million vehicle kilometres) % of development outside KSC & LSC

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	congestion in the Borough. Consider and mitigate the impacts on air quality that might result from development, including major infrastructure projects.	0 Access to public footpaths 0 Proximity to a bus stop 0 Proximity to a train station • Is the site within or adjacent to an Air Quality Management Area?	▪ CO2 Emissions
9. To minimise production of waste and increase re-use, recycling and recovery rates	Reduce the proportion of waste that goes to Landfill in the Borough. Promote the integration of waste management facilities to enable efficient recycling and energy from waste as part of new developments.	Waste generation is not related to site location therefore the SA of sites does not consider this, instead the relevant policies will consider this.	▪ Capacity of new waste management facilities by type ▪ Amount of municipal waste arising by management type, and the percentage each management type represents of the waste managed ▪ No. of new developments incorporating recycling facilities
10. To improve access to a range of good quality and affordable housing that meets the needs of the community of Halton	Ensure that all new development meets the lifetime homes standards, in order to meet the needs of an ageing population in the Borough. Seek to develop mixed income communities and flexibility of tenure and	• Potential for residential development on the site and potential capacity. • Will the site provide Affordable homes? • Will development of the site increase	▪ Housing Trajectory ▪ Percentage of new dwellings completed at less than 30 dph, between 30-50 dph and above 50 dph ▪ Affordable Housing Completions

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	housing type in the Borough. Coordinate housing provision with investment in employment and community services to ensure that settlements meet the needs of their communities. Provide decent, good quality and affordable housing for all, including intermediate and key worker housing in line with RSS (and Growth Point) housing targets.	the range, choice and mix of Homes? - Will development of the site provide specialist accommodation to meet identified needs in Halton? - Will the site provide an opportunity to meet the accommodation needs of gypsy and traveller groups?	- Average House Price - Average Rentals - House Type and Tenure % of households rated unfit - No. unfit dwellings demolished - No of people on housing waiting list % of housing development incorporating community green space / children's play areas - Income to average house price ratio
11. To improve access to services and facilities in Halton	Provide improved physical access to education, skills and training facilities on foot, cycle and by public transport. Provide access from residential development to GPs, Hospitals, areas of employment, Town, District and Local Centres. Secure economic inclusion in the most deprived wards in the Borough, particularly those most affected in Runcorn and	- Proximity to Primary and Secondary Schools - Proximity to Further & Higher Education - Proximity to GP Surgery - Proximity to Hospitals - Proximity to Areas of Employment - Proximity to Town or District	- Amount of new residential development within 30 minutes public transport time of a GP, a hospital, a primary school, a secondary school, areas of employment and a major retail centre - Percentage of rural households within set distances (either 4km or 2km) of key services % of development located in KSC and LSC

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	Widnes. Ensure that issues of both rural and urban deprivation are considered in development proposals.	Centres Proximity to Local Centres	- Number of households within 30 minutes of key service centres by public transport - Number of planning applications refused on access grounds - The % of the population within 20 minutes travel time of different sports facility types
12. To improve physical and mental health and well-being of people and reduce health inequalities in Halton	Maintain accessible healthcare facilities throughout Halton. Promote healthy and active lifestyles through encouraging walking and cycling as well as the provision and improvement of public access to good quality rights of way, open space, countryside, sporting, recreational and community facilities in Halton. Reduce crime and the fear of crime, by adhering to 'designing out crime' principles in all new development.	- Proximity to GP Surgery - Proximity to Hospitals - Access to cycle ways - Access to public footpaths - Proximity to Open Space (Formal Parks, Children's Play Areas, Playing Pitches) - Does the site present an opportunity to create additional open space or to create a link into the existing green infrastructure network? - Proximity to Indoor Leisure Facilities - Proximity to Community Facilities - The effects of new development on	- Amount of new residential development within 30 minutes public transport time of a GP and a hospital - Doctor/Patient ratio - Length of cycleways created % Adults taking part in sport - Number of developments with restriction of opening hours/ noise reduction measures - No. Visits to leisure centres - Design Out Crime layouts included in applications - No of developments which meet police crime design awards standard

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		safety, crime and fear of crime will depend on design proposals for the sites. Generally, these issues will not be influenced by the location of development and will instead be determined through the detailed proposals for each site.	% Households with 1 or more person with a limiting long term illness
13. To improve education, skills and qualifications in the Borough and provide opportunities for lifelong learning	Improve linkages between higher education providers and local employers.	- Proximity to Primary and Secondary Schools - Proximity to Further & Higher Education	- Percentage of Year 11 pupils achieving 5 or more GCSEs grade A-C - Percentage of Year 11 pupils educated to NVQ levels 2,3 or 4 % of the population whose highest qualification is a first degree (or equivalent) - Number of S106 agreements requiring skills training % of the population with no or low qualifications
	Promote good access to educational and training opportunities for all sectors of the population, particularly amongst deprived communities.		
14. To support a strong, diverse, vibrant and sustainable local economy to foster balanced	Promote employment in areas where unemployment is high, particularly in Runcorn and Widnes, which reflects the	Potential for economic development and employment opportunities on	Amount of floor space developed for employment by type

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economic growth	skills and aspirations of local people.	the site	- Amount of floor space developed for employment by type in employment or regeneration areas - Employment land available by type - Losses of employment land in (i) employment / regeneration areas and (ii) local authority area - Amount of employment land lost to residential development - Economic Activity Rate - GVA per head claimant count - VAT registrations - Worklessness in Halton - Unemployment Annual Population Survey and Claimant Count Rates - Average Household Income - Amount of completed retail and office development - ONS Annual Population Survey - Proximity of jobs from residences
	Provide a positive planning framework for exploiting new opportunities in tourism, creative and knowledge based industries and the energy sector, including renewable energy technologies.	Would the development of the site lead to the loss of employment land? (High / Low Quality employment land)	
	Provide support for economic development that is appropriate for small businesses or home-based working.	Will the site provide land and / or buildings attractive to the employment market?	
	Seek to attract employment and training programmes specifically targeted at maintaining and increasing the proportion of young people in the Borough.	- Proximity to areas classified as one of the 20% most deprived by the Indices of Deprivation. - Could development of the site improve the appearance and image of the area to encourage new businesses to locate?	

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			- Unemployment rate % (male and female) - GVA £ per capita
15. Support the development of the sustainable leisure and tourism industry	Improve the quality of supporting infrastructure for tourism in the Borough, such as accommodation and leisure and cultural facilities.	Potential for cultural, leisure and/ or tourism related development on the site	- Amount of completed leisure development - Visitor Numbers - Tourism expenditure in the Borough - Additional expenditure in the Borough as a result of the tourism industry
	Encourage the use of the Borough's natural and cultural features for tourism development, within their environmental limits.		
16. To maintain and enhance the vitality and viability of town and village centres in the Borough	Protect the shopping and community services function of local service centres.	- Proximity to Town or District Centres - Proximity to Local Centres	- Amount of completed retail, office and leisure development in town centres - Vacancy rates within the Town Centres - Footfall within the Town Centres - Retail Hierarchy and ranking - New business start-up / closure rate
	Reduce the number of vacant retail properties in Runcorn, Halton Lea and Widnes and the other smaller service centres in the Borough.		
	Improve the quality of the public realm in order to improve the attractiveness of the service centres to new investment.		
17.To improve the choice and use of	Improve the provision and quality of bus	Is the site located where it can be	Amount of completed non-residential

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sustainable transport in Halton and reduce the need to travel	and rail services in Halton.	easily access by walking, cycling or public transport?	development complying with local car parking standards
	Develop and maintain safe, efficient and integrated transport networks within Halton, with good internal and external links.	0 Access to cycle ways 0 Access to public footpaths 0 Proximity to a bus stop 0 Proximity to a train station	Amount of new residential development within 30 minutes public transport time of a GP, a hospital, a primary school, a secondary school, areas of employment and a major retail centre
	Reduce car dependency by providing services and facilities accessible by sustainable modes of transport, particularly in rural areas.	Does development of the site have the potential to fund improvements to existing provision for cycling, walking and public transport?	- Methods of travel to work - Vehicle Ownership - Distance travelled to work - No. of road accidents % of development located in KSC and LSC
	Promote a pattern of development which reduces private vehicle dependency in the location of homes, jobs, leisure and community services.		

2.7 When the Sustainability Appraisal Framework is used to assess sites the following scoring system will be attributed to each SA Objective for each Policy or Site Allocation to indicate its likely sustainability effects:

++	Significant positive effect likely
+	Minor positive effect likely
0	Negligible effect likely
-	Minor negative effect likely

--	Significant negative effect likely
+/-	Mixed effect likely
?	Likely effect uncertain
N/A	Policy is not relevant to the SA Objective

- 2.8 The likely effects of the Local Plan need to be determined and their significance assessed, and this inevitably requires a series of judgements to be made. It should be noted that the dividing line in making a decision about the significance of an effect is often quite small, and can potentially be changed by small amendments to policies or through mitigation and the design of a development on a particular site.

3. Stage B I: Testing the Local Plan Objectives

- 3.1 Stage B in the SA process is the appraisal itself, and is an iterative process. The first step in Stage B is to test the Local Plan Objectives. The Delivery and Allocations Local Plan does not propose a new vision or objectives, it currently suggests that the existing Core Strategy Local Plan Vision and Objectives are maintained.
- 3.2 The Core Strategy Vision and Objectives have already been subject to consultation and have been subject to Sustainability Appraisal as part of the wider assessment and appraisal of the Core Strategy.
- 3.3 The Core Strategy Objectives are as follows:
 1. *Create and support attractive, accessible and adaptable residential neighbourhoods where people want to live*
 2. *Provide good quality, affordable accommodation and a wide mix of housing types to create balanced communities*
 3. *Create and sustain a competitive and diverse business environment offering a variety of quality sites and premises, with a particular emphasis on the revitalisation of existing vacant and underused employment areas*
 4. *Further develop Halton's economy around the logistics and distribution sector, and expand the science, creative and knowledge based business clusters*
 5. *Maintain and enhance Halton's town, district and local centres to create high quality retail and leisure areas that meet the needs of the local community, and positively contribute to the image of the Borough*
 6. *Ensure all development is supported by the timely provision of adequate infrastructure, with sufficient capacity to accommodate additional future growth*
 7. *Provide accessible travel options for people and freight, particularly through the realisation of the Mersey Gateway Project, ensuring a better connected, less congested and more sustainable Halton*
 8. *Ensure that all development achieves high standards of design and sustainability and provides a positive contribution to its locality*
 9. *Minimise Halton's contribution to climate change through reducing carbon emissions and ensure the Borough is resilient to the adverse effects of climate change*
 10. *Support the conservation and enhancement of the historic and natural environment including designated sites and species and the Borough's green infrastructure in order to maximise social, economic and environmental benefits*

11. *Improve the health and well-being of Halton's residents throughout each of their life stages, through supporting the achievement of healthy lifestyles and healthy environments for all*
12. *Prevent harm and nuisance to people and biodiversity from potential sources of pollution and foreseeable risks*
13. *Support sustainable and effective waste and minerals management, reducing the amount of waste generated and contributing to the maintenance of appropriate mineral reserves.*

3.4 The Core Strategy Objectives have been re-assessed against the Sustainability Appraisal Framework as part of this Sustainability Appraisal for completeness. The results are shown below in Table 3.1.

Table 3.1: Testing the Local Plan Objectives

		Core Strategy Objectives												
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
SA Objectives	1	?	?	?	?	+	?	?	++	0	++	0	0	0
	2	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	0	0	++	0	++	0
	3	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	+	+	+	0	0	0
	4	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	++	+	0	+	+
	5	?	?	?	?	?	+	?	+	++	+	0	0	0
	6	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	++	++	+	0	0	0
	7	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	+	0	++	0	++	++
	8	?	?	?	?	+	+	+	+	++	+	++	++	+
	9	?	?	?	?	?	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	++
	10	++	++	0	0	0	+	+	++	+	+	+	+	0
	11	0	0	0	0	0	++	+	+	0	0	++	0	0
	12	+	+	+	0	+	++	+	++	+	++	++	++	+
	13	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	0
	14	+	+	++	++	++	++	++	+	0	0	0	0	0
	15	+	+	+	+	++	+	+	+	0	+	0	0	0
	16	+	+	+	+	++	+	+	+	0	+	0	0	0
	17	0	0	0	+	+	++	++	+	++	0	0	+	0

4. Stage B2: Developing Options and Reasonable Alternatives

- 4.1 The PPG states that ‘reasonable alternatives should be identified and considered at an early stage in the plan making process, as the assessment of these should inform the local planning authority in choosing its preferred approach’.
- 4.2 It is noted at this point that the Halton Core Strategy Local Plan has already been subject to Sustainability Appraisal and examination and many of the overarching options have already been assessed and examined as part of this process. Therefore the options provided here are much more closely related to the potential different directions that can be taken by the more detailed policies rather than the larger strategic issues.
- 4.3 It is also noted at this stage that the sites that may be allocated for development or designated for protection have not been identified. However, the sites will be identified and assessed as the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan progresses.
- 4.4 Set out below are the options as proposed in the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan Scoping Report.

Extracts from the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan

Supporting Halton’s Economy

6.1 - Amount of Employment Land Provided

- 4.5 The amount of employment land provided will be important in ensuring that we meet the needs of current employers and that we are able to attract employers into the Borough. It is also important to ensure that there are employment opportunities available to Halton residents, and to attract new working age people into the Borough.

• Option 6.1A:	Based on Economic Forecasts
• Option 6.1B:	Based on past take up rates
• Option 6.1C:	A balance between the Economic Forecasts and the past take up rates
• Option 6.1D:	A level above those suggested by either forecasts or past take up rates to increase job opportunities within the Borough
• Option 6.1E:	Provide an increased level of employment land for higher skilled jobs e.g. office development or research and laboratories or advanced manufacturing to increase job opportunities in these areas

6.2 – Location of Employment Land

- 4.6 The location of employment land can be key in attracting employers and can be particularly important in ensuring that local people can access jobs.

• Option 6.2A:	Focused around key transport routes
• Option 6.2B:	Redevelopment of existing or previous employment area
• Option 6.2C:	Expanding the existing employment areas
• Option 6.2D:	Greenfield sites on the edge of Runcorn, Widnes and Hale

6.3 – Protection of existing Employment Land

- 4.7 In order to maintain an appropriate portfolio of sites in Halton, a precautionary approach could be taken to ensure that sites are not developed for other uses where they are considered essential to meeting the economic priorities of the Borough. The need to retain a site could be informed by how a site could contribute to meeting projected requirements, as well as any specific demand for development demonstrated by market signals in specific areas of the Borough.

4.8

• Option 6.3A:	Protection ⁶ of existing Employment Land
• Option 6.3B:	No Protection of existing Employment Land
• Option 6.3C:	Protection ⁶ of a particular area(s) of Employment Land
• Option 6.3D:	Protection ⁶ of a particular type(s) of Employment Land

Housing

7.1 – Number of dwellings

- 4.9 The Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) has identified the Objectively Assessed Need (OAN) as 466 dwellings each year with a proposed distribution north and south of the river.

• Option 7.1A:	To use the OAN as the housing requirement
• Option 7.1B:	To have a housing requirement higher than the OAN to allow for an increase in working age people in the Borough and to increase the levels of affordability in the Borough. [and meet other LA's housing need]
• Option 7.1C:	To have a housing requirement lower than the OAN to allow for constraints to development in the Borough including Green Belt and the levels of contamination in certain areas
• Option 7.1D:	To retain the Core Strategy housing requirement (an average of 552dwgs each year)

7.2: Gypsies and Travellers

- 4.10 National planning policy requires the Council to address the specific accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers by setting pitch targets for gypsies and travellers which addresses the likely permanent and transit site accommodation needs. The Council

⁶ Protection will not occur where evidence has been provided that there is no reasonable prospect of the site being used for employment purposes.

will be expected to identify and update a supply of specific deliverable sites sufficient to provide five years' worth of sites against the targets.

• Option 7.2A:	Extend existing sites
• Option 7.2B:	Locate sites close to existing services
• Option 7.2C:	Locate sites close to travelling routes

7.3 – Other forms of housing

4.11 The Local Plan must also consider the specific needs of older people and other vulnerable groups and set out an approach to deal with demand and the need to provide suitable accommodation. Following the national trend, Halton is forecast to see considerable growth in the proportion of older people and older person households. Some older households may require specialist housing solutions.

• Option 7.3A:	Require all sites allocated for housing or including housing, to provide a proportion of housing for specialist accommodation.
• Option 7.3B:	Require all sites allocated for housing to include a proportion of dwellings that meet the lifetime homes standards.
• Option 7.3C:	Allocate sites for specialist accommodation.
• Option 7.3D:	Identify criteria for sites that could be used for specialist accommodation.

Town, Districts and Local Centres

9.1 – Provision & Capacity

4.12 The Retail Study will identify the retail capacity; work on this is currently ongoing.

• Option 9.1A:	To allocate land to meet the capacity identified
• Option 9.1B:	To provide a criteria to guide development to meet the capacity identified
• Option 9.1C:	To allocate land over and above the capacity identified to encourage retail growth in Halton's centres

9.2 - Thresholds for Retail Impact Assessment

4.13 National planning policy requires us to set policies for the consideration of proposals for main town centre uses which cannot be accommodated in or adjacent to town centres. It requires impact tests to be carried out for all town centre development proposed outside of town centres and not in accordance with a development plan. If a local threshold for this impact test is not set then the NPPF suggests a 2,500 sq.m threshold. As development should be appropriate in terms of scale and nature to the centre in which it is located, the Retail Study will consider this issue for Halton and will provide potential thresholds.

• Option 9.2A:	Apply the Threshold proposed in the retail study
• Option 9.2B:	Apply different Thresholds for each town / same thresholds for each town
• Option 9.2C:	Apply same thresholds for each town
• Option 9.2A:	Do not include a Threshold and instead rely on NPPF

9.3 - Evening Economy

- 4.14 Uses such as bars and pubs, restaurants and cafes and take-aways are important in creating vibrant town centres.

• Option 9.3A:	Establish quarters in the town centres where appropriate food and drink uses would be encouraged
• Option 9.3B:	Apply threshold limits to manage the clustering of these uses in the primary shopping areas / in Halton's Centres
• Option 9.3C:	Do not restrict the location of evening economy uses such as bars and pubs, restaurants and cafes and take-aways

9.4 – Other Town Centre Uses

- 4.15 The main uses in Halton centres are retail based, however, it is likely that the shopping role of the centres will change in the future in line with national trends.

• Option 9.4A:	Create open spaces and places to socialise
• Option 9.4B:	Increase residential development in the town centres
• Option 9.4C:	Encourage non-retail uses into town centres
• Option 9.4D:	Encourage non-retail uses in to the town centres everywhere except within the Primary Shopping Area

5. Stage B3 & B4: Evaluate the likely effects of the Local Plan and Alternatives and consider ways of Mitigating Adverse Effects

- 5.1 The PPG states that *‘the sustainability appraisal should predict and evaluate the effects of the . . . reasonable alternatives and should clearly identify the significant positive and negative effects of each alternative’*.
- 5.2 The alternatives highlighted within the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan (DALP) Scoping Document do not include a preferred option at this time and are still at a very high level, leaving a lot of the detail to be determined at the next stages of preparing a plan. However, the Council have still appraised each of the options and provided commentary as appropriate to explain the assessment made.
- 5.3 The assessment has been made by comparing each of the options to the objectives set out in the Sustainability Appraisal Framework, which was based on the environmental, economic and social characteristics of the Borough. Each of the alternatives for each of the policies has been assessed against the same criteria. These appraisals are set out Tables 5.1 to 5.9 below.
- 5.4 The appraisal also helps to identify areas that might want to be taken into consideration when policies are prepared and allocations identified as part of the preparation of the DALP.
- 5.5 Following the consultation on the DALP, the SA Scoping and SA the Council will take all the comments into consideration and will use these along with the results of the SA and other supporting documents such as the Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA), the Health Impact Assessment (HIA) and the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) to determine the preferred options to take forward within the DALP.
- 5.6 The SA and the production of the DALP will continue to be an iterative process until the DALP document has been adopted, with the policies, proposals and allocation being revised to take account of the appraisal findings and with SA Reports being produced to support each stage of consultation on the DALP.

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	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment
1. To protect, enhance and manage places, landscapes and buildings of historic, cultural and archaeological value	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land allocation to meet the economic forecasts.	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land allocation to meet the past take up rates.	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land allocation to meet the balance figure.	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land allocation to meet the increased level of employment proposed in this option. Although as the amount provided is larger it has the potential to have a greater impact.	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land allocation to meet the increased level of employment proposed in this option. Although as the amount provided is larger it has the potential to have a greater impact.
2. To protect, enhance and manage Biodiversity in Halton	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land allocation to meet the economic forecasts.	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land allocation to meet the past take up rates.	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land allocation to meet the balance figure.	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land allocation to meet the increased level of employment proposed in this option. Although as the amount provided is larger it has the potential	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land allocation to meet the increased level of employment proposed in this option. Although as the amount provided is larger it has the potential

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																it has the potential to have a greater impact.				to have a greater impact.
3. To maintain and enhance the water quality of Halton's inland, estuarine and coastal water and to sustainably manage water resources	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land allocation to meet the economic forecasts.	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land allocation to meet the past take up rates.	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land allocation to meet the balance figure.	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land allocation to meet the increased level of employment proposed in this option. Although as the amount provided is larger it has the potential to have a greater impact.	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land allocation to meet the increased level of employment proposed in this option. Although as the amount provided is larger it has the potential to have a greater impact.
4. To promote adaptation to Halton's changing climate	0	0	0	The impact of new development on climatic factors can be offset by mitigation measures and the promotion of good design (including those promoted	0	0	0	The impact of new development on climatic factors can be offset by mitigation measures and the promotion of good design (including those promoted	0	0	0	The impact of new development on climatic factors can be offset by mitigation measures and the promotion of good design (including those promoted	0	0	0	The impact of new development on climatic factors can be offset by mitigation measures and the promotion of good design (including those promoted	0	0	0	The impact of new development on climatic factors can be offset by mitigation measures and the promotion of good design (including those promoted

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				within Policy HE10).				within Policy HE10).				within Policy HE10).				within Policy HE10).				within Policy HE10).
5. To reduce flood risk in Halton from rivers, estuaries and sea level change	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land allocation to meet the economic forecasts.	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land allocation to meet the past take up rates.	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land allocation to meet the balance figure.	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land allocation to meet the increased level of employment proposed in this option. Although as the amount provided is larger it has the potential to have a greater impact.	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land allocation to meet the increased level of employment proposed in this option. Although as the amount provided is larger it has the potential to have a greater impact.
6. Increase energy efficiency in the built environment, and the proportion of energy use from renewable	+	+	+	Policies SD4 and SD9 will ensure that all development has regard to increased energy efficiency and use of renewables.	+	+	+	Policies SD4 and SD9 will ensure that all development has regard to increased energy efficiency and use of renewables.	+	+	+	Policies SD4 and SD9 will ensure that all development has regard to increased energy efficiency and use of renewables.	+	+	+	Policies SD4 and SD9 will ensure that all development has regard to increased energy efficiency and use of renewables.	+	+	+	Policies SD4 and SD9 will ensure that all development has regard to increased energy efficiency and use of renewables.

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Sources																				
7. To protect and improve land quality in Halton	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land allocation to meet the economic forecasts.	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land allocation to meet the past take up rates.	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land allocation to meet the balance figure.	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land allocation to meet the increased level of employment proposed in this option. Although as the amount provided is larger it has the potential to have a greater impact.	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land allocation to meet the increased level of employment proposed in this option. Although as the amount provided is larger it has the potential to have a greater impact.
8. To improve air quality in Halton	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land allocation to meet the economic forecasts. Locating development	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land allocation to meet the past take up rates. Locating development close to public transport nodes and	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land allocation to meet the balance figure. Locating development close to public transport nodes and	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land allocation to meet the increased level of employment proposed in this	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land allocation to meet the increased level of employment proposed in this option. Although

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				close to public transport nodes and residential areas could help to reduce travel and therefore improve air quality.				residential areas could help to reduce travel and therefore improve air quality.				residential areas could help to reduce travel and therefore improve air quality.				option. Although as the amount provided is larger it has the potential to have a greater impact.				as the amount provided is larger it has the potential to have a greater impact. Locating development close to public transport nodes and residential areas could help to reduce travel and therefore improve air quality.
9. To minimise production of waste and increase re-use, recycling and recovery rates	-	-	-	Policies within the Waste Plan and the Core Strategy already seek to minimise waste within new developments. However, it is expected that all new development will still generate some waste.	-	-	-	Policies within the Waste Plan and the Core Strategy already seek to minimise waste within new developments. However, it is expected that all new development will still generate some waste.	-	-	-	Policies within the Waste Plan and the Core Strategy already seek to minimise waste within new developments. However, it is expected that all new development will still generate some waste.	-	-	-	Policies within the Waste Plan and the Core Strategy already seek to minimise waste within new developments. However, it is expected that all new development will still generate some waste.	-	-	-	Policies within the Waste Plan and the Core Strategy already seek to minimise waste within new developments. However, it is expected that all new development will still generate some waste.
10. To improve access to a	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	

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range of good quality and affordable housing that meets the needs of the community of Halton																				
11. To improve access to services and facilities in Halton	?	?	?	Access to services and facilities will be dependent on the location of employment development and the skills and training opportunities it may provide.	?	?	?	Access to services and facilities will be dependent on the location of employment development and the skills and training opportunities it may provide.	?	?	?	Access to services and facilities will be dependent on the location of employment development and the skills and training opportunities it may provide.	?	?	?	Access to services and facilities will be dependent on the location of employment development and the skills and training opportunities it may provide.	?	?	?	Access to services and facilities will be dependent on the location of employment development and the skills and training opportunities it may provide.
12. To improve physical and mental health and well-being of people and reduce health inequalities in Halton	+	+	+	Increased employment opportunities can help to improve people's well-being. Proposed policies will also aim to promote	+	+	+	Increased employment opportunities can help to improve people's well-being. Proposed policies will also aim to promote design that	+	+	+	Increased employment opportunities can help to improve people's well-being. Proposed policies will also aim to promote	+	+	+	Increased employment opportunities can help to improve people's well-being. Proposed policies will also aim to promote	+	+	+	Increased employment opportunities can help to improve people's well-being. Proposed policies will also aim to promote

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				design that encourages activity and reduces crime.				encourages activity and reduces crime.				design that encourages activity and reduces crime.				design that encourages activity and reduces crime.				design that encourages activity and reduces crime.
13. To improve education, skills and qualifications in the Borough and provide opportunities for life long learning				Improvements to education, skills and qualifications will be dependent on the type of employment development and the skills and training opportunities it may provide.				Improvements to education, skills and qualifications will be dependent on the type of employment development and the skills and training opportunities it may provide.				Improvements to education, skills and qualifications will be dependent on the type of employment development and the skills and training opportunities it may provide.				Improvements to education, skills and qualifications will be dependent on the type of employment development and the skills and training opportunities it may provide.				Improvements to education, skills and qualifications will be dependent on the type of employment development and the skills and training opportunities it may provide.
14. To support a strong, diverse, vibrant and sustainable local economy to foster balanced economic growth	++	++	++	Employment development will contribute to the economy of the Borough.	+	+	+	Employment development will contribute to the economy of the Borough.	++	++	++	Employment development will contribute to the economy of the Borough.	++	++	++	Employment development will contribute to the economy of the Borough, with a higher level of employment likely to foster more growth.	++	++	++	Employment development will contribute to the economy of the Borough, with a higher level of employment likely to foster more growth.
15. Support the	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	

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development of the sustainable leisure and tourism industry																				
16. To maintain and enhance the vitality and viability of town and village centres in the Borough	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	
17. To improve the choice and use of sustainable transport in Halton and reduce the need to travel	?	?	?		?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land allocation to meet the past take up rates.	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land allocation to meet the balance figure.	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land allocation to meet the increased level of employment proposed in this option. Although as the amount provided is larger it has the potential	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land allocation to meet the increased level of employment proposed in this option. Although as the amount provided is larger it has the potential to have a greater

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																to have a greater impact.				impact.

Table 5.2: Supporting Halton's Economy 6.2 – Location of Employment Land

SA Objective (high level objective)	Option 6.2A: Focused around key transport routes				Option 6.2B: Redevelopment of existing or previous employment area				Option 6.2C: Expanding the existing employment areas				Option 6.2D: Greenfield sites on the edge of Runcorn, Widnes and Hale			
	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment
1. To protect, enhance and manage places, landscapes and buildings of historic, cultural and archaeological value	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the transport routes in relation to the assets listed for protection and enhancement.	+	+	+	Redevelopment of existing sites is likely to continue to protect assets, however, it may not help to enhance or manage.	?	?	?	This would depend on the existing employment areas chosen to expand and whereabouts the expansion occurs.	?	?	?	This would depend on the greenfield sites selected for development.
2. To protect, enhance and manage Biodiversity in Halton	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the transport routes	+	+	+	Redevelopment of existing sites is likely to continue to protect assets, however, it may not help to enhance or manage.	?	?	?	This would depend on the existing employment areas chosen to expand and whereabouts the expansion occurs.	?	?	?	This would depend on the greenfield sites selected for development.
3. To maintain and enhance the water	?	?	?	Sustainable abstraction will	?	?	?	Sustainable abstraction will	?	?	?	Sustainable abstraction will	?	?	?	Sustainable abstraction will

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SA Objective (high level objective)	Option 6.2A: Focused around key transport routes				Option 6.2B: Redevelopment of existing or previous employment area				Option 6.2C: Expanding the existing employment areas				Option 6.2D: Greenfield sites on the edge of Runcorn, Widnes and Hale			
	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment
quality of Halton's inland, estuarine and coastal water and to sustainably manage water resources				depend on the exact locations chosen for development. However, Policy HE10 on Water Management will help to ensure that all development sustainably manage water resources.				depend on the exact locations chosen for development. However, Policy HE10 on Water Management will help to ensure that all development sustainably manage water resources.				depend on the exact locations chosen for development. However, Policy HE10 on Water Management will help to ensure that all development sustainably manage water resources.				depend on the exact locations chosen for development. However, Policy HE10 on Water Management will help to ensure that all development sustainably manage water resources.
4. To promote adaptation to Halton's changing climate	?	?	?	The definitive impact of new development on climatic factors can be offset by mitigation measures and the promotion of good design (including those promoted within Policy HE10).	?	?	?	The definitive impact of new development on climatic factors can be offset by mitigation measures and the promotion of good design (including those promoted within Policy HE10).	?	?	?	The definitive impact of new development on climatic factors can be offset by mitigation measures and the promotion of good design (including those promoted within Policy HE10).	?	?	?	The definitive impact of new development on climatic factors can be offset by mitigation measures and the promotion of good design (including those promoted within Policy HE10).
5. To reduce flood risk in Halton from rivers, estuaries and sea level change	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the transport routes	?	?	+	Redevelopment of the existing employment areas is likely to lead to reduced flood risks, however, this could still be affected by the density and layout of any new development.	?	?	?	This would depend on the existing employment areas chosen to expand and whereabouts the expansion occurs.	?	?	?	This would depend on the greenfield sites selected for development.

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	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment
6. Increase energy efficiency in the built environment, and the proportion of energy use from renewable sources	+	+	+	SD4 and SD9 will ensure that all development has regard to increased energy efficiency and use of renewables.	+	+	+	SD4 and SD9 will ensure that all development has regard to increased energy efficiency and use of renewables.	+	+	+	SD4 and SD9 will ensure that all development has regard to increased energy efficiency and use of renewables.	+	+	+	SD4 and SD9 will ensure that all development has regard to increased energy efficiency and use of renewables.
7. To protect and improve land quality in Halton	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the transport routes.	++	++	++	Redevelopment will use previously land and reduce the need to develop on greenfield or agricultural land.	?	?	?	This would depend on the existing employment areas chosen to expand and whereabouts the expansion occurs.	-	-	-	This is option could see agricultural land developed, and would not encourage the development of brownfield sites.
8. To improve air quality in Halton	?	?	?	Locating development close to transport routes could encourage public transport uses, however, it may also encourage travelling by car.	+	+	+	Air quality may be improved through encouraged usage of public transport, redevelopment of existing sites would see the existing public transport links used and potentially strengthened.	+	+	+	Air quality may be improved through encouraged usage of public transport, expansion of existing sites would see the existing public transport links used and potentially strengthened.	-	-	-	Air quality may be improved through encouraged usage of public transport; this option may require the creation of new public transport links. It is also likely as this would be outside of the existing urban area that there would be longer journeys required.
9. To minimise production of waste and increase re-use, recycling and	-	-	-	Policies within the Waste Plan and the Core Strategy already seek to minimise	-	-	-	Policies within the Waste Plan and the Core Strategy already seek to minimise	-	-	-	Policies within the Waste Plan and the Core Strategy already seek to minimise	-	-	-	Policies within the Waste Plan and the Core Strategy already seek to minimise

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	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment
recovery rates				waste within new developments. However, it is expected that all new development will still generate some waste.				waste within new developments. However, it is expected that all new development will still generate some waste.				waste within new developments. However, it is expected that all new development will still generate some waste.				waste within new developments. However, it is expected that all new development will still generate some waste.
10. To improve access to a range of good quality and affordable housing that meets the needs of the community of Halton	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	
11. To improve access to services and facilities in Halton	++	++	++	Focusing employment development around transport routes will improve access to employment opportunities.	?	?	?	Access to services and facilities will be dependent on the location of employment development and the skills and training opportunities it may provide.	?	?	?	Access to services and facilities will be dependent on the location of employment development and the skills and training opportunities it may provide.	?	?	?	Access to services and facilities will be dependent on the location of employment development and the skills and training opportunities it may provide.
12. To improve physical and mental health and well-being of	0	0	0	Policies will seek to ensure that all development is designed to reduce	0	0	0	Policies will seek to ensure that all development is designed to reduce	0	0	0	Policies will seek to ensure that all development is designed to reduce	0	0	0	Policies will seek to ensure that all development is designed to reduce

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	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment
people and reduce health inequalities in Halton				crime and to increase activity and well being.				crime and to increase activity and well being.				crime and to increase activity and well being.				crime and to increase activity and well being.
13. To improve education, skills and qualifications in the Borough and provide opportunities for life long learning	?	?	?	Improvements to education, skills and qualifications will be dependent on the type of employment development and the skills and training opportunities it may provide.	?	?	?	Improvements to education, skills and qualifications will be dependent on the type of employment development and the skills and training opportunities it may provide.	?	?	?	Improvements to education, skills and qualifications will be dependent on the type of employment development and the skills and training opportunities it may provide.	?	?	?	Improvements to education, skills and qualifications will be dependent on the type of employment development and the skills and training opportunities it may provide.
14. To support a strong, diverse, vibrant and sustainable local economy to foster balanced economic growth	++	++	++	Employment development will contribute to the economy of the Borough.	++	++	++	Employment development will contribute to the economy of the Borough.	++	++	++	Employment development will contribute to the economy of the Borough.	++	++	++	Employment development will contribute to the economy of the Borough.
15. Support the development of the sustainable leisure and tourism industry	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	
16. To maintain and enhance the vitality and viability	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	

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	S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment
of town and village centres in the Borough																			
17.To improve the choice and use of sustainable transport in Halton and reduce the need to travel	+	+	+	Locating development close to transport routes could encourage public transport uses and improvement to services, however, it may also encourage travelling by car.		+	+	+	Redevelopment of existing sites would see the existing public transport links used and potentially strengthened.		+	+	+	Expansion of existing sites would see the existing public transport links used and potentially strengthened.		-	-	-	This option may require the creation of new public transport links. It is also likely as this would be outside of the existing urban area that there would be longer journeys required.

Table 5.3: Supporting Halton's Economy 6.3 - Protection of existing Employment Land

SA Objective (high level objective)	Option 6.3A: Protection of existing Employment Land					Option 6.3B: No Protection of existing Employment Land					Option 6.3C: Protection of a particular area(s) of Employment Land					Option 6.3D: Protection of a particular type(s) of Employment Land			
	S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment
1. To protect, enhance and manage places, landscapes and buildings of historic, cultural and archaeological value	0	0	0	Protecting existing employment land is likely to have a negligible impact on the protection, enhancement or management of these assets.		?	?	?	This will depend on the location of the existing employment land and the use and design of the site when it is redeveloped.		?	?	?	This will depend on the location of the existing employment land that is not protected and the use and design of a site when it is redeveloped.		?	?	?	This will depend on the location of the existing employment land that is not protected and the use and design of a site when it is redeveloped.

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	S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment
2. To protect, enhance and manage Biodiversity in Halton	0	0	0	Protecting existing employment land is likely to have a negligible additional impact on the protection, enhancement or management of biodiversity.		?	?	?	This will depend on the location of the existing employment land and the use and design of the site when it is redeveloped.		?	?	?	This will depend on the location of the existing employment land that is not protected and the use and design of a site when it is redeveloped.		?	?	?	This will depend on the location of the existing employment land that is not protected and the use and design of a site when it is redeveloped.
3. To maintain and enhance the water quality of Halton's inland, estuarine and coastal water and to sustainably manage water resources	0	0	0	Protecting existing employment land is likely to have a negligible additional impact on water quality.		?	?	?	This will depend on the location of the existing employment land and the use and design of the site when it is redeveloped.		?	?	?	This will depend on the location of the existing employment land that is not protected and the use and design of a site when it is redeveloped.		?	?	?	This will depend on the location of the existing employment land that is not protected and the use and design of a site when it is redeveloped.
4. To promote adaptation to Halton's changing climate	0	0	0	The impact of new development on climatic factors can be offset by mitigation measures and the promotion of good design (including those promoted within Policy HE10).		0	0	0	The impact of new development on climatic factors can be offset by mitigation measures and the promotion of good design (including those promoted within Policy HE10).		0	0	0	The impact of new development on climatic factors can be offset by mitigation measures and the promotion of good design (including those promoted within Policy HE10).		0	0	0	The impact of new development on climatic factors can be offset by mitigation measures and the promotion of good design (including those promoted within Policy HE10).
5. To reduce flood	0	0	0	Protecting existing		?	?	?	This will depend on the		?	?	?	This will depend on the		?	?	?	This will depend on

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	S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment
risk in Halton from rivers, estuaries and sea level change				employment land is likely to have a negligible additional impact on flood risk.					location of the existing employment land and the use and design of the site when it is redeveloped.					location of the existing employment land that is not protected and the use and design of a site when it is redeveloped.					the location of the existing employment land that is not protected and the use and design of a site when it is redeveloped.
6. Increase energy efficiency in the built environment, and the proportion of energy use from renewable sources	+	+	+	Policies SD4 and SD9 will ensure that all development has regard to increased energy efficiency and use of renewables.		+	+	+	Policies SD4 and SD9 will ensure that all development has regard to increased energy efficiency and use of renewables.		+	+	+	Policies SD4 and SD9 will ensure that all development has regard to increased energy efficiency and use of renewables.		+	+	+	Policies SD4 and SD9 will ensure that all development has regard to increased energy efficiency and use of renewables.
7. To protect and improve land quality in Halton	0	0	0	Protecting existing employment land is likely to have a negligible effect on land quality.		+/-	+/-	+/-	Not protecting employment land and instead seeing it reused for other purposes such as housing could lead to less of this development on greenfield sites. However, it could mean more employment development going on to greenfield sites instead.		+/-	+/-	+/-	Not protecting all employment land and instead seeing some of it reused for other purposes such as housing could lead to less of this development on greenfield sites. However, it could mean more employment development going on to greenfield sites instead.		+/-	+/-	+/-	Not protecting all employment land and instead seeing some of it reused for other purposes such as housing could lead to less of this development on greenfield sites. However, it could mean more employment development going on to greenfield sites instead.
8. To improve air	0	0	0	Protecting existing		?	?	?	This will depend on the		?	?	?	This will depend on the		?	?	?	This will depend on

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	S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment
quality in Halton				employment land is likely to have a negligible additional impact on air quality.					location of the existing employment land and the use and design of the site when it is redeveloped.					location of the existing employment land that is not protected and the use and design of a site when it is redeveloped.					the location of the existing employment land that is not protected and the use and design of a site when it is redeveloped.
9. To minimise production of waste and increase re-use, recycling and recovery rates	?	?	?	Policies within Waste Plan and the Core Strategy seek to minimise waste within new developments, this may be at lower levels than the existing employment development, however, this is dependent on the existing and new employment uses.		?	?	?	Policies within Waste Plan and the Core Strategy seek to minimise waste within new developments, this may be at lower levels than the existing employment development, however, this is dependent on the existing and new uses.		?	?	?	Policies within Waste Plan and the Core Strategy seek to minimise waste within new developments, this may be at lower levels than the existing employment development, however, this is dependent on the existing and new uses.		?	?	?	Policies within Waste Plan and the Core Strategy seek to minimise waste within new developments, this may be at lower levels than the existing employment development, however, this is dependent on the existing and new uses.
10. To improve access to a range of good quality and affordable housing that meets the needs of the community of Halton	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	

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	S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment
11. To improve access to services and facilities in Halton	?	?	?	Access to services and facilities will be dependent on the location of employment development and the skills and training opportunities it provides or new development could provide.		?	?	?	Access to services and facilities will be dependent on the location of employment development and the skills and training opportunities it provides or new development could provide.		?	?	?	Access to services and facilities will be dependent on the location of employment development and the skills and training opportunities it provides or new development could provide.		?	?	?	Access to services and facilities will be dependent on the location of employment development and the skills and training opportunities it provides or new development could provide.
12. To improve physical and mental health and well-being of people and reduce health inequalities in Halton	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	
13. To improve education, skills and qualifications in the Borough and provide opportunities for life long learning	?	?	?	Improvements to education, skills and qualifications will be dependent on the type of employment development existing and the skills and training opportunities it may provide.		?	?	?	Improvements to education, skills and qualifications will be dependent on the type of employment development existing and the skills and training opportunities it may provide.		?	?	?	Improvements to education, skills and qualifications will be dependent on the type of employment development existing and the skills and training opportunities it may provide.		?	?	?	Improvements to education, skills and qualifications will be dependent on the type of employment development existing and the skills and training opportunities it may provide.
14. To support a strong, diverse,	+	+	+	Protecting existing employment land for		+/-	+/-	+/-	Allowing employment land to be used for		+/-	+/-	+/-	Allowing employment land to be used for		+/-	+/-	+/-	Allowing a particular type of employment

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	S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment
vibrant and sustainable local economy to foster balanced economic growth				employment purposes is likely to contribute to a strong economy, providing the existing employment land is appropriately located and can be used for viable employment purposes.					alternate purposes could lead to sites that are no longer suitable for employment being put to other uses and therefore supporting the economy. However, it could lead to a lack of employment land available for future development and this will need to be monitored.					alternate purposes in a certain area could lead to sites that are no longer suitable for employment being put to other uses and therefore supporting the economy. However, it could lead to a lack of employment land in that area available for future development and this will need to be monitored.					land to be used for alternate purposes could lead to sites that are no longer suitable being put to other uses and therefore supporting the economy. However, it could lead to a lack of employment land available for future development and this will need to be monitored.
15. Support the development of the sustainable leisure and tourism industry	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	
16. To maintain and enhance the vitality and viability of town and village centres in the Borough	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	
17. To improve the choice and use of sustainable	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land to		?	?	?	This would depend on the employment land to be redeveloped and		?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land		?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the employment land

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	S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment
transport in Halton and reduce the need to travel				be protected.					the alternate uses proposed.					protected and the employment land to be redeveloped and the uses proposed.					protected and the employment land to be redeveloped and the uses proposed.

Table 5.4: Housing 7.1 – Number of Dwellings

SA Objective (high level objective)	Option 7.1A: To use the OAN (466 dwgs each year) as the housing requirement					Option 7.1B: To have a housing requirement higher than the OAN to allow for an increase in working age people in the Borough and to increase the levels of affordability in the Borough.					Option 7.1C: To have a housing requirement lower than the OAN to allow for constraints to development					Option 7.1D: To retain the Core Strategy housing requirement (an average of 552dwgs each year)			
	S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment
1. To protect, enhance and manage places, landscapes and buildings of historic, cultural and archaeological value	-	-	-	New housing development in areas of cultural heritage can have either positive or negative effects depending on how new development respects the cultural heritage present. Some new housing will also be on greenfield sites, therefore negatively impacting the landscape.		-	-	-	New housing development in areas of cultural heritage can have either positive or negative effects depending on how new development respects the cultural heritage present. Some new housing will also be on greenfield sites, therefore negatively impacting the landscape.		-	-	-	New housing development in areas of cultural heritage can have either positive or negative effects depending on how new development respects the cultural heritage present. Some new housing will also be on greenfield sites, therefore negatively impacting the landscape.		-	-	-	New housing development in areas of cultural heritage can have either positive or negative effects depending on how new development respects the cultural heritage present. Some new housing will also be on greenfield sites, therefore negatively impacting the landscape.

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	S	M	L		S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment
2. To protect, enhance and manage Biodiversity in Halton	--	--	--	Using the OAN housing requirement will involve a large amount of new development, some on greenfield land; This will inevitably lead to a negative effect on biodiversity, flora and fauna.	--	--	--	All options involve large amounts of new development and so all will have similar impact as option 7.1A.	--	--	--	All options involve large amounts of new development and so all will have similar impact as option 7.1A.	--	--	--	All options involve large amounts of new development and so all will have similar impact as option 7.1A.
3. To maintain and enhance the water quality of Halton's inland, estuarine and coastal water and to sustainably manage water resources	-	-	-	An increase in housing provision will increase demand on water resources in the borough.	-	-	-	An increase in housing provision will increase demand on water resources in the borough.	-	-	-	An increase in housing provision will increase demand on water resources in the borough.	-	-	-	An increase in housing provision will increase demand on water resources in the borough.
4. To promote adaptation to Halton's changing climate	0	0	0	The definitive impact of new development on climatic factors can be offset by mitigation measures and the promotion of good design.	0	0	0	The definitive impact of new development on climatic factors can be offset by mitigation measures and the promotion of good design.	0	0	0	The definitive impact of new development on climatic factors can be offset by mitigation measures and the promotion of good design.	0	0	0	The definitive impact of new development on climatic factors can be offset by mitigation measures and the promotion of good design.
5. To reduce flood	-	-	-	An increase in housing	-	-	-	All options involve large	-	-	-	All options involve large	-	-	-	All options involve large

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	S	M	L		S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment
risk in Halton from rivers, estuaries and sea level change				development that lie within flood zones 2 and 3 has to be considered as having a negative effect. However, the definitive impact of new development on flooding and climatic factors can be offset by mitigation measures and the promotion of good design.				amounts of new development and so all will have similar impact as option 7.1A.				amounts of new development and so all will have similar impact as option 7.1A.				amounts of new development and so all will have similar impact as option 7.1A.
6. Increase energy efficiency in the built environment, and the proportion of energy use from renewable sources	+	+	+	All new housing developments will contribute positively in the promotion of energy efficiency in the built environment.	+	+	+	All options involve housing development that will contribute positively in the promotion of energy efficiency in the built environment.	+	+	+	All options involve housing development that will contribute positively in the promotion of energy efficiency in the built environment.	+	+	+	All options involve housing development that will contribute positively in the promotion of energy efficiency in the built environment.
7. To protect and improve land quality in Halton	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the sites allocated. However if the Council were to allocate some	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the sites allocated. However if the Council were to allocate some	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the sites allocated. However if the Council were to allocate some	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the sites allocated. However if the Council were to allocate some

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	S	M	L		S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment
				brownfield sites, and protect the best and most versatile agricultural land this could assist in the improvement of land quality in Halton.				brownfield sites, and protect the best and most versatile agricultural land this could assist in the improvement of land quality in Halton. It is noted that the higher the housing figure the more greenfield and agricultural land that is going to need to be developed.				brownfield sites, and protect the best and most versatile agricultural land this could assist in the improvement of land quality in Halton. It is noted that the lower the housing figure the less greenfield and agricultural land that is going to need to be developed.				brownfield sites, and protect the best and most versatile agricultural land this could assist in the improvement of land quality in Halton. It is noted that the higher the housing figure the more greenfield and agricultural land that is going to need to be developed.
8. To improve air quality in Halton	--	--	--	Increased domestic population will likely lead to increased car usage, having a negative effect on air quality.	--	--	--	Increased domestic population will likely lead to increased car usage, having a negative effect on air quality.	--	--	--	Increased domestic population will likely lead to increased car usage, having a negative effect on air quality.	--	--	--	Increased domestic population will likely lead to increased car usage, having a negative effect on air quality.
9. To minimise production of waste and increase re-use, recycling and recovery rates	--	--	--	An increase in housing provision within Halton will lead to an increase in the levels of domestic waste.	--	--	--	An increase in housing provision within Halton will lead to an increase in the levels of domestic waste.	--	--	--	An increase in housing provision within Halton will lead to an increase in the levels of domestic waste.	--	--	--	An increase in housing provision within Halton will lead to an increase in the levels of domestic waste.
10. To improve access to a range of	++	++	++	An increase in housing provision in Halton will	++	++	++	An increase in housing provision in Halton will	++	++	++	An increase in housing provision in Halton will	++	++	++	An increase in housing provision in Halton will

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	S	M	L		S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment
good quality and affordable housing that meets the needs of the community of Halton				have a very positive effect in relation to choice and quality.				have a very positive effect in relation to choice and quality.				have a very positive effect in relation to choice and quality.				have a very positive effect in relation to choice and quality.
11. To improve access to services and facilities in Halton	++	++	++	Increased housing provision in the most sustainable locations will have a positive impact on the accessibility to services and facilities.	++	++	++	Increased housing provision in the most sustainable locations will have a positive impact on the accessibility to services and facilities.	++	++	++	Increased housing provision in the most sustainable locations will have a positive impact on the accessibility to services and facilities.	++	++	++	Increased housing provision in the most sustainable locations will have a positive impact on the accessibility to services and facilities.
12. To improve physical and mental health and well-being of people and reduce health inequalities in Halton	++	++	++	The provision of housing in accordance with the OAN will bring more choice of housing and aid social inclusiveness.	++	++	++	To have a housing requirement higher than the OAN to allow for an increase in working age people in the Borough and to increase the levels of affordability in the Borough. [and meet other LA's housing need] will bring more choice of housing and aid social inclusiveness.	++	++	++	All options will result in an increased population if delivered and so all will have similar result as option 7.1A.	++	++	++	All options will result in an increased population if delivered and so all will have similar result as option 7.1A.

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	S	M	L		S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment
13. To improve education, skills and qualifications in the Borough and provide opportunities for life long learning	?	?	?	Housing developments could provide opportunities to employ and train local people in construction related jobs.	?	?	?	Housing developments could provide opportunities to employ and train local people in construction related jobs.	?	?	?	Housing developments could provide opportunities to employ and train local people in construction related jobs.	?	?	?	Housing developments could provide opportunities to employ and train local people in construction related jobs.
14. To support a strong, diverse, vibrant and sustainable local economy to foster balanced economic growth	+	+	+	The provision of housing in accordance with the OAN could have a positive effect on supporting a strong and diverse local economy by providing an increase in provision and choice of housing for employers and employees.	+	+	+	All options involve large amounts of new development and so all will have a similar impact as option 7.1A.	+	+	+	All options involve large amounts of new development and so all will have a similar impact as option 7.1A.	+	+	+	All options involve large amounts of new development and so all will have a similar impact as option 7.1A.
15. Support the development of the sustainable leisure and tourism industry	+	+	+	Increased housing development will lead to an increase in Halton's population. This will have a positive impact on the sustainability of the tourism and leisure industry in Halton.	+	+	+	All options involve large amounts of new development and so all will have a similar impact as option 7.1A.	+	+	+	All options involve large amounts of new development and so all will have a similar impact as option 7.1A.	+	+	+	All options involve large amounts of new development and so all will have a similar impact as option 7.1A.

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	S	M	L		S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment
16. To maintain and enhance the vitality and viability of town and village centres in the Borough	++	++	++	The provision of increased housing would have a positive effect on maintaining and enhancing the vitality and viability of town and village centres as it will lead to an increase in Halton's population.	++	++	++	All options involve large amounts of new development and so all will have similar impact as option 7.1A.	++	++	++	All options involve large amounts of new development and so all will have similar impact as option 7.1A.	++	++	++	All options involve large amounts of new development and so all will have similar impact as option 7.1A.
17. To improve the choice and use of sustainable transport in Halton and reduce the need to travel	-	-	-	Any increase in new housing development will inevitably lead to increased pressure on the transport network and likely increase car usage.	-	-	-	Any increase in new housing development will inevitably lead to increased pressure on the transport network and likely increase in car usage. However this option would have the most negative impact due to the larger numbers of new housing.	-	-	-	Any increase in new housing development will inevitably lead to increased pressure on the transport network and likely increase in car usage. However this option would have the least negative impact due to the reduction in the number of new housing developments.	-	-	-	This option will have a similar impact at option 7.1A however the impact will be slightly greater due to the quantum of development.

Table 5.5 Housing 7.2 - Gypsies and Travellers

SA Objective (high level objective)	Option 7.2A: Extend existing sites					Option 7.2B: Locate sites close to existing services					Option 7.2C: Locate sites close to travelling routes			
	S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment
1. To protect, enhance and manage places, landscapes and buildings of historic, cultural and archaeological value	?	?	?	Development in areas of cultural heritage can have either positive or negative effects depending on how new development respects the cultural heritage present. Some pitch or plot provision will also be on greenfield sites, therefore negatively impacting the landscape.		?	?	?	This policy option will have the same impact in areas of cultural heritage, landscapes and sites of historic cultural or archaeological value as option 7.2A.		?	?	?	This policy option will have the same impact in areas of cultural heritage, landscapes and sites of historic cultural or archaeological value as option 7.2A.
2. To protect, enhance and manage Biodiversity in Halton	--	--	--	The development of additional permanent provision (plots and or pitches) will involve a large amount of new development, some on greenfield land. This will inevitably lead to a negative effect on biodiversity, flora and fauna.		--	--	--	All options propose development and would have a similar impact to option 7.2A		--	--	--	All options propose development and would have a similar impact to option 7.2A
3. To maintain and enhance the water quality of Halton's inland, estuarine and coastal water and to sustainably manage water resources	-	-	-	Any increase in provision will increase demand for water resources.		-	-	-	All options propose development and would have a similar impact to option 7.2A		-	-	-	All options propose development and would have a similar impact to option 7.2A
4. To promote adaptation to Halton's changing climate	0	0	0	The definitive impact of new development on climatic factors can be offset by mitigation measures and the promotion of good design.		0	0	0	The definitive impact of new development on climatic factors can be offset by mitigation measures and the promotion of good design.		0	0	0	The definitive impact of new development on climatic factors can be offset by mitigation measures and the promotion of good design.
5. To reduce flood	?	?	?	All developments that lie within flood		?	?	?	All options propose development and		?	?	?	All options propose development and

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	S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment
risk in Halton from rivers, estuaries and sea level change				zones 2 and 3 has to be considered as having a negative effect. However, the definitive impact of new development on flooding and climatic factors can be offset by mitigation measures.					would have a similar impact to option 7.2A					would have a similar impact to option 7.2A
6. Increase energy efficiency in the built environment, and the proportion of energy use from renewable sources	+	++	++	All new pitch or plot development will contribute positively in the promotion of energy efficiency in the built environment.		++	++	++	All new pitch or plot development will contribute positively in the promotion of energy efficiency in the built environment.		++	++	++	All new pitch or plot development will contribute positively in the promotion of energy efficiency in the built environment.
7. To protect and improve land quality in Halton	-	-	-	New pitch or plot provision will also be on greenfield sites, therefore negatively impacting the landscape and best and most versatile agricultural land.		-	-	-	All options propose development and would have a similar impact to option 7.2A		-	-	-	All options propose development and would have a similar impact to option 7.2A
8. To improve air quality in Halton	--	--	--	Any increase in new provision will inevitably lead to increased pressure on the transport network and likely increase car usage.		--	--	--	All options propose development and would have a similar impact to option 7.2A		--	--	--	All options propose development and would have a similar impact to option 7.2A
9. To minimise production of waste and increase re-use, recycling and recovery rates	--	--	--	An increase in plot or pitch provision within Halton will lead to an increase in the levels of domestic waste.		--	--	--	All options propose development and would have a similar impact to option 7.2A		--	--	--	All options propose development and would have a similar impact to option 7.2A
10. To improve access to a range of	+	++	++	An increase in housing provision in Halton will have a very positive effect		++	++	++	All options propose development and would have a similar impact to option		++	++	++	All options propose development and would have a similar impact to option

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	S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment
good quality and affordable housing that meets the needs of the community of Halton				in relation to choice and quality.					7.2A					7.2A
11. To improve access to services and facilities in Halton	+	+	+	The improvement of access to services and facilities in Halton will have a positive effect on the increased population by the expansion of existing sites.		++	++	++	Locating new provision close to existing services will have a most positive effect on the this objective		+	+	+	This option will have a similar impact to option 7.2A.
12. To improve physical and mental health and well-being of people and reduce health inequalities in Halton	+	+	++	The additional provision of new plots and pitches will bring more choice of sites and aid social inclusiveness.		++	++	++	All options propose development and would have a similar impact to option 7.2A		++	++	++	All options propose development and would have a similar impact to option 7.2A
13. To improve education, skills and qualifications in the Borough and provide opportunities for life long learning	+	+	++	Locating new pitch and plot provision close to existing educational facilities and opportunities for life- long learning will have positive effect on this sector of Halton's communities.		++	++	++	Locating new pitch and plot provision close to existing educational facilities and opportunities for life-long learning will have positive effect on this sector of Halton's communities.		++	++	++	All options propose development and would have a similar impact to option 7.2A
14. To support a strong, diverse, vibrant and sustainable local economy to foster balanced economic growth	+	+	+	The provision of additional supply of pitches and plots will have a positive effect on the diversity of the local economy.		+	+	+	All options propose development and would have a similar impact to option 7.2A		+	+	+	All options propose development and would have a similar impact to option 7.2A

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	S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment
15. Support the development of the sustainable leisure and tourism industry	+	+	+	Increased plot and pitch development will lead to an increase in Halton's population. This will have a positive impact on the sustainability of the tourism and leisure industry in Halton.		+	+	+	All options propose development and would have a similar impact to option 7.2A		+	+	+	All options propose development and would have a similar impact to option 7.2A
16. To maintain and enhance the vitality and viability of town and village centres in the Borough	++	++	++	Increased plot and pitch development will lead to an increase in Halton's population. This will have a positive impact on the vitality and viability of town and village centres in Halton.		++	++	++	All options propose development and would have a similar impact to option 7.2A		++	++	++	All options propose development and would have a similar impact to option 7.2A
17. To improve the choice and use of sustainable transport in Halton and reduce the need to travel	--	--	--	Increasing the provision of pitches will have a negative effect on reducing the need to travel.		--	--	--	All options propose development and would have a similar impact to option 7.2A		--	--	--	All options propose development and would have a similar impact to option 7.2A

Table 5.6 Housing 7.3 – Other forms of housing

SA Objective (high level objective)	Option 7.3A: Require all sites allocated for housing or including housing, to provide a proportion of housing for specialist accommodation.					Option 7.3B: Require all sites allocated for housing to include a proportion of dwellings that meet the lifetime homes standards.					Option 7.3C: Allocate sites for specialist accommodation.					Option 7.3D: Identify criteria for sites			
	S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment
1. To protect, enhance and	-	-	-	All new housing developments in		-	-	-	All new housing developments in		-	-	-	All new housing developments in		++	++	++	Should the policy criteria include the

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	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment
manage places, landscapes and buildings of historic, cultural and archaeological value				areas of cultural heritage can have either positive or negative effects depending on how new development respects the cultural heritage present. Some new housing will also be on greenfield sites, therefore negatively impacting the landscape.				areas of cultural heritage can have either positive or negative effects depending on how new development respects the cultural heritage present. Some new housing will also be on greenfield sites, therefore negatively impacting the landscape.				areas of cultural heritage can have either positive or negative effects depending on how new development respects the cultural heritage present. Some new housing will also be on greenfield sites, therefore negatively impacting the landscape.				protection, enhancement and management of landscapes, and buildings of historic cultural and archaeological value, this option would have a very positive effect.
2. To protect, enhance and manage Biodiversity in Halton	-	-	-	Some new housing will be on greenfield sites, therefore negatively impacting biodiversity in Halton. The extent to which will depend upon the quantum of new development on greenfield sites.	-	-	-	All options propose development and would have a similar impact to option 7.3A	-	-	-	All options propose development and would have a similar impact to option 7.3A	++	++	++	Should the policy criteria include the protection and enhancement of biodiversity, this policy option would have a very positive effect.
3. To maintain and enhance the water	?	?	?	All new development will have an impact	?	?	?	All options propose development and	?	?	?	All options propose development and	++	++	++	Should the policy criteria include a

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	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment
quality of Halton's inland, estuarine and coastal water and to sustainably manage water resources				on the water resources in Halton. The level of impact will depend upon the quantum of development proposed. Therefore the outcome for this policy option is unknown.				would have a similar impact to option 7.3A				would have a similar impact to option 7.3A				criterion for the sustainable management of water resources, this policy option would have a very positive effect.
4. To promote adaptation to Halton's changing climate	0	0	0	The definitive impact of new development on climatic factors can be offset by mitigation measures and the promotion of good design.	0	0	0	All options propose development and would have a similar impact to option 7.3A	0	0	0	All options propose development and would have a similar impact to option 7.3A	++	++	++	Should the policy criteria include a criterion for adaptation to Halton's changing climate, this policy option would have a very positive effect.
5. To reduce flood	-	-	-	An increase in	-	-	-	All options propose	-	-	-	All options propose	-	-	-	All options propose

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	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment
risk in Halton from rivers, estuaries and sea level change				housing provision that lie within flood zones 2 and 3 has to be considered as having a negative effect. However, the definitive impact of new development on flooding and climatic factors can be offset by mitigation measures and the promotion of good design.				development and would have a similar impact to option 7.3A				development and would have a similar impact to option 7.3A				development and would have a similar impact to option 7.3A
6. Increase energy efficiency in the built environment, and the proportion of energy use from renewable sources	++	++	++	All new housing developments will contribute positively in the promotion of energy efficiency in the built environment.	++	++	++	All new housing developments will contribute positively in the promotion of energy efficiency in the built environment.	++	++	++	All new housing developments will contribute positively in the promotion of energy efficiency in the built environment.	++	++	++	All new housing developments will contribute positively in the promotion of energy efficiency in the built environment.
7. To protect and improve land quality in Halton	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the sites allocated. However if the Council were to allocate some brownfield sites, and	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the sites allocated. However if the Council were to allocate some brownfield sites, and	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the sites allocated. However if the Council were to allocate some brownfield sites, and	?	?	?	This would depend on the location of the sites developed. The Council could identify criteria to protect and improve land quality.

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	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment
				protect the best and most versatile agricultural land this could assist in the improvement of land quality in Halton.				protect the best and most versatile agricultural land this could assist in the improvement of land quality in Halton.				protect the best and most versatile agricultural land this could assist in the improvement of land quality in Halton.				
8. To improve air quality in Halton	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	
9. To minimise production of waste and increase re-use, recycling and recovery rates	-	-	-	Policies within the Waste Plan and the Core Strategy already seek to minimise waste within new developments. However, it is expected that all new development will still generate some waste.	-	-	-	Policies within the Waste Plan and the Core Strategy already seek to minimise waste within new developments. However, it is expected that all new development will still generate some waste.	-	-	-	Policies within the Waste Plan and the Core Strategy already seek to minimise waste within new developments. However, it is expected that all new development will still generate some waste.	-	-	-	Policies within the Waste Plan and the Core Strategy already seek to minimise waste within new developments. However, it is expected that all new development will still generate some waste.
10. To improve access to a range of good quality and affordable housing	+	+	+	This option would help to provide an appropriate range of housing for the	+	+	+	This option would help to provide an appropriate range of housing for the	+	+	+	This option would help to provide an appropriate range of housing for the	?	?	?	This is dependent on the criteria leading to the delivery of any sites. However, the

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	S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment
that meets the needs of the community of Halton				community of Halton.					community of Halton.					community of Halton.					criteria could look to ensure that affordable homes are provided.
11. To improve access to services and facilities in Halton	?	?	?	This would be dependent on the location of the sites allocated in relation to the services and facilities. It is recommended that sites are allocated with access to services and facilities or that access is improved as part of the development.		?	?	?	This would be dependent on the location of the sites allocated in relation to the services and facilities. It is recommended that sites are allocated with access to services and facilities or that access is improved as part of the development.		?	?	?	This would be dependent on the location of the sites allocated in relation to the services and facilities. It is recommended that sites are allocated with access to services and facilities or that access is improved as part of the development.		?	?	?	This would be dependent on the location of the sites developed; however, the criteria developed could require the sites to have access to services and facilities.
12. To improve physical and mental health and well-being of people and reduce health inequalities in Halton	+	++	++	Ensuring that there are sites available for specialist housing can help to support those with the need for these types of housing. Improving their health and well-being.		+	++	++	Ensuring that there are sites available for lifetime homes can help to support those with the need for these types of housing. Improving their health and well-being and reducing the need for them to move at some point		+	++	++	Ensuring that there are sites available for specialist housing can help to support those with the need for these types of housing. Improving their health and well-being.		?	?	?	This may not lead to the delivery of specialist or lifetime homes, as sites may not be identified that meets the criteria.

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	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment	S	M	L	Comment
								in the future.								
13. To improve education, skills and qualifications in the Borough and provide opportunities for life-long learning	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	
14. To support a strong, diverse, vibrant and sustainable local economy to foster balanced economic growth	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	
15. Support the development of the sustainable leisure and tourism industry	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	
16. To maintain and enhance the vitality and viability of town and village centres in the Borough	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	

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	S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment
17.To improve the choice and use of sustainable transport in Halton and reduce the need to travel	?	?	?	This will be dependent on the location of the sites allocated. It is recommended that sites are identified that could reduce dependency on cars.		?	?	?	This will be dependent on the location of the sites allocated. It is recommended that sites are identified that could reduce dependency on cars.		?	?	?	This will be dependent on the location of the sites allocated. It is recommended that sites are identified that could reduce dependency on cars.		?	?	?	This would be dependent on the location of the sites developed; however, the criteria developed could require the sites to reduce the need to travel.

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SA Objective (high level objective)	Option 9.1A: To allocate land to meet the capacity identified					Option 9.1B: To provide a criteria to guide development to meet the capacity identified					Option 9.1C: To allocate land over and above the capacity identified to encourage retail growth in Halton's centres			
	S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment
1. To protect, enhance and manage places, landscapes and buildings of historic, cultural and archaeological value	?	?	?	The impact will be dependent on where the sites are allocated. However, the Council will be able to determine the impact before allocating the site, and potentially identifying mitigation measures if required.		?	?	?	The impact will be dependent on where the sites are developed. If a criteria is used this would need to identify areas to protect, enhance and manage.		?	?	?	The impact will be dependent on where the sites are allocated. However, the Council will be able to determine the impact before allocating the site, and potentially identifying mitigation measures if required.

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	S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment
2. To protect, enhance and manage Biodiversity in Halton	?	?	?	The impact will be dependent on where the sites are allocated. However, the Council will be able to determine the impact before allocating the site, and potentially identifying mitigation measures if required.		?	?	?	The impact will be dependent on where the sites are developed. If a criteria is used this would need to identify areas to protect, enhance and manage.		?	?	?	The impact will be dependent on where the sites are allocated. However, the Council will be able to determine the impact before allocating the site, and potentially identifying mitigation measures if required.
3. To maintain and enhance the water quality of Halton's inland, estuarine and coastal water and to sustainably manage water resources	?	?	?	The impact will be dependent on where the sites are allocated. However, the Council will be able to determine the impact before allocating the site, and potentially identifying mitigation measures if required.		?	?	?	The impact will be dependent on where the sites are developed. If a criteria is used this would need to identify areas to protect, enhance and manage.		?	?	?	The impact will be dependent on where the sites are allocated. However, the Council will be able to determine the impact before allocating the site, and potentially identifying mitigation measures if required.
4. To promote adaptation to Halton's changing climate	?	?	?	The definitive impact of new development on climatic factors can be offset by mitigation measures and the promotion of good design (including those promoted within Policy HE10).		?	?	?	The definitive impact of new development on climatic factors can be offset by mitigation measures and the promotion of good design (including those promoted within Policy HE10).		?	?	?	The definitive impact of new development on climatic factors can be offset by mitigation measures and the promotion of good design (including those promoted within Policy HE10).
5. To reduce flood risk in Halton from rivers, estuaries and sea level change	?	?	?	The impact will be dependent on where the sites are allocated. However, the Council will be able to determine the impact before allocating the site, and potentially identifying mitigation measures if required.		?	?	?	The impact will be dependent on where the sites are developed. If a criteria is used this would need to identify areas to protect, enhance and manage.		?	?	?	The impact will be dependent on where the sites are allocated. However, the Council will be able to determine the impact before allocating the site, and potentially identifying mitigation measures if required.

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	S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment
6. Increase energy efficiency in the built environment, and the proportion of energy use from renewable sources	+	+	+	Proposed policies SD4 and SD9 will ensure that all development has regard to increased energy efficiency and use of renewables.		+	+	+	Proposed policies SD4 and SD9 will ensure that all development has regard to increased energy efficiency and use of renewables.		+	+	+	Proposed policies SD4 and SD9 will ensure that all development has regard to increased energy efficiency and use of renewables.
7. To protect and improve land quality in Halton	?	?	?	The impact will be dependent on where the sites are allocated. However, the Council will be able to determine the impact before allocating the site, and potentially identifying mitigation measures if required.		?	?	?	The impact will be dependent on where the sites are developed. If a criteria is used this would need to identify areas to protect, enhance and manage.		?	?	?	The impact will be dependent on where the sites are allocated. However, the Council will be able to determine the impact before allocating the site, and potentially identifying mitigation measures if required.
8. To improve air quality in Halton	?	?	?	The impact on air quality and the number of journeys will be dependent on where the sites are allocated. However, the Council will be able to determine the impact before allocating the site, and potentially identifying mitigation measures if required. The Council are also likely to try to ensure that sites are allocated within or adjacent to existing centres which should allow for combined journeys.		?	?	?	The impact on air quality will be dependent on where the sites are developed. If a criteria is used this would need to identify the need to reduce the number of journeys made by car and the need to reduce air pollution.		?	?	?	The impact on air quality and the number of journeys will be dependent on where the sites are allocated. However, the Council will be able to determine the impact before allocating the site, and potentially identifying mitigation measures if required. The Council are also likely to try to ensure that sites are allocated within or adjacent to existing centres which should allow for combined journeys.
9. To minimise production of waste and increase re-use, recycling and	-	-	-	Policies within the Waste Plan and the Core Strategy already seek to minimise waste within new developments. However, it is		-	-	-	Policies within the Waste Plan and the Core Strategy already seek to minimise waste within new developments. However, it is		-	-	-	Policies within the Waste Plan and the Core Strategy already seek to minimise waste within new developments. However, it is

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	S	M	L	Comment					
recovery rates				expected that all new development will still generate some waste.					expected that all new development will still generate some waste.
10. To improve access to a range of good quality and affordable housing that meets the needs of the community of Halton	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		
11. To improve access to services and facilities in Halton	+	+	+	Providing appropriate retail development in suitable locations can help to support town centres including local services.	+	+	+		Providing appropriate retail development in suitable locations can help to support town centres including local services.
12. To improve physical and mental health and well-being of people and reduce health inequalities in Halton	+	+	+	Providing appropriate retail development in suitable locations can help to provide more accessible opportunities for local people improving health and well-being.	+	+	+		Providing appropriate retail development in suitable locations can help to provide more accessible opportunities for local people improving health and well-being.
13. To improve education, skills and qualifications in the Borough and provide opportunities for life long learning	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		

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	S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment
14. To support a strong, diverse, vibrant and sustainable local economy to foster balanced economic growth	+	+	+	Protecting the vibrancy of town centres can help to support the economy of the Borough.		+	+	+	Protecting the vibrancy of town centres can help to support the economy of the Borough.		+	+	+	Protecting the vibrancy of town centres can help to support the economy of the Borough.
15. Support the development of the sustainable leisure and tourism industry	++	++	++	Protecting the vibrancy of town centres can help to support the leisure and tourism industry in the town centre and edge of centre locations.		++	++	++	Protecting the vibrancy of town centres can help to support the leisure and tourism industry in the town centre and edge of centre locations.		++	++	++	Protecting the vibrancy of town centres can help to support the leisure and tourism industry in the town centre and edge of centre locations.
16. To maintain and enhance the vitality and viability of town and village centres in the Borough	+	++	++	Allocating sites for retail development to meet the required capacity is likely to help to enhance the vitality and viability of the town and district centres.		+	++	++	Providing criteria for retail development to meet the required capacity is likely to help to enhance the vitality and viability of the town and district centres.		++	++	+	Allocating sites for retail development to more than meet the required capacity is likely to help to enhance the vitality and viability of the town and district centres; however it will need to be measure to ensure that there is not an impact on the existing uses.
17.To improve the choice and use of sustainable transport in Halton and reduce the need to travel	?	?	?	The impact on sustainable travel and the number of journeys will be dependent on where the sites are allocated. However, the Council will be able to determine the impact before allocating the site, and potentially identifying mitigation measures if required. The Council are also likely to try to ensure that		?	?	?	The impact on sustainable travel will be dependent on where the sites are developed. If a criteria is used this would need to identify the need to reduce the number of journeys made by car and promote public transport.		?	?	?	The impact on sustainable travel and the number of journeys will be dependent on where the sites are allocated. However, the Council will be able to determine the impact before allocating the site, and potentially identifying mitigation measures if required. The Council are also likely to try to ensure that sites

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	S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment
				sites are allocated within or adjacent to existing centres which should allow for combined journeys.										are allocated within or adjacent to existing centres which should allow for combined journeys.

Table 5.8 Town, District and Local Centres 9.2 - Thresholds for Retail Impact Assessment

SA Objective (high level objective)	Option 9.2A: Apply the Threshold proposed in the retail study					Option 9.2B: Apply different Thresholds for each town					Option 9.2C: Apply same thresholds for each town					Option 9.2D: Do not include a Threshold and instead rely on NPPF			
	S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment
1. To protect, enhance and manage places, landscapes and buildings of historic, cultural and archaeological value	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	
2. To protect, enhance and manage Biodiversity in Halton	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	
3. To maintain and enhance the water quality of Halton's inland, estuarine	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	

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	S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment
and coastal water and to sustainably manage water resources																			
4. To promote adaptation to Halton's changing climate	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	
5. To reduce flood risk in Halton from rivers, estuaries and sea level change	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	
6. Increase energy efficiency in the built environment, and the proportion of energy use from renewable sources	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	
7. To protect and improve land quality in Halton	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	
8. To improve air quality in Halton	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	
9. To minimise	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	

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	S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment
production of waste and increase re-use, recycling and recovery rates																			
10. To improve access to a range of good quality and affordable housing that meets the needs of the community of Halton	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	
11. To improve access to services and facilities in Halton	+	+	+	The retail policies, thresholds and associated impacts tests will ensure that development takes place in appropriate locations in relation to the size and scale of the centre.		+	+	+	The retail policies, thresholds and associated impacts tests will ensure that development takes place in appropriate locations in relation to the size and scale of the centre.		+	+	+	The retail policies, thresholds and associated impacts tests will ensure that development takes place in appropriate locations in relation to the size and scale of the centre.		+	+	+	The retail policies, thresholds and associated impacts tests will ensure that development takes place in appropriate locations in relation to the size and scale of the centre.
12. To improve physical and mental health and well-being of people and reduce health inequalities in Halton	+	+	+	Providing appropriate retail development in suitable locations without a detrimental impact on other existing uses can help to support town		+	+	+	Providing appropriate retail development in suitable locations without a detrimental impact on other existing uses can help to support town		+	+	+	Providing appropriate retail development in suitable locations without a detrimental impact on other existing uses can help to support town		+	+	+	Providing appropriate retail development in suitable locations without a detrimental impact on other existing uses can help to support town

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	S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment
				centres including local services.					centres including local services.					centres including local services.					centres including local services.
13. To improve education, skills and qualifications in the Borough and provide opportunities for life-long learning	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	
14. To support a strong, diverse, vibrant and sustainable local economy to foster balanced economic growth	+	+	+	The retail policies, thresholds and associated impacts tests will ensure that development takes place in appropriate locations in relation to the size and scale of the centre this will help to support the local economy.		+	+	+	The retail policies, thresholds and associated impacts tests will ensure that development takes place in appropriate locations in relation to the size and scale of the centre this will help to support the local economy.		+	+	+	The retail policies, thresholds and associated impacts tests will ensure that development takes place in appropriate locations in relation to the size and scale of the centre this will help to support the local economy.		+	+	+	The retail policies, thresholds and associated impacts tests will ensure that development takes place in appropriate locations in relation to the size and scale of the centre this will help to support the local economy.
15. Support the development of the sustainable leisure and tourism industry	+	+	+	Protecting the vibrancy of town centres can help to support the leisure and tourism industry in the town centre and edge of centre locations.		+	+	+	Protecting the vibrancy of town centres can help to support the leisure and tourism industry in the town centre and edge of centre locations.		+	+	+	Protecting the vibrancy of town centres can help to support the leisure and tourism industry in the town centre and edge of centre locations.		+	+	+	Protecting the vibrancy of town centres can help to support the leisure and tourism industry in the town centre and edge of centre locations.
16. To maintain and	+	+	+	The retail policies,		+	+	+	The retail policies,		+	+	+	The retail policies,		+	+	+	The retail policies,

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	S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment
enhance the vitality and viability of town and village centres in the Borough				thresholds and associated impacts tests will ensure that development takes place in appropriate locations in relation to the size and scale of the centre, thereby protecting the vibrancy of town centres and helping local centres meet the local need.					thresholds and associated impacts tests will ensure that development takes place in appropriate locations in relation to the size and scale of the centre, thereby protecting the vibrancy of town centres and helping local centres meet the local need.					thresholds and associated impacts tests will ensure that development takes place in appropriate locations in relation to the size and scale of the centre, thereby protecting the vibrancy of town centres and helping local centres meet the local need.					thresholds and associated impacts tests will ensure that development takes place in appropriate locations in relation to the size and scale of the centre, thereby protecting the vibrancy of town centres and helping local centres meet the local need.
17.To improve the choice and use of sustainable transport in Halton and reduce the need to travel	+	+	+	Appropriate retail development in suitable locations is likely to help to reduce the need to travel by ensuring that town centres are vibrant and local centres provide for local needs.		+	+	+	Appropriate retail development in suitable locations is likely to help to reduce the need to travel by ensuring that town centres are vibrant and local centres provide for local needs.		+	+	+	Appropriate retail development in suitable locations is likely to help to reduce the need to travel by ensuring that town centres are vibrant and local centres provide for local needs.		+	+	+	Appropriate retail development in suitable locations is likely to help to reduce the need to travel by ensuring that town centres are vibrant and local centres provide for local needs.

Table 5.9 Town, District and Local Centres 9.3 - Evening Economy

SA Objective (high level objective)	Option 9.3A: Establish quarters in the town centres where appropriate food and drink uses would be encouraged					Option 9.3B: Apply threshold limits to manage the clustering of these uses in the primary shopping areas / in Halton's Centres					Option 9.3C: Do not restrict the location of evening economy uses such as bars and pubs, restaurants and cafes and take-aways			
	S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment
1. To protect, enhance and manage places, landscapes and buildings of historic, cultural and archaeological value	?	?	?	It is likely that these quarters would be established in the existing town centres, so the impact is likely to be similar to that already seen. Policies within the Core Strategy and DALP would still look to protect this value.		?	?	?	It is unlikely that applying thresholds would have an impact on the historic, cultural and archaeological value. Policies within the Core Strategy and DALP would still look to protect this value.		?	?	?	It is unlikely that lifting restrictions on the location of evening economy uses would have an impact on the historic, cultural and archaeological value over and above that already seen. Policies within the Core Strategy and DALP would still look to protect this value.
2. To protect, enhance and manage Biodiversity in Halton	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	
3. To maintain and enhance the water quality of Halton's inland, estuarine and coastal water and to sustainably manage water resources	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	
4. To promote adaptation to Halton's changing climate	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	
5. To reduce flood risk in Halton from rivers, estuaries and sea level change	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	
6. Increase energy efficiency in the built environment, and the	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	

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	S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment
proportion of energy use from renewable sources														
7. To protect and improve land quality in Halton	?	?	?	It is likely that these quarters would be established in the existing town centres, so the impact is likely to be similar to that already seen. Policies within the Core Strategy and DALP would still look to protect land quality.		N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	
8. To improve air quality in Halton	+/-	+/-	+/-	This option may concentrate uses that include flues in one area and thus have a potential impact on air quality in this area.		+/-	+/-	+/-	This option may spread uses that include flues in across the town centre and thus have a potential impact on air quality across this area.		+/-	+/-	+/-	This option may spread uses that include flues in across the town centre and thus have a potential impact on air quality across this area.
9. To minimise production of waste and increase re-use, recycling and recovery rates	-	-	-	Policies within the Waste Plan and the Core Strategy already seek to minimise waste within new developments. However, it is expected that all new development will still generate some waste.		-	-	-	Policies within the Waste Plan and the Core Strategy already seek to minimise waste within new developments. However, it is expected that all new development will still generate some waste.		-	-	-	Policies within the Waste Plan and the Core Strategy already seek to minimise waste within new developments. However, it is expected that all new development will still generate some waste.
10. To improve access to a range of good quality and affordable housing that meets the needs of the community of Halton	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	
11. To improve access	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	

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	S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment
to services and facilities in Halton														
12. To improve physical and mental health and well-being of people and reduce health inequalities in Halton	0	0	0	Policies within the Core Strategy and DALP will seek to ensure appropriate design is used to reduce crime, whilst the SPD on Hot Food Takeaways provides guidance on appropriate locations for these developments. Focusing developments in one area is not expected to have any greater impact.		0	0	0	Policies within the Core Strategy and DALP will seek to ensure appropriate design is used to reduce crime, whilst the SPD on Hot Food Takeaways provides guidance on appropriate locations for these developments. Using thresholds to disperse developments is not expected to have any greater impact.		0	0	0	Policies within the Core Strategy and DALP will seek to ensure appropriate design is used to reduce crime, whilst the SPD on Hot Food Takeaways provides guidance on appropriate locations for these developments. Removing restrictions within the town centre is not expected to have any greater impact.
13. To improve education, skills and qualifications in the Borough and provide opportunities for life long learning	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	
14. To support a strong, diverse, vibrant and sustainable local economy to foster balanced economic growth	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	
15. Support the development of the sustainable leisure and tourism industry	+	+	+	Evening economy uses are likely to support the leisure and tourism industry.		+	+	+	Evening economy uses are likely to support the leisure and tourism industry.		+	+	+	Evening economy uses are likely to support the leisure and tourism industry.

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	S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment		S	M	L	Comment
16. To maintain and enhance the vitality and viability of town and village centres in the Borough	+	+	+	Creating quarters is likely to help to maintain the vitality of the town centres.		+	+	+	Using thresholds is likely to help to main the vitality of the town centres.		++	++	++	Not restricting the location of these uses within the town centres is likely to maintain the vitality of the town centres and may help to reduce the vacancies in the centres.
17.To improve the choice and use of sustainable transport in Halton and reduce the need to travel	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	

6. Stage B5: Propose Measures to Monitor the Significant Effects

- 6.1 The PPG states that *'local planning authorities should monitor the significant environmental effects of implementing the Local Plan'*.
- 6.2 Monitoring these significant environmental effects will enable the Council to identify unforeseen adverse effects at an early stage and enable appropriate remedial action.
- 6.3 Questions that should be addressed through the monitoring process include:
- Whether the Sustainability Appraisal assumptions about the impact of the DALP policies are accurate?
 - Whether the DALP is contributing towards meeting the sustainability objectives?
 - Are there any other effects from the implementation of the DALP that need to be considered?
- 6.4 It is therefore important that a monitoring framework is developed. For practical reasons, and in order to remain consistent, this will be based on the indicators identified in the Sustainability Appraisal Framework (Table 2.1).
- 6.5 Identifying trends within the data associated with these objectives will help measure how well the DALP contributes to sustainable development over the course of the plan, and to highlight any unforeseen adverse effects to enable appropriate remedial action to be taken where possible.

7. Next Steps

How to comment on the Sustainability Appraisal Report

- 7.1 This Sustainability Appraisal will be subject to a 6 week consultation alongside the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan Scoping Document. The consultation will take place from the **28th January until 10th March 2016**.
- 7.2 You are invited to comment on the content of this document and to draw the Council's attention to any matters which have not been identified. The consultation period for this Sustainability Appraisal Report runs from: **Thursday 28th January to 3pm on Thursday 10th March 2016**. Only comments received during the consultation period will be considered. The Council asks that consultation responses are made via email to forward.planning@halton.gov.uk, where possible, to save time, paper and money.
- 7.3 You will find a copy of each of the relevant the documents online at www.halton.gov.uk/DALP or you can view a paper copy at the Halton Direct Links (HDLs) at Halton Lea, Runcorn; Brook Street, Widnes; and Granville Street, Runcorn or at the Libraries at Runcorn Shopping Centre (formerly known as Halton Lea), Runcorn; Granville Street, Runcorn; Kingsway, Widnes and Ditton, Widnes.

The Next Stages

- 7.4 The Council will continue to work through Stage B of the Sustainability Appraisal as the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan progresses. The production of the Local Plan will continue to be informed by the Sustainability Appraisal and this will be reported on during the next stage of consultation on the Local Plan.
- 7.5 The results of the appraisal will be documented within an SA Report (Stage C of the Guidance) and Consulted upon. The SA Report should accompany the Submission Local Plan document and will require amendment as the plan options are refined and altered through the examination and adoption process (Stage D). The final tasks (Stage E) will be to prepare the sustainability statement as part of adoption statement for the plan which will include final proposed for monitoring of the plan via the Monitoring Report.

Outputs

- 7.6 The Council will be seeking the views of stakeholders and the public on the emerging Local Plan and accompanying SA Reports in due course.



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