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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 This report

This is Part 3b of the West Somerset Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal report (SA report). This part of the report outlines the results of the appraisal of the Publication Draft Local Plan. The other parts of the SA report are as follows:

- Part 1: Introduction, methodology and next steps
- Part 2: Scoping information; and
- Part 3a: Results of the Assessment: Assessment of Alternatives.

A Non-Technical Summary is also available.

All reports are available at the following weblink:

<http://www.westsomersetonline.gov.uk/Planning---Building/Planning-Policy/Local-Plan-to-2032/Sustainability-Appraisal>

## 1.2 Reporting the results

No significant negative effects were found as a result of the plan. A number of significant positive effects were found as well as a number of uncertain effects and minor positive and minor negative effects.

The results of the assessment of the Local Plan Publication Draft are reported in Annex A of this report in appraisal matrices. The results of the assessment have also been summarised within this report in two ways:

- Table 2.1 presents a summary of the findings of the assessment for aspect of the Local Plan. This summary has focused on the significant effects and the uncertain effects identified. This table identifies the mitigation measures recommended for the potential significant and uncertain effects. Mitigation for minor negative effects and enhancement measures suggested can be found in the assessment matrices in Annex A;
- Tables 2.2 – 2.4 provides a brief summary of the significant sustainability issues identified for each future mixed use development site and major employment site.

Mitigation measures are measures outlined to prevent, reduce or offset effects. Where a policy or development area has a significant adverse effect, measures should be implemented to prevent, reduce or offset these effects (please note that Annex A also outlines mitigation measures for minor adverse effects). This may take the form of compensatory measures to be implemented prior to the policy itself being implemented or it can take the form of a change in wording of policy laid out in the Plan. In addition, any uncertain effects should have mitigation suggested in order to reduce uncertainty and the potential for this to give rise to a significant negative effect. In addition, where relevant, enhancement measures have been suggested to enhance the positive or neutral effects of policies.

## 1.3 Cumulative effects assessment

The SEA Regulations require an assessment of cumulative effects. Cumulative effects arise, where several developments each have insignificant effects but together have a significant effect; or where the effects of different elements of the Plan will have a combined

significant effect. The term can also be used to describe synergistic effects, which interact to produce a total effect greater than the sum of the individual effects.

A separate cumulative effects assessment has been undertaken following the assessment of the Local Plan. The cumulative effects assessment has considered the potential cumulative effects of other programmes, plans, policies and projects alongside the effects of the Local Plan, as well as considering the potential cumulative effects of different aspects of the Local Plan itself.

A number of programmes, plans, policies and projects have been identified as potentially having effects on receptors within the Local Plan area. The programmes, plans, policies and projects have been agreed with West Somerset Council and are identified on the basis of forthcoming activities / development which would occur within the Plan period and relate only to published plans or related documents (such as options consultation documents). Table 2.5 outlines the results of the cumulative effects assessment.

## 2 Results of the Assessment

### 2.1 Significant and uncertain effects

Please note that no significant negative effects have been identified. There are a number of significant positive effects and uncertain effects, however, and these are reported in Table 2.1 below. Annex A also reports on minor negative and minor positive effects.

<b>Table 1.1: Results of the SA for each aspect of the Local Plan</b>	
<b>Potential significant / uncertain effect identified (significant positive effects are highlighted in green. Please note that no significant negative effects have been identified).</b>	<b>Mitigation measures identified for significant and uncertain effects</b>
<b>SPATIAL VISION AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES</b>	
The effect of the vision and strategic objectives is mainly positive by steering development in the Local Plan area in a sustainable direction. The policies will have mainly a neutral or minor positive effect.	None identified
<b>PRESUMPTION IN FAVOUR OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (Policy SD1: Presumption in favour of sustainable development)</b>	
<p>The policy will have a minor positive effect on many of the SA objectives through outlining a presumption in favour of sustainable development and providing a definition of what that might mean in practice. The policy will have mainly a neutral or minor positive effect. However, the policy will have <b>uncertain effects</b> on the following SA objectives due to an uncertainty regarding the exact issues that are covered in the policy’s definition of sustainable development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1b. Reduce the need to travel and facilitate modal shift (particularly with regard to reducing the impact of traffic during the peak summer months)</li> <li>• 8b. Reduce risk of flooding including coastal flooding</li> <li>• 8c. Improve efficiency of water use</li> <li>• 10a. To improve the health and wellbeing of the population and improve access to health services for all</li> <li>• 11a. Ensure that special and distinctive landscapes, and the features within them, are conserved and enhanced</li> </ul>	The definition of sustainable development within this policy needs to be strengthened. The SA recommends that that as a minimum the headline issues that the council would expect to see within any planning application should be listed. In addition, some more detailed guidance could be provided by the council within a Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG).

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11c. Ensure provision is made to incorporate green infrastructure into spatial planning</li> </ul>	
<b>HINKLEY POINT AND OTHER MAJOR ENERGY GENERATING DEVELOPMENT (Policy EN1: Mitigation of impact of Hinkley Point new nuclear proposals and Policy EN2: Mitigation of impact of major energy generating proposals)</b>	
<p>The policies will have a minor positive effect on many of the SA objectives through contributing to the mitigation of the effects of Hinkley Point and other major energy generating proposals. . The policies will have mainly a neutral or minor positive effect. However, the policies have an <b>uncertain effect</b> on the following SA objective as no reference to local skills is made within the policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12a. Improve sustainable economic activity within West Somerset enabling regeneration of key areas</li> </ul>	<p>The policies would be strengthened if more detailed references to ensuring local employment and maximising local skills were made</p>
<b>SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES (Policy SC1: Hierarchy of settlements, Policy SC2: Housing provision, Policy SC3: Appropriate mix of housing types and tenures, Policy SC4: Affordable housing, Policy SC5 (A and B): Self-containment of settlements)</b>	
<p>The policies seek to concentrate development in urban areas and areas with better public transport provision such as Minehead, Watchet and Williton and limit development in other settlements and the remaining countryside. This will have the effect of strengthening the local economy and service provision in larger settlements and will have consequent positive effects on many of the SA objectives. The policies will have mainly a neutral or minor positive effect. This aspect of the Plan will have one <b>significant positive effect</b> on the following SA objective through promoting the strengthening of the Minehead economy and also strengthening Watchet and Williton as important local centres:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12a. Improve sustainable economic activity within West Somerset enabling regeneration of key areas. Policies SC1 and SC2 will have a significant positive effect.</li> </ul>	<p>None identified</p>
<b>SETTLEMENT POLICIES MINEHEAD (Amended Policy MD1: Minehead development, Policy MD2: Key strategic development allocation at Minehead/Alcombe, Policy LT1 Post 2026 Key Strategic Development Sites – Minehead site only and Policy EC2 Major employment sites – Minehead site only)</b>	
<p>The policies will have mainly a neutral or minor positive effect. The policies give expression</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mitigation measure (Policy MD2 (South of A39)) and Policy LT1 (South</li> </ul>

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<p>within Minehead to those strategic policies listed above and they will have consequent positive effects on many of the SA objectives. This is through concentrating development in Minehead through strengthening its role as a service centre.</p> <p>The policies will have a <b>significant positive effect</b> on the following SA objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12a. Improve sustainable economic activity within West Somerset enabling regeneration of key areas: The site at Mart Road will have a significant positive effect as it will be positive in increasing available workspace and access to opportunities in the town.</li> </ul> <p>The policies will also have the following <b>uncertain effect</b> on the following SA objective:</p> <p>9a. Protect the fabric and setting of designated and undesignated archaeological sites, monuments, structures and buildings, recorded Historic Parks and gardens, maritime and coastal heritage, listed buildings and conservation areas: MD2 and LT1 will have an uncertain effect as there is a large potential for finds in the area.</p>	<p>of Periton Road)): A programme of archaeological field evaluation would be required prior to determination of individual planning applications. This should be required through the EIA process however if there is uncertainty as to whether this will be EIA development then a reference to this requirement could be made within the supporting text.</p>
<p><b>SETTLEMENT POLICIES WATCHET (Amended Policy WA1: Watchet development, Policy WA2 Strategic development allocation at Parsonage Farm, Watchet and Policy LT1 Post 2026 Key Strategic Development Sites – Watchet site only)</b></p>	
<p>The policies will have mainly a neutral or minor positive effect. The policies give expression within Watchet to those strategic policies listed above and they will have consequent positive effects on many of the SA objectives. This is through concentrating development in Watchet through strengthening its role as a service centre.</p> <p>The policies will have a <b>significant positive effect</b> on the following SA objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12a. Improve sustainable economic activity within West Somerset enabling regeneration of key areas: Policy WA1 will help to strengthen Watchet’s role as the main employment centre for the North Eastern part of West Somerset and will also help to maintain and enhance the role of the Marina and the West Somerset Railway</li> </ul> <p>The policies will also have a number of <b>uncertain effects</b> on the following SA objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6a. Reduce land contamination, and safeguard soil and geological quality and quantity: Policy WA2 (South of the town): There is possible contamination on site due to agricultural products and fuel oil.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mitigation measure (Policy WA2 (South of the town)): Before development goes ahead a wider understanding is needed of the significance of developing on this area of Best and Most Versatile Agricultural land and the ability to remediate the contamination on site. The requirements for this assessment should be included within the policy wording or supporting text and further detail could be provided within a development brief if this is being prepared.</li> <li>Mitigation measure (Policy WA2 (South of the town)): A programme of archaeological field evaluation would be required prior to determination of individual planning applications. This should be required through the EIA process however if there is uncertainty as to whether this will be EIA development then a reference to this requirement could be made within the supporting text.</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9a. Protect the fabric and setting of designated and undesignated archaeological sites, monuments, structures and buildings, recorded Historic Parks and gardens, maritime and coastal heritage, listed buildings and conservation areas: The likely effect of the site to the South of the town is uncertain. The Historic Environment Record contains some records within the strategic development area and these records show the high potential for prehistoric remains in the Watchet area.</li> </ul>	
<b>SETTLEMENT POLICIES WILLITON (Policy WI1: Williton development, Policy WI2 Key strategic development allocations at Williton, Policy EC2 Major employment sites –Williton site only)</b>	
<p>The policies will have mainly a neutral or minor positive effect. The policies give expression within Williton to those strategic policies listed above and they will have consequent positive effects on many of the SA objectives. This is through concentrating development in Williton through strengthening its role as a service centre.</p> <p>The policies will have a <b>significant positive effect</b> on the following SA objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12a. Improve sustainable economic activity within West Somerset enabling regeneration of key areas: Policy EC2 (Roughmoor, Williton): The site will be positive in increasing available workspace and access to opportunities in the town.</li> </ul> <p>The policies will also have an <b>uncertain effect</b> on the following SA objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9a. Protect the fabric and setting of designated and undesignated archaeological sites, monuments, structures and buildings, recorded Historic Parks and gardens, maritime and coastal heritage, listed buildings and conservation areas: The sites in WI2 will have an uncertain effect as the area shows a high potential for significant prehistoric remains.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mitigation measure (Policy WI2 (West of the town)); (Policy WI2 (North of the town)): A programme of archaeological field evaluation would be required prior to determination of individual planning applications. This should be required through the EIA process however if there is uncertainty as to whether this will be EIA development then a reference to this requirement could be made within the supporting text.</li> </ul>
<b>SETTLEMENT POLICIES OTHER (Policy SV1 Development at primary and secondary villages, Policy OC1 Open countryside development)</b>	
<p>The policies will have mainly a minor positive or neutral effect on the SA objectives through promoting small scale appropriate development that could strengthen the viability of existing businesses and services in rural areas and help address affordability issues whilst protecting the environment and character of settlements.</p>	None identified

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<b>ECONOMY (Policy EC1 Widening and strengthening the local economy, Policy EC3 Greenfield employment generating development, Policy EC4 Home-based business activities, Policy EC5 Safeguarding existing employment uses, Policy EC6 Work/live developments, Policy EC7 Training and educational provision, Policy EC8 Tourism in settlements, Policy EC9 Tourism outside of settlements, Policy EC10 Gateway settlements, Policy EC11 Agriculture, New Policy EC12 Minehead Primary Retail Area and Central Areas for Alcombe, Watchet and Williton)</b>	
<p>The policies will have mainly a minor positive or neutral effect on the SA objectives through safeguarding and provision of a range of employment opportunities and skills training for local people, boosting local retail areas and facilitating public transport. The policies will have a <b>significant positive effect</b> on the following SA objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12a. Improve sustainable economic activity within West Somerset enabling regeneration of key areas. Policy EC1, EC3, EC4, EC5, EC6, EC7, EC8, EC9, EC10 and EC11 will encourage development that makes the local economy stronger and more diverse whilst increasing skills, the proportion of higher paid jobs and higher value businesses.</li> </ul>	None identified
<b>TRANSPORT (Policy TR1 Access to and from West Somerset, Policy TR2 Reducing reliance on the private car)</b>	
<p>The policies will have a minor positive or neutral effect on the SA objectives through helping to promote modal shift and reduce reliance on the private car so should reduce air and noise pollution.</p>	None identified
<b>COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND PUBLIC HEALTH (Policy CF1 Maximising access to recreational facilities, Policy CF2 Planning for healthy communities)</b>	
<p>The policies will have a minor positive or neutral effect on the SA objectives through helping to encourage design that shapes healthy communities and will help to ensure the provision and retention of health, sport, recreation and cultural facilities which are likely to encourage healthy behaviour.</p>	None identified
<b>CLIMATE CHANGE (Policy CC1 Carbon reduction – small scale schemes, Policy CC2 Flood risk management, Policy CC3 Coastal change management area, Policy CC4 Coastal zone protection, Policy CC5 Water efficiency, Policy CC6 Water management)</b>	
<p>The policies will have mainly a neutral or minor positive effect through promoting carbon reduction, requiring flood risk management, water efficiency and other aspects of sustainable</p>	Mitigation measure (Policy CC1): An air and noise assessment (including the transport implications of fuel delivery) should be carried out before the

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<p>development.</p> <p>The policies will have a <b>significant positive effect</b> on the following SA objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2b. Improve adaptation for unavoidable climate change including consideration of the location of development / 8b. Reduce risk of flooding including coastal flooding: Policy CC2 will have a significant positive effect through locating development in areas that would not exacerbate flooding and ensuring an assessment is carried out on the flood implications of new development / Policy CC3 will ensure that development does not occur in areas at risk of rapid coastal erosion / Policy CC6 will help to ensure that areas at cumulative risk of flooding will only be permitted provided that suitable protection is given.</li> <li>• 13c. Increase the land area of UK Biodiversity Action Plan habitats within the district: Policy CC3, CC4 will have a significant positive effect on protecting areas of mudflats along the coast. Policy CC6: The policy will help to protect the water table which will have a significant positive effect in protecting wetland and meadow habitats in the district.</li> <li>• 13d. Maintain and improve the conservation status of selected designated and non-designated nature conservation sites: Policy CC3, CC4: The policies will help protect the Blue Anchor to Lilstock Coast SSSI.</li> </ul> <p>The policies will have an <b>uncertain effect</b> on the following SA objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1a. Reduce impacts on tranquility from noise and visual intrusion: Policy CC1 may have implications on air and noise dependent on what kind of renewable energy systems are developed.</li> <li>• 1b. Reduce the need to travel and facilitate modal shift (particularly with regard to reducing the impact of traffic during the peak summer months): Policy CC1 may have implications on road traffic dependent on what kind of renewable energy systems are developed.</li> <li>• 11a. Ensure that special and distinctive landscapes, and the features within them, are conserved and enhanced. Policy CC1 may have implications on landscape dependent on what kind of renewable energy systems are developed.</li> <li>• 11b. Enhance the form and design of the built environment: Policy CC1: The policy may have implications on the form of the built environment dependent on what kind of renewable</li> </ul>	<p>development of renewable energy schemes which could form part of an energy strategy including detail on fuel supply, transport and routes as well as the carbon savings achievable. A landscape and townscape assessment should also be carried out. The requirements for these assessments should be included within the policy wording or supporting text and further detail could be provided within a development brief if this is being prepared.</p>

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<p><b>NATURAL AND HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT (Policy NH1 Historic environment, Policy NH1A Areas of High Archaeological Potential, NH1B Archaeological sites of local significance, Policy NH2 Landscape character protection, Policy NH3 Nature conservation and the protection and enhancement of biodiversity, Policy NH4 Green infrastructure, Policy NH5 Protection of best and most versatile agricultural land, Policy NH6 Pollution, contaminated land and land instability, Policy NH8: Bat consultation zone, Policy NH9: Waterfowl consultation zone, New Policy NH10: Securing high standards of design)</b></p>	
<p>The policies will have a mostly minor positive or neutral effect on the SA objectives through providing environmental protection and enhancement policies that will help strengthen development.</p> <p>The policies will have a <b>significant positive effect</b> on the following SA objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1a. Reduce impacts on tranquility from noise and visual intrusion: Policy NH6 will have a significant positive effect on the SA objective by protecting current and future residents against air and noise pollution / Policy NH10 will have a significant positive effect on the SA objective through ensuring that design of development is not intrusive and fits in with local character.</li> <li>9a. Protect the fabric and setting of designated and undesignated archaeological sites, monuments, structures and buildings, recorded Historic Parks and gardens, maritime and coastal heritage, listed buildings and conservation areas: Policy NH1, NH1A, NH1B and NH10 will have a significant positive effect in safeguarding and enhancing the district's cultural and built heritage and archaeology.</li> <li>11a. Ensure that special and distinctive landscapes, and the features within them, are conserved and enhanced: Policy NH2, NH4 and NH10 will have a significant positive effect in safeguarding and enhancing non designated areas of landscape value and ensuring developments incorporate landscape frameworks.</li> <li>11b. Enhance the form and design of the built environment: Policy NH1 will have a significant positive effect in safeguarding and enhancing the district's cultural and built heritage / Policy NH10 will have a significant positive effect in ensuring developments contribute to the distinctive local character of the area and makes a positive contribution to the local</li> </ul>	None identified

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<p>environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13a. Protect and enhance biodiversity at all levels: Policy NH3 will have a significant positive effect through requiring applicants to not generate adverse impacts on biodiversity and ensure a net gain where possible, Policy NH10 policy will have a significant positive effect on ensuring developments incorporate landscape frameworks which seek to improve local biodiversity.</li> <li>• 13b. Maintain, restore and enhance populations of focal species: Policy NH3 will have a significant positive effect through the policy's focus on connectivity and resilience of habitats which will have an indirect significant positive effect on focal species, Policy NH8 will have a significant positive effect on bat populations through requiring a test of significance to be carried out. This policy has been added as a response to the findings of the HRA and will have a significant positive effect / Policy NH9 will have a significant positive effect on waterfowl populations through requiring a test of significance to be carried out. This policy has been added as a response to the findings of the HRA and will have a significant positive effect.</li> <li>• 13c. Increase the land area of UK Biodiversity Action Plan habitats within the district: Policy NH3 will have a significant positive effect through the policy's focus on connectivity and resilience of habitats will have an indirect significant positive effect on BAP habitats.</li> <li>• 13d. Maintain and improve the conservation status of selected designated and non-designated nature conservation sites: Policy NH3 will have a significant positive effect through the policy's focus on connectivity and resilience of habitats will have an indirect significant positive effect on designated and no designated sites. The policy now also includes additional safeguards in relation to Nature 2000 sites, Policy NH10: The policy will have a significant positive effect on ensuring developments incorporate landscape frameworks which seek to improve local biodiversity.</li> </ul>	
<b>GYPSIES AND TRAVELLERS (Policy GT1 Gypsies and travellers)</b>	
<p>The policy will have mostly a minor positive or neutral effect on the SA objectives through seeking to provide gypsy and traveller pitches to meet a local need.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mitigation measure (Policy GT1): Before a site is allocated as a gypsy or traveller site an assessment should be carried out on the environmental</li> </ul>

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<p>The policy will have an <b>uncertain effect</b> on the following SA objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1a. Reduce impacts on tranquility from noise and visual intrusion: The development of gypsy and traveller pitches can cause noise and disturbance issues to local communities. Therefore, the policy could have a negative effect dependent on where the pitches are located. As these locations are not known the effect has been assessed as uncertain.</li> <li>• 3a. Reduce anti-social behaviour and fear of crime: Gypsy and traveller sites can increase the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in local communities. Therefore, the effect of the policy could be negative dependent on where the pitches are located. As these locations are not known the effect has been assessed as uncertain.</li> <li>• 7a. To reduce waste generation and disposal, increase recycling and achieve the sustainable management of waste: The development of gypsy and traveller pitches can cause concerns about waste generation and management. Therefore, the policy could have a negative effect dependent on where the pitches are located and what facilities are put in place. As this is not known the effect has been assessed as uncertain.</li> </ul>	<p>and social effects likely to arise from the site in comparison to other available sites which should include the consideration of the provision of adequate waste management facilities. The requirements for this assessment should be included within the policy wording or supporting text and further detail could be provided within a development brief if this is being prepared.</p>
<b>IMPLEMENTATION POLICIES (Policy ID1 Infrastructure delivery)</b>	
<p>The policy will have mostly a minor positive or neutral effect on the SA objectives through provision of infrastructure plans to meet local needs.</p> <p>The policy will have an <b>significant positive effect</b> on the following SA objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4a. Ensure equitable access to viable facilities and services for all sectors of the community including those in rural areas / 5a. To develop and maintain a balanced and sustainable population structure which good access to services, facilities and homes for all sectors of the society: The policy will have a significant positive effect in ensuring that new development provides a wide range of services to the community.</li> <li>• 11c. Ensure provision is made to incorporate green infrastructure into spatial planning: The policy will have a significant positive effect in ensuring that new development provides a wide range of services (including green infrastructure) to the community. This will be important in reducing the recreational pressure on Exmoor that may result from development in West</li> </ul>	<p>The policy should be more specific in addressing the provision of public transport, cycling and walking where appropriate.</p>

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<p><b>Somerset.</b></p> <p>The policy will have an <b>uncertain effect</b> on the following SA objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1b. Reduce the need to travel and facilitate modal shift (particularly with regard to reducing the impact of traffic during the peak summer months) / 2a. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions: The policy will ensure that adequate transport facilities are available to support development and this will help to reduce the effect of traffic from new development. If public transport is provided this will help facilitate modal shift and a reduction in car use and will have a minor positive effect. However, the policy does not specifically mention public transport, cycling and walking so the effect is uncertain.</li> </ul>	

## 2.2 Sustainability issues: selected Minehead sites

<b>Table 2.2: Sustainability issues: selected Minehead sites</b>		
<b>Sites in Minehead</b>		
<b>Policy MD2 (South of A39):</b>	<b>Policy LT1 (South of Periton Road):- post 2026</b>	<b>Policy EC2 (major employment site Mart Road, Minehead)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SA found that there were no air quality issues but that development adjacent to the A39 could be subject to some noise.</li> <li>• Parts of the site are remote from Minehead Town Centre and separated from Minehead by the A39. This could cause some issues accessing services, increase the need to travel by car and increase greenhouse gas emissions. However, there will be some services within the new development itself and the effect has been judged minor negative.</li> <li>• The site is not in a high flood risk area and is mainly greenfield but has two small areas of potential contamination.</li> <li>• The likely effect on heritage has been assessed as uncertain. The area is predominantly greenfield which means that its full potential for significant heritage assets cannot adequately be assessed from existing records.</li> <li>• The site is adjacent to the border of the Exmoor National Park, is of high landscape value and brings the town of Minehead and its development closer to the National Park, past the barrier of the A39. This has been judged as a minor negative effect.</li> <li>• The HRA identified potential impacts in relation to Barbastelle bat feature of the Exmoor and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SA found that there were no air quality issues but that development adjacent to the A39 could be subject to some noise in the medium to long term.</li> <li>• The site could provide a mixed use development in a location relatively close to Minehead Town Centre. However, there may be some issues related to severance caused by the A39 which residents would have to cross to access the main settlement of Minehead.</li> <li>• Generally the strategic development area is Flood Zone 1 but adjacent to the area to the south west is operational floodplain. This is not seen as a major constraint by the SFRA, however, and has been scored as a minor negative.</li> <li>• The likely effect on heritage has been assessed as uncertain. The area is predominantly greenfield which means that its full potential for significant heritage assets cannot adequately be assessed from existing records.</li> <li>• The site is adjacent to the border of the Exmoor National Park, is of high landscape value and brings the town of Minehead and its development closer to the National Park, past the barrier of the A39. This has been judged as a minor negative effect.</li> <li>• The HRA identified potential impacts in relation to Barbastelle bat feature of the Exmoor and Quantocks Oak Woodlands SAC. However, the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site will be positive in reducing the need to travel by deterring longer distance commuting and that the economic effects of the site are significantly positive.</li> <li>• The site is in Flood Zone 3a having a minor negative effect on flooding.</li> <li>• There were no significant positive or negative effects found.</li> </ul>

<b>Table 2.2: Sustainability issues: selected Minehead sites</b>		
<b>Sites in Minehead</b>		
<b>Policy MD2 (South of A39):</b>	<b>Policy LT1 (South of Periton Road):- post 2026</b>	<b>Policy EC2 (major employment site Mart Road, Minehead)</b>
<p>Quantocks Oak Woodlands SAC. However, the Plan recognizes this and sets out that biodiversity offsetting will be required to mitigate for this impact. If this is carried out the impact will be neutral.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were no significant positive or negative effects found.</li> </ul>	<p>Plan recognizes this and sets out that biodiversity offsetting will be required to mitigate for this impact. If this is carried out the impact will be neutral.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were no significant positive or negative effects found.</li> </ul>	

### 2.3 Sustainability issues: selected Watchet sites

<b>Table 2.3: Sustainability issues: selected Watchet sites</b>	
<b>Sites in Watchet</b>	
<b>Policy WA2 (strategic development area South of the town)</b>	<b>Policy LT1 (West of Watchet Cleeve Hill)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SA found that the site is in fairly close proximity to services at both Watchet and Williton but these areas are difficult to access by foot, cycle or public transport and that this will be negative for access to services, reducing the need to travel and reducing greenhouse gas emissions</li> <li>• The site is not subject to flooding</li> <li>• The site is greenfield but might be subject to contamination on site due to agricultural products and fuel oil</li> <li>• The site could affect Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land (Grade 3a)</li> <li>• The northern boundary adjoins retreating coastline although the West Somerset railway provides a defence in part</li> <li>• The likely effect on heritage is uncertain</li> <li>• The site does not directly affect designated landscapes but that it is immediately</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SA found that the site is in fairly close proximity to services at Watchet and this should help to reduce car travel slightly and reduce emissions</li> <li>• The site is not subject to fluvial flooding and is in Flood Zone 1</li> <li>• The development will enable re-alignment of the B3191 where coastal erosion is threatening to destroy the current alignment of the road and this will help to ensure that access to services for the rural population (and visitors) is maintained</li> <li>• The site does not directly affect designated landscapes but the site occupies a prominent position so development at the site could be very visible and have a minor negative impact. There is a particular concern regarding the impact on the new housing development adjacent to the site.</li> <li>• The SA also found a positive economic effect as the development will be mixed use development offering some employment land</li> </ul>

<b>Table 2.3: Sustainability issues: selected Watchet sites</b>	
<b>Sites in Watchet</b>	
<b>Policy WA2 (strategic development area South of the town)</b>	<b>Policy LT1 (West of Watchet Cleeve Hill)</b>
<p>north of South Bells Ridge Line and could have a visual impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None of the effects were found to be significantly negative or significantly positive.</li> <li>• The effects on heritage and agricultural land were found to be uncertain.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site will have a minor negative effect as it will not increase BAP habitats but the site does not directly affect any internationally, nationally or locally designated wildlife sites or undesignated sites</li> <li>• None of the effects were found to be significantly negative or significantly positive.</li> </ul>

## 2.4 Sustainability issues: selected Williton sites

<b>Table 2.4: Sustainability issues: selected Williton sites</b>		
<b>Sites in Williton</b>		
<b>Policy WI2 (West of the town)</b>	<b>Policy WI2 (North of the town)</b>	<b>Policy EC2 (major employment site Roughmoor, Williton)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SA found that development adjacent to the A39 could be subject to some noise</li> <li>• The site is well related to the existing commercial and service centre and this will increase the likelihood that the new residents will use (and sustain) the existing services reducing the need to travel by car and reducing emissions</li> <li>• There is a risk of flooding in this strategic development area. The site boundaries have been adjusted, however, to exclude those areas most at risk. The site could still have a minor negative effect on the SA objective.</li> <li>• The northern boundary of the site abuts an Area of High Archaeological Potential and there is high potential for heritage assets of local significance within the area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SA found that the site is more remote from the existing village centre making services difficult to access without a car making it less likely to sustain the existing village services potentially increasing the need to travel by car and increasing emissions</li> <li>• There is a risk of flooding in this strategic development area. The site boundaries have been adjusted, however, to exclude those areas most at risk. The site could still have a minor negative effect on the SA objective.</li> <li>• There is high potential for heritage assets of local significance within the areas</li> <li>• None of the effects were found to be significantly positive or negative.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site will be positive in reducing the need to travel by deterring longer distance commuting</li> <li>• The site is in Flood Zone 3a having a minor negative effect on flooding.</li> <li>• Effects judged to be significantly positive were related to promoting economic development.</li> </ul>

**Table 2.4: Sustainability issues: selected Williton sites**

Sites in Williton		
Policy WI2 (West of the town)	Policy WI2 (North of the town)	Policy EC2 (major employment site Roughmoor, Williton)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None of the effects were found to be significantly negative or significantly positive.</li> </ul>		

## 2.5 Cumulative effects

**Table 2.5: Potential cumulative effects**

Project, plan or programme / issue	Potential cumulative effect	Mitigation / enhancement measures needed
<b>Cumulative effects from other plans, programmes and development projects</b>		
Somerset County Council Future Transport Plan (March, 2011)	The Future Transport Plan recognises that limited funding is likely to be available over the period of the FTP (and this has been recognised in the future baseline set out as part of the SA). Therefore, no major transport schemes are planned outside the main settlements of Taunton, Wellington, Bridgwater and Yeovil. There may be some small scale road safety schemes but it is not possible to know where these are likely to be. This has been confirmed through discussions with Somerset County Council transport officers in December 2014. Therefore, the cumulative effect of the Local Plan in association with the FTP will be <b>neutral</b> .	None required
Hinkley Point development. Proposed construction of a new nuclear power station at Hinkley Point. The Development consent order was granted in March 2013.	<p>A park and ride facility site is proposed to the west of Williton (on land that is currently used as a lorry park). The temporary facility would be used during the construction phase of the development to transport workers.</p> <p>The site would have no direct land take effects in association with the Local Plan as it is not near any of the proposed development sites. However, there could be effects on traffic and related effects. The A39 towards Bridgwater would experience a small increase in buses during the operational phase which the Hinkley Point Environmental Statement classes as a minor adverse effect. The ES points out that this is a worst case scenario and in reality the bus timetables will be adjusted to match the pattern of demand and the effect should be significantly less than this. In addition the purpose of the site is to intercept worker traffic</p>	None required

<b>Table 2.5: Potential cumulative effects</b>		
<b>Project, plan or programme / issue</b>	<b>Potential cumulative effect</b>	<b>Mitigation / enhancement measures needed</b>
	<p>coming from the West and would prevent car traffic driving through Williton. With mitigation the effect on noise and air quality will be neutral. Therefore, the effect of the site in association with the Local Plan has been assessed as <b>neutral</b>.</p> <p>The wider Hinkley Point development will not affect traffic in West Somerset because of its location. The other potential effect is the socio economic effect of the development. Once the site is operational, it will have a permanent workforce of around 700 and an additional temporary workforce of around 1,000 for periodic outages. This could help retain a larger population of employable age residents in the District, potentially having a positive relationship to the economic and housing policies of the Local Plan. However, as the Hinkley Point ES points out, this just partly off-sets the closure and decommissioning of Hinkley Point A and the eventual closure of Hinkley Point B. Therefore, the effect would be <b>neutral</b>.</p>	
Waste and Mineral Local Development Frameworks	No waste or mineral sites are proposed in West Somerset.	None required
Other pending development projects Redevelopment of the East Wharf at Watchet. This has an extant permission for 86 dwelling units and modest amounts of employment/commercial/leisure floorspace.	The scheme is currently on hold and is geographically distant from the development areas set out in the Local Plan. Therefore, the effect on most of the SA objectives will be <b>neutral</b> . There could be a small potential effect on traffic. However, the level of traffic generated by these developments is likely to be negligible and this effect has also been assessed as <b>neutral</b> .	None required
<b>Cumulative effects from different aspects of the Local Plan</b>		
Cumulative effects of Minehead sites	<p>If both areas to the south of the A39 are developed this could cause a negative effect on landscape. However, because of the mitigation already included in the Local Plan (made in response to the SA) with relation to appropriate design response to the site's proximity to the Exmoor National Park and requirements in the supporting text with regard to lighting impacts this has been scored as a <b>neutral</b> impact.</p> <p>Reducing the need to travel and greenhouse gas emissions: Focusing both housing and</p>	None required

<b>Table 2.5: Potential cumulative effects</b>		
<b>Project, plan or programme / issue</b>	<b>Potential cumulative effect</b>	<b>Mitigation / enhancement measures needed</b>
	employment in Minehead will have a <b>significant positive effect</b> on reducing the need to travel and associated greenhouse gas emissions.	
Cumulative effects of Williton/Watchet sites	<p>Reducing the need to travel and greenhouse gas emissions: Focusing both housing and employment in Williton and Watchet will have a cumulative <b>significant positive effect</b> on reducing the need to travel and associated greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>The mixed use development sites in Williton are adjacent to areas of high flood risk. However, the site boundaries have been adjusted to exclude those areas most at risk and the policies for Williton now recognise that flood infrastructure should be provided. Therefore, the effect will be <b>neutral</b>.</p>	None required

## 3 Monitoring

### 3.1 Introduction

The SEA Regulations require the significant environmental effects of plans and programmes to be monitored, in order to identify at an early stage unforeseen adverse effects, and to be able to take appropriate remedial action. The monitoring undertaken on the Local Plan will help to:

- Monitor the significant effects of the Plan;
- Track whether the Plan has had any unforeseen effects; and
- Ensure that action can be taken to reduce / offset the significant effects of the Plan.

The Local Plan process will itself include a comprehensive monitoring programme which is focused on the achievement of the Plan's objectives. This monitoring programme will enable the council to track the success of individual policies and also to monitor the baseline environmental, economic and social conditions of the Plan area.

The requirements of the SEA Regulations focus on monitoring the significant and unforeseen effects of the Plan. Therefore, the SA monitoring framework is focused only on monitoring those effects that are significant or uncertain.

The final SA monitoring programme will be included in the SA adoption statement (once the Plan is adopted) and this will reflect any changes made at Public Examination and prior to adoption. However, at this stage it is possible to outline a draft monitoring programme. Table 3.1 set out this draft monitoring programme. Please note that should the suggested mitigation be taken on board then there would be fewer resultant residual potential significant effects or uncertain effects and therefore the need for monitoring would be much less.

### 3.2 SA monitoring programme

<b>Table 3.1: SA monitoring programme</b>	
<b>Potential significant / uncertain effect identified</b>	<b>Monitoring required</b>
<b>Effects on 1a. Reduce impacts on tranquility from noise and visual intrusion</b>	
<p>Effects related to various of the development sites.</p> <p>Uncertain effect of Policy CC1 as some renewable energy systems may have implications for air and noise pollution.</p> <p>Uncertain effect of Policy GT1 as the development of gypsy and traveller pitches could have a negative effect dependent on location.</p> <p>Significant positive effect of Policy NH6 and NH10 as the policies will help to protect current and future residents against air and noise pollution and ensure that design of development is not intrusive.</p>	<p>A monitoring system should be put in place in relation to Policy SD1. This should examine how developments that are granted permission contribute to sustainability and the results should be used to strengthen the policy in the future. This will also help to monitor the effects of the vision and strategic objectives of the Plan.</p> <p>The effects on noise and visual intrusion should be assessed and monitored for any development where there is a risk that there will be a negative impact. This includes development related to policies CC1 and GT1.</p> <p>The success of Policies NH6 and NH10 in protecting current and future residents against air and noise pollution should be monitored.</p>
<b>1b. Reduce the need to travel and facilitate modal shift</b>	
<p>Uncertain effect of Policy SD1 as it is unclear how sustainable development is defined.</p> <p>Effects related to various of the development sites</p> <p>Uncertain effect of Policy CC1 as some renewable energy systems may have implications for road traffic.</p> <p>Uncertain effect of Policy ID1 as the policy is unclear whether it will encourage public transport, walking and cycling.</p>	<p>A monitoring system should be put in place in relation to Policy SD1. This should examine how developments that are granted permission contribute to sustainability and the results should be used to strengthen the policy in the future. This will also help to monitor the effects of the vision and strategic objectives of the Plan.</p> <p>Several of the development sites highlighted may cause an increase in the need to travel and some renewable energy systems may also increase road miles. The effects on traffic should be assessed and monitored for any development where there is a risk that there will be a negative impact. This should include the provision of alternative modes of transport that might be included under Policy ID1.</p>
<b>2a. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions</b>	
<p>Effects related to various of the development sites</p> <p>Uncertain effect of Policy ID1 as the policy is unclear whether it will encourage public transport, walking and cycling.</p>	<p>Several of the development sites highlighted may cause an increase in road miles thus increasing greenhouse gas emissions. The effects on greenhouse gas emissions should be assessed and monitored for any development where there is a risk that there will be a negative impact. This should include the provision of alternative modes of transport that might be included under Policy ID1.</p>

<b>Table 3.1: SA monitoring programme</b>	
<b>Potential significant / uncertain effect identified</b>	<b>Monitoring required</b>
<b>2b. Improve adaptation for unavoidable climate change including consideration of the location of development</b>	
<p>Effects related to various of the development sites</p> <p>Significant positive effect of Policy CC2, Policy CC3 and Policy CC6 through encouraging location of development in areas that would not exacerbate flooding, be at risk from rapid coastal erosion and ensuring an assessment is carried out on the flood implications of new development.</p>	<p>The effects of the development sites on flooding should be monitored and action taken if the sites are having an effect on flooding on site or elsewhere in the catchment. This should take into account the cumulative effects of sites especially in Watchet and Williton.</p> <p>The success of policies CC2, CC3 and CC6 in reducing the risks of flooding (both fluvial and coastal) should be monitored.</p>
<b>2c. Increase energy efficiency and the amount of energy generated from renewable sources</b>	
None identified	None identified
<b>3a. Reduce anti-social behaviour and fear of crime</b>	
<p>Uncertain effect of Policy SD1 as it is unclear how sustainable development is defined.</p> <p>Uncertain effect of Policy GT1 as gypsy and traveller sites can increase the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in local communities. Therefore, the effect of the policy could be negative dependent on where the pitches are located.</p>	<p>A monitoring system should be put in place in relation to Policy SD1. This should examine how developments that are granted permission contribute to sustainability and the results should be used to strengthen the policy in the future. This will also help to monitor the effects of the vision and strategic objectives of the Plan.</p> <p>The effect on crime levels near gypsy and traveller sites should be monitored.</p>
<b>4a. Ensure equitable access to viable facilities and services for all sectors of the community including those in rural areas</b>	
<p>Effects related to various of the development sites</p> <p>Significant positive effect of Policy ID1 in ensuring that new development provides a wide range of services to the community.</p>	<p>It will be important that services are provided with development. This provision needs to be monitored to ensure that all required services are provided.</p> <p>The success of Policy ID1 in ensuring the provision of adequate services should be monitored.</p>
<b>5a. To develop and maintain a balanced and sustainable population structure which good access to services, facilities and homes for all sectors of the society</b>	
Significant positive effect of Policy ID1 in ensuring that new development provides a wide range of services to the community.	The success of Policy ID1 in ensuring the provision of adequate services should be monitored.
<b>6a. Reduce land contamination, and safeguard soil and geological quality and quantity</b>	

<b>Table 3.1: SA monitoring programme</b>	
<b>Potential significant / uncertain effect identified</b>	<b>Monitoring required</b>
Effects related to various of the development sites	<p>A monitoring system should be put in place in relation to Policy SD1. This should examine how developments that are granted permission contribute to sustainability and the results should be used to strengthen the policy in the future. This will also help to monitor the effects of the vision and strategic objectives of the Plan.</p> <p>The effects of the development sites on contamination should be monitored</p>
<b>7a. To reduce waste generation and disposal, increase recycling and achieve the sustainable management of waste</b>	
Uncertain effect of Policy GT1 as the development of gypsy and traveller pitches can cause concerns about waste generation and management.	<p>A monitoring system should be put in place in relation to Policy SD1. This should examine how developments that are granted permission contribute to sustainability and the results should be used to strengthen the policy in the future. This will also help to monitor the effects of the vision and strategic objectives of the Plan.</p> <p>The provision of recycling and waste reduction measures provided as part of development should be monitored.</p> <p>The provision of waste management facilities provided as part of gypsy and traveller sites should be monitored.</p>
<b>8a. Maintain and improve the quality of ground/river/coastal water</b>	
Effects related to various of the development sites	<p>A monitoring system should be put in place in relation to Policy SD1. This should examine how developments that are granted permission contribute to sustainability and the results should be used to strengthen the policy in the future. This will also help to monitor the effects of the vision and strategic objectives of the Plan.</p> <p>The effects of the development sites on water quality should be monitored</p>
<b>8b. Reduce risk of flooding including coastal flooding</b>	
<p>Uncertain effect of Policy SD1 as it is unclear how sustainable development is defined.</p> <p>Effects related to various of the development sites, especially in Williton</p> <p>Significant positive effect of Policy CC2, CC3 and CC6 as the policy will help to ensure that areas at cumulative risk of flooding will only be permitted provided that suitable protection is given.</p>	<p>A monitoring system should be put in place in relation to Policy SD1. This should examine how developments that are granted permission contribute to sustainability and the results should be used to strengthen the policy in the future. This will also help to monitor the effects of the vision and strategic objectives of the Plan.</p> <p>The effects of the development sites on flooding (especially in Williton) should be monitored and action taken if the sites are having an effect on flooding on site or</p>

<b>Table 3.1: SA monitoring programme</b>	
<b>Potential significant / uncertain effect identified</b>	<b>Monitoring required</b>
	<p>elsewhere in the catchment. This should take into account the cumulative effects of sites especially in Williton.</p> <p>The success of Policy CC2, CC3 and CC6 in reducing the risks of flooding (both fluvial and coastal) should be monitored.</p>
<b>8c. Improve efficiency of water use</b>	
Uncertain effect of Policy SD1 as it is unclear how sustainable development is defined.	<p>A monitoring system should be put in place in relation to Policy SD1. This should examine how developments that are granted permission contribute to sustainability and the results should be used to strengthen the policy in the future. This will also help to monitor the effects of the vision and strategic objectives of the Plan.</p> <p>The provision of water saving measures provided as part of development should be monitored.</p>
<b>9a. Protect the fabric and setting of designated and undesignated archaeological sites, monuments, structures and buildings, recorded Historic Parks and gardens, maritime and coastal heritage, listed buildings and conservation areas</b>	
Effects related to various of the development sites	The effects of the development sites on heritage should be monitored.
<b>10a. To improve the health and wellbeing of the population and improve access to health services for all</b>	
Uncertain effect of Policy SD1 as it is unclear how sustainable development is defined.	<p>A monitoring system should be put in place in relation to Policy SD1. This should examine how developments that are granted permission contribute to sustainability and the results should be used to strengthen the policy in the future. This will also help to monitor the effects of the vision and strategic objectives of the Plan.</p>
<b>11a. Ensure that special and distinctive landscapes, and the features within them, are conserved and enhanced</b>	
<p>Uncertain effect of Policy SD1 as it is unclear how sustainable development is defined.</p> <p>Effects related to various of the development sites</p> <p>Uncertain effect of Policy CC1 as some renewable energy systems may have implications for landscape.</p> <p>Significant positive effect of Policy NH2, NH4 and NH10 as the policies will have a significant positive effect in safeguarding and enhancing non-designated areas of</p>	<p>A monitoring system should be put in place in relation to Policy SD1. This should examine how developments that are granted permission contribute to sustainability and the results should be used to strengthen the policy in the future. This will also help to monitor the effects of the vision and strategic objectives of the Plan.</p> <p>The effects of renewable energy systems on landscape should be monitored.</p> <p>The success of policies NH2, NH4 and NH10 in protecting landscape should be</p>

<b>Table 3.1: SA monitoring programme</b>	
<b>Potential significant / uncertain effect identified</b>	<b>Monitoring required</b>
landscape value.	monitored.
<b>11b. Enhance the form and design of the built environment</b>	
<p>Uncertain effect of Policy CC1 as some renewable energy systems may have implications for the built environment.</p> <p>Significant positive effect of Policy NH1 and NH10 as the policies will help to safeguard and enhance the district's cultural and built heritage.</p>	<p>The effects of renewable energy systems on the built environment should be monitored.</p> <p>The success of Policy NH1 and NH10 in protecting the built environment should be monitored.</p>
<b>11c. Ensure provision is made to incorporate green infrastructure into spatial planning</b>	
<p>Uncertain effect of Policy SD1 as it is unclear how sustainable development is defined.</p> <p>Significant positive effect of Policy ID1 as the policy will help ensure that new development provides a wide range of services (including green infrastructure) to the community.</p>	<p>A monitoring system should be put in place in relation to Policy SD1. This should examine how developments that are granted permission contribute to sustainability and the results should be used to strengthen the policy in the future. This will also help to monitor the effects of the vision and strategic objectives of the Plan.</p> <p>The success of Policy ID1 in providing services (including green infrastructure) should be monitored.</p>
<b>12a. Improve sustainable economic activity within West Somerset enabling regeneration of key areas</b>	
<p>Effects related to various of the development sites</p> <p>Uncertain effect of Hinkley Point and other major energy generating proposals on issues such as local skills.</p> <p>Significant positive effect of Policy SC1 and SC2 as the policies promote the strengthening of the Minehead economy and also strengthen Watchet and Williton as important local centres.</p> <p>Significant positive effect of the economic policies as they encourage development that makes the local economy stronger and more diverse.</p>	<p>The effect of Hinkley Point and other major energy generating proposals on local employment and local skills should be monitored.</p> <p>The success of the economic policies on strengthening the economy of the district should be monitored.</p>
<b>13a. Protect and enhance biodiversity at all levels</b>	
<p>Effects related to various of the development sites</p> <p>Significant positive effect of NH3 through requiring applicants to not generate adverse impacts on biodiversity and ensure a net gain where possible</p>	<p>The effect of development of all sites on biodiversity should be monitored, especially if valuable assets on the sites cannot be avoided.</p> <p>The success of the Habitat Evaluation Procedure mentioned in Policy NH3 should</p>

<b>Table 3.1: SA monitoring programme</b>	
<b>Potential significant / uncertain effect identified</b>	<b>Monitoring required</b>
Significant positive effect of NH10 through ensuring developments incorporate landscape frameworks which seek to improve local biodiversity	be monitored The success of Policy NH10 in providing biodiversity enhancements should be monitored
<b>13b. Maintain, restore and enhance populations of focal species</b>	
Significant positive effect of NH3 through the policy's focus on connectivity and resilience of habitats which will have an indirect significant positive effect on focal species Significant positive effect of policies NH8 and NH9 through requiring a test of significance to be carried out related to the effect of development on bats and waterfowl.	The use and success of policies NH8 and NH9 should be monitored. The success of the Habitat Evaluation Procedure mentioned in Policy NH3 should be monitored.
<b>13c. Increase the land area of UK Biodiversity Action Plan habitats within the district</b>	
Effects related to various of the development sites Significant positive effect of NH3 through the policy's focus on connectivity and resilience of habitats which will have an indirect significant positive effect on BAP habitats Policy CC3, CC4 will have a significant positive effect on protecting areas of mudflats along the coast.	A monitoring system should be put in place in relation to Policy SD1. This should examine how developments that are granted permission contribute to sustainability and the results should be used to strengthen the policy in the future. This will also help to monitor the effects of the vision and strategic objectives of the Plan. The success of the Habitat Evaluation Procedure mentioned in Policy NH3 should be monitored The success of Policy CC3 and CC4 in helping to protect and enhance biodiversity should be monitored.
<b>13d. Maintain and improve the conservation status of selected designated and non-designated nature conservation sites</b>	
Effects related to various of the development sites Significant positive effect of NH3 through the policy's focus on connectivity and resilience of habitats will have an indirect significant positive effect on designated and non-designated sites. The policy now also includes additional safeguards in relation to Nature 2000 sites Policy NH10 will have a significant positive effect on ensuring developments incorporate landscape frameworks which seek to improve local biodiversity. Policy CC3 and CC4 could have a significant positive impact on the Blue Anchor to Lilstock Coast SSSI.	The effect of development of all sites on biodiversity should be monitored, especially if valuable assets on the sites cannot be avoided. The success of the Habitat Evaluation Procedure mentioned in Policy NH3 should be monitored The success of Policy NH10 in providing biodiversity enhancements should be monitored The success of policies CC3 and CC4 in helping to protect the Blue Anchor to Lilstock Coast SSSI should be monitored.



## Annex A: Matrices

Aspect of the Plan being assessed: SPATIAL VISION AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES					
SA Objective	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement
1a. Reduce impacts on tranquility from noise and visual intrusion	+	+	+	The spatial vision is likely to have a positive effect in relation to this SA objective, through its aim to increase provision of new housing specifically in areas that will help to secure a reduction in transport demand. In addition, its aim to ensure that, by 2032, more of the District's food supply will be produced locally is likely to have a positive effect on the SA objective, through reducing traffic volume.	None identified
1b. Reduce the need to travel and facilitate modal shift (particularly with regard to reducing the impact of traffic during the peak summer months)	+	+	+	The spatial vision is likely to have a positive effect in relation to this SA objective, through its aim to increase provision of new housing specifically in Minehead and this will help to secure a reduction in transport demand. In addition, its aim to ensure that, by 2032, more of the District's food supply will be produced locally is likely to have a positive effect on the SA objective, through reducing food miles.  The strategic objectives are likely to have a positive effect in relation to this SA, through increasing self-containment with the District's main settlements.	None identified
2a. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions	+	+	+	The spatial vision is likely to have a positive effect in relation to this SA objective through its aims of enabling more people to work close to their homes, by diversifying the tourism industry with a wider range of sustainable enterprises, by developing new housing in locations which will help to secure a reduction in	Enhancement measure (Spatial Vision and Strategic Objectives): The strategic objective concerning reducing CO <sub>2</sub> emissions for the District could be expanded to state

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SA Objective	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement
				<p>transport demand, by increasing the low carbon economy locally by 2032 and by producing more of the District's food supply locally by 2032. These aims will all help to reduce travel and greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>The strategic objectives are likely to have a positive effect in relation to this SA objective through making a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions for the District.</p>	methods of emissions reduction, e.g. through greater energy efficiency and greater generation of power from renewable sources.
2b. Improve adaptation for unavoidable climate change including consideration of the location of development	+	+	+	<p>The spatial vision is likely to have a positive effect in relation to this SA objective through its aim to positively manage flood risk in accommodating new development.</p> <p>The strategic objectives are likely to have a positive effect in relation to this SA objective through successfully managing flood risk in implementing new development.</p>	Enhancement measure (Spatial Vision and Strategic Objectives): The fourth bullet point of the strategic objectives could be expanded to include the design of new development adapting to climate change.
2c. Increase energy efficiency and the amount of energy generated from renewable sources	+	+	+	The spatial vision could have a positive effect in relation to this SA objective through its aim to achieve a marked increase in low carbon economy locally by 2026.	None identified
3a. Reduce anti-social behaviour and fear of crime	+	+	+	The potential effects of the spatial vision in relation to this SA objective are currently uncertain as there is no provision made for reducing anti-social behaviour and fear of crime. However, it would not necessarily be expected that the vision goes into this level of detail and the strategic objectives are likely to have a positive effect in relation to this SA objective through creating an aspiring, enterprising and entrepreneurial culture and through developing the quality of the tourism offer. There is no specific inclusion of measures to reduce fear of crime, however, the baseline information shows that anti-social behaviour and fear of crime are not a key issue for West Somerset.	None identified
4a. Ensure equitable access to viable	+	+	+	The spatial vision is likely to have a positive effect in relation to	None identified

Aspect of the Plan being assessed: SPATIAL VISION AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES					
SA Objective	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement
facilities and services for all sectors of the community including those in rural areas				<p>this SA objective through its aim to enhance the communities of Minehead, Watchet, Williton, Brushford and Dulverton into centres of a thriving and varied local economy, by 2032. There is no mention of specific services, such as public transport, however, this is not considered appropriate to the spatial vision.</p> <p>The strategic objectives are likely to have a positive effect on this SA objective through strengthening the role and function of the District's main settlements and through increasing self-containment in the District's main settlements.</p>	
5a. To develop and maintain a balanced and sustainable population structure which good access to services, facilities and homes for all sectors of the society	+	+	+	<p>The spatial vision is likely to have a positive effect in relation to this SA objective through its dual aims to both enhance the villages of Minehead, Watchet, Williton, Brushford and Dulverton into centres of a thriving and varied local economy, and to increase the amount of affordable housing by 2032. These aims are to encourage people to work close to their homes and increase the amount of affordable housing, and also help to achieve a balanced population structure with good access to services, facilities and homes.</p> <p>The strategic objectives are likely to have a positive effect on this SA objective through making a step change in the provision of affordable housing to meet identified local needs.</p>	None identified
6a. Reduce land contamination, and safeguard soil and geological quality and quantity	0	0	0	<p>These issues are not addressed in the objectives. However, the Local Plan now sets out a definition of sustainable development in Policy SD1 and this is where such issues are likely to be addressed.</p>	None identified
7a. To reduce waste generation and disposal, increase recycling and achieve the sustainable management of waste	0	0	0	<p>These issues are not addressed in the objectives. However, the Local Plan now sets out a definition of sustainable development in Policy SD1 and this is where such issues are likely to be addressed.</p>	None identified

Aspect of the Plan being assessed: SPATIAL VISION AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES					
SA Objective	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement
8a. Maintain and improve the quality of ground/river/coastal water	0	0	0	These issues are not addressed in the objectives. However, the Local Plan now sets out a definition of sustainable development in Policy SD1 and this is where such issues are likely to be addressed.	None identified
8b. Reduce risk of flooding including coastal flooding	+	+	+	The spatial vision is likely to have a positive effect in relation to this SA objective through its aim to positively manage flood risk in accommodating new development.  The strategic objectives are likely to have a positive effect on reducing flood risk through successfully managing flood in implementing new developments.	None identified
8c. Improve efficiency of water use	0	0	0	These issues are not addressed in the objectives. However, the Local Plan now sets out a definition of sustainable development in Policy SD1 and this is where such issues are likely to be addressed.	None identified
9a. Protect the fabric and setting of designated and undesignated archaeological sites, monuments, structures and buildings, recorded Historic Parks and gardens, maritime and coastal heritage, listed buildings and conservation areas	+	+	+	The potential effects of the spatial vision in relation to this SA objective are currently uncertain as there is no provision made for protection of heritage and archaeological features. However, the strategic objectives address this issue so no mitigation is necessary.  The strategic objectives are likely to have a positive effect in relation to this SA objective through both conserving and enhancing the character of historic settlements, buildings and landscapes and ensuring and that new development contributes to the area's heritage in a positive way.	None identified
10a. To improve the health and wellbeing of the population and improve access to health services for all	+	+	+	The spatial vision could have a positive effect in relation to this SA objective through its aim to enhance the villages of Minehead, Watchet, Williton, Brushford and Dulverton and turn them into centres of a thriving and varied local economy, which	None identified

Aspect of the Plan being assessed: SPATIAL VISION AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES					
SA Objective	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement
				<p>would include the provision of better access to public transport and health services.</p> <p>The potential effects of the strategic objectives in relation to this SA objective are currently uncertain as there is no provision made for improving access to healthcare facilities or improving recreational or sports facilities. However, the objectives include increasing self-containment of settlements which could encourage more walking and cycling.</p>	
11a. Ensure that special and distinctive landscapes, and the features within them, are conserved and enhanced	+	+	+	<p>The potential effects of the spatial vision in relation to this SA objective are currently uncertain as there is no provision made for landscape conservation and enhancement. However, the strategic objectives address this issue so no mitigation is necessary.</p> <p>The strategic objectives are likely to have a positive effect in relation to this SA objective through both conserving and enhancing the character of historic settlements, buildings and landscapes and ensuring and that new development contributes to the area's heritage in a positive way.</p>	None identified
11b. Enhance the form and design of the built environment	+	+	+	<p>The potential effects of the spatial vision in relation to this SA objective are currently uncertain as there is no provision made for enhancing the form and design of the built environment. However, the strategic objectives address this issue so no mitigation is necessary.</p> <p>The strategic objectives are likely to have a positive effect in relation to this SA objective through both enhancing the character of historic settlements and buildings and ensuring and that new development contributes to the area's heritage in a positive way.</p>	None identified
11c. Ensure provision is made to	0	0	0	These issues are not addressed in the objectives. However, the	None identified

Aspect of the Plan being assessed: SPATIAL VISION AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES					
SA Objective	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement
incorporate green infrastructure into spatial planning				Local Plan now sets out a definition of sustainable development in Policy SD1 and this is where such issues are likely to be addressed.	
12a. Improve sustainable economic activity within West Somerset enabling regeneration of key areas	+	+	+	<p>The spatial strategy is likely to have a positive effect in relation to this SA objective through its aim to enhance the villages of Minehead, Watchet, Williton, Brushford and Dulverton and turn them into centres of a thriving and varied local economy, by 2032, enabling more people to work close to their homes. The vision also includes improving skills and diversifying the tourism sector into a wider range of more sustainable enterprises.</p> <p>The strategic objectives are likely to have a positive effect in relation to this SA objective through creating an aspiring, enterprising and entrepreneurial culture within West Somerset and providing affordable housing to meet local needs. These objectives will increase economic activity and enable the regeneration of key areas.</p>	None identified
13a. Protect and enhance biodiversity at all levels	+	+	+	<p>The spatial vision is likely to have a positive effect in relation to this SA objective through its aim to strengthen biodiversity by 2032.</p> <p>The strategic objectives are likely to have a positive effect in relation to this SA objective through protecting and enhancing biodiversity throughout the District.</p>	None identified
13b. Maintain, restore and enhance populations of focal species	+	+	+	<p>The spatial vision is likely to have a positive effect in relation to this SA objective through its aim to strengthen biodiversity by 2032. Specific populations of focal species are not mentioned, however, this is not considered appropriate to the spatial vision.</p> <p>The strategic objectives are likely to have a positive effect in relation to this SA objective through protecting and enhancing biodiversity throughout the District, however, specific species</p>	None identified

Aspect of the Plan being assessed: SPATIAL VISION AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES					
SA Objective	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement
				and locations are not given but this is not considered appropriate for the strategic objectives.	
13c. Increase the land area of UK Biodiversity Action Plan habitats within the district	+	+	+	<p>The spatial vision is likely to have a positive effect in relation to this SA objective through its aim to strengthen biodiversity by 2032. There is no provision made for increasing the land area of UK BAP habitats within the district, however, this is not considered appropriate to the spatial vision.</p> <p>The strategic objectives are likely to have a positive effect in relation to this SA objective through its aim to strengthen biodiversity by 2032. There is no provision made for increasing the land area of UK BAP habitats within the district, however, this is not considered appropriate to the objectives.</p>	None identified
13d. Maintain and improve the conservation status of selected designated and non-designated nature conservation sites	+	+	+	The spatial vision and the strategic objectives are likely to have a positive effect in relation to this SA objective through their aim to strengthen biodiversity by 2032. There is no provision made for protecting conservation, however, this is not considered appropriate to the spatial vision and the strategic objectives.	None identified

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: PRESUMPTION IN FAVOUR OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (Policy SD1: Presumption in favour of sustainable development)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
1a. Reduce impacts on tranquility from noise and visual intrusion	+	+	+	The definition of sustainable development as set out by the policy includes enhancing the natural environment including minimizing pollution. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.	Enhancement measure: (Policy SD1): Information is needed in relation to the criteria that development will be judged against in deeming it sustainable. The SA recommends that that as a minimum the headline issues that the council would expect to see within any planning application should be listed. In addition, some more detailed guidance could be provided by the council within a Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG).
1b. Reduce the need to travel and facilitate modal shift (particularly with regard to reducing the impact of traffic during the peak summer months)	?	?	?	The definition of sustainable development as set out by the policy includes making sure that development is in the right places. However, this is not enough detail to ensure that development is put forward that reduces the need to travel and facilitates modal shift. The effect on the SA objective is uncertain.	Mitigation measure (Policy SD1): As enhancement measure for 1a.
2a. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions	+	+	+	The definition of sustainable development as set out by the policy includes reference to climate change mitigation and movement to a low carbon economy. This will have a minor positive effect.	None identified
2b. Improve adaptation for unavoidable climate change including consideration of the location of development	+	+	+	The definition of sustainable development as set out by the policy includes reference to climate change adaptation. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.	None identified

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: PRESUMPTION IN FAVOUR OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (Policy SD1: Presumption in favour of sustainable development)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
2c. Increase energy efficiency and the amount of energy generated from renewable sources	+	+	+	The definition of sustainable development as set out by the policy includes reference to climate change mitigation and movement to a low carbon economy. This will have a minor positive effect.	None identified
3a. Reduce anti-social behaviour and fear of crime	+	+	+	The definition of sustainable development as set out by the policy includes promoting strong, vibrant and healthy communities.	Mitigation measure (Policy SD1): As enhancement measure for 1a.
4a. Ensure equitable access to viable facilities and services for all sectors of the community including those in rural areas	+	+	+	The definition of sustainable development as set out by the policy includes reference to development with accessible local services. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.	None identified
5a. To develop and maintain a balanced and sustainable population structure which has good access to services, facilities and homes for all sectors of the society	+	+	+	The definition of sustainable development as set out by the policy includes reference to development with accessible local services and using the planning system to promote strong, vibrant and healthy communities. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective. Other policies within the Plan provide for affordable housing.	None identified
6a. Reduce land contamination, and safeguard soil and geological quality and quantity	+	+	+	The definition of sustainable development as set out by the policy includes enhancing the natural environment including minimizing pollution. The effect of the policy, therefore, is uncertain. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.	None identified
7a. To reduce waste generation and disposal, increase recycling and achieve the sustainable management of waste	+	+	+	The definition of sustainable development as set out by the policy includes enhancing the natural environment including references to waste. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.	None identified

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: PRESUMPTION IN FAVOUR OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (Policy SD1: Presumption in favour of sustainable development)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
8a. Maintain and improve the quality of ground/river/coastal water	+	+	+	The definition of sustainable development as set out by the policy includes enhancing the natural environment including minimizing pollution. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.	None identified
8b. Reduce risk of flooding including coastal flooding	?	?	?	The definition of sustainable development as set out by the policy includes enhancing the natural environment. It is not clear from the Plan whether this includes effects on flooding and drainage. The effect of the policy, therefore, is uncertain.	Mitigation measure (Policy SD1): As enhancement measure for 1a.
8c. Improve efficiency of water use	?	?	?	The definition of sustainable development as set out by the policy includes enhancing the natural environment. It is not clear from the Plan whether this includes effects on water supply and water use. The effect of the policy, therefore, is uncertain.	Mitigation measure (Policy SD1): As enhancement measure for 1a.
9a. Protect the fabric and setting of designated and undesignated archaeological sites, monuments, structures and buildings, recorded Historic Parks and gardens, maritime and coastal heritage, listed buildings and conservation areas	+	+	+	The definition of sustainable development as set out by the policy includes enhancing the natural, built and historic environment. The policy itself also mentions improving the historic environment. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.	Mitigation measure (Policy SD1): As enhancement measure for 1a.
10a. To improve the health and wellbeing of the population and improve access to health services for all	?	?	?	The definition of sustainable development as set out by the policy includes promoting strong, vibrant and healthy communities. It is not clear from the Plan whether this includes improving access to healthcare and promoting healthy living. The effect of the policy, therefore, is uncertain.	Mitigation measure (Policy SD1): As enhancement measure for 1a.
11a. Ensure that special and distinctive landscapes, and the features within	?	?	?	The definition of sustainable development as set out by the policy includes enhancing the natural environment. It is not	Mitigation measure (Policy SD1): As enhancement measure for 1a.

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: PRESUMPTION IN FAVOUR OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (Policy SD1: Presumption in favour of sustainable development)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
them, are conserved and enhanced				clear from the Plan whether this includes effects on landscape features and designations. The effect of the policy, therefore, is uncertain.	
11b. Enhance the form and design of the built environment	+	+	+	The definition of sustainable development as set out by the policy includes enhancing the built environment. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.	None identified
11c. Ensure provision is made to incorporate green infrastructure into spatial planning	?	?	?	The definition of sustainable development as set out by the policy includes enhancing the natural environment. It is not clear from the Plan whether this includes enhancing green infrastructure. The effect of the policy, therefore, is uncertain.	Mitigation measure (Policy SD1): As enhancement measure for 1a.
12a. Improve sustainable economic activity within West Somerset enabling regeneration of key areas	+	+	+	The definition of sustainable development as set out by the policy includes building a strong, responsive and competitive economy. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.	None identified
13a. Protect and enhance biodiversity at all levels	+	+	+	The definition of sustainable development as set out by the policy includes enhancing the natural environment including helping to improve biodiversity. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.	None identified
13b. Maintain, restore and enhance populations of focal species	+	+	+	The definition of sustainable development as set out by the policy includes enhancing the natural environment including helping to improve biodiversity. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.	None identified
13c. Increase the land area of UK Biodiversity Action Plan habitats within the district	+	+	+	The definition of sustainable development as set out by the policy includes enhancing the natural environment including helping to improve biodiversity. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.	None identified

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: PRESUMPTION IN FAVOUR OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (Policy SD1: Presumption in favour of sustainable development)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
13d. Maintain and improve the conservation status of selected designated and non-designated nature conservation sites	+	+	+	The definition of sustainable development as set out by the policy includes enhancing the natural environment including helping to improve biodiversity. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.	None identified

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: HINKLEY POINT AND OTHER MAJOR ENERGY GENERATING DEVELOPMENT (Policy EN1: Mitigation of impact of Hinkley Point new nuclear proposals and Policy EN2: Mitigation of impact of major energy generating proposals)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
1a. Reduce impacts on tranquility from noise and visual intrusion	0	+	+	The policies will be positive in contributing to the mitigation of the noise and visual effects of Hinkley Point and other major energy generating proposals. These proposals are likely to be medium – long term in their effects.	None identified
1b. Reduce the need to travel and facilitate modal shift (particularly with regard to reducing the impact of traffic during the peak summer months)	0	+	+	The policies will be positive in contributing to the mitigation of the effects of Hinkley Point and other major energy generating proposals on congestion and vehicle numbers.	None identified
2a. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions	0	+	+	The policies will be positive in contributing to the mitigation of the effects of Hinkley Point and other major energy generating proposals on congestion and vehicle numbers thus having a positive effect on emissions.	None identified
2b. Improve adaptation for unavoidable climate change including consideration of the location of development	0	+	+	The policies will be positive contributing to the mitigation of the effects of Hinkley Point and other major energy generating proposals through ensuring adequate measures are taken to mitigate environmental effect of the development.	None identified
2c. Increase energy efficiency and the amount of energy generated from renewable sources	0	0	0	The policies will have a neutral effect on the SA objective.	None identified
3a. Reduce anti-social behaviour and fear of crime	0	0	0	The policies will have a neutral effect on the SA objective.	None identified
4a. Ensure equitable access to viable facilities and services for all sectors of the community including those in rural areas	0	0	0	The policies will have a neutral effect on the SA objective.	None identified

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: HINKLEY POINT AND OTHER MAJOR ENERGY GENERATING DEVELOPMENT (Policy EN1: Mitigation of impact of Hinkley Point new nuclear proposals and Policy EN2: Mitigation of impact of major energy generating proposals)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
5a. To develop and maintain a balanced and sustainable population structure which good access to services, facilities and homes for all sectors of the society	0	0	0	The policies will have a neutral effect on the SA objective.	None identified
6a. Reduce land contamination, and safeguard soil and geological quality and quantity	0	+	+	The policies will be positive in contributing to the mitigation of soil and land contamination effects of Hinkley Point and other major energy generating proposals.	None identified
7a. To reduce waste generation and disposal, increase recycling and achieve the sustainable management of waste	0	+	+	The policies will be positive in contributing to the mitigation of the effects of Hinkley Point and other major energy generating proposals through ensuring adequate measures are taken to mitigate the environmental effect of the development.	None identified
8a. Maintain and improve the quality of ground/river/coastal water	0	+	+	The policies will be positive in contributing to the mitigation of the effects of Hinkley Point and other major energy generating proposals through ensuring adequate measures are taken to mitigate the environmental effect of the development.	None identified
8b. Reduce risk of flooding including coastal flooding	0	+	+	The policies will be positive in contributing to the mitigation of the effects of Hinkley Point and other major energy generating proposals through ensuring adequate measures are taken to mitigate the environmental effect of the development.	None identified
8c. Improve efficiency of water use	0	0	0	The policies will have a neutral effect on the SA objective.	None identified
9a. Protect the fabric and setting of designated and undesignated archaeological sites, monuments, structures and buildings, recorded Historic Parks and gardens, maritime and coastal heritage, listed buildings and	0	+	+	The policies will be positive in contributing to the mitigation of the effects of Hinkley Point and other major energy generating proposals through ensuring adequate measures are taken to mitigate the environmental effect of the development.	None identified

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: HINKLEY POINT AND OTHER MAJOR ENERGY GENERATING DEVELOPMENT (Policy EN1: Mitigation of impact of Hinkley Point new nuclear proposals and Policy EN2: Mitigation of impact of major energy generating proposals)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
conservation areas					
10a. To improve the health and wellbeing of the population and improve access to health services for all	0	+	+	The policies will be positive in contributing to the mitigation of the effects of Hinkley Point and other major energy generating proposals through ensuring adequate measures are taken to mitigate the environmental and social effect of the development.	None identified
11a. Ensure that special and distinctive landscapes, and the features within them, are conserved and enhanced	0	+	+	The policies will be positive in contributing to the mitigation of the effects of Hinkley Point and other major energy generating proposals through ensuring adequate measures are taken to mitigate the environmental effect of the development.	None identified
11b. Enhance the form and design of the built environment	0	+	+	The policies will be positive in contributing to the mitigation of the effects of Hinkley Point and other major energy generating proposals through ensuring adequate measures are taken to mitigate the environmental effect of the development.	None identified
11c. Ensure provision is made to incorporate green infrastructure into spatial planning	0	+	+	The policies will be positive in contributing to the mitigation of the effects of Hinkley Point and other major energy generating proposals through ensuring adequate measures are taken to mitigate the environmental effect of the development.	None identified
12a. Improve sustainable economic activity within West Somerset enabling regeneration of key areas	0	?	?	The effect of Hinkley Point and other major energy generating proposals on issues such as local skills is uncertain as no references to these issues are made within the policy. These major proposals have the potential to significantly increase employment and skills of local people. It would be positive if the policy made more detailed references to ensuring local employment and skills are maximised by proposals.	Mitigation measure (Policies EN1 and EN2): The policies would be strengthened if more detailed references to ensuring local employment and maximising local skills were made
13a. Protect and enhance biodiversity at all levels	0	+	+	The policies will be positive in contributing to the mitigation of the effects of Hinkley Point and other major energy generating proposals through ensuring adequate measures are taken to	None identified

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: HINKLEY POINT AND OTHER MAJOR ENERGY GENERATING DEVELOPMENT (Policy EN1: Mitigation of impact of Hinkley Point new nuclear proposals and Policy EN2: Mitigation of impact of major energy generating proposals)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
				mitigate the environmental effect of the development.	
13b. Maintain, restore and enhance populations of focal species	0	0	0	<p>Policy EN1 and EN2: According to the HRA there is a potential impact on barbastelle bats from loss of feeding habitat and severance of flight lines preventing access to feeding areas. However, this is mitigated by policies NH3 and NH8 so the effect is neutral.</p> <p>Policy EN2: According to the HRA there is a potential impact on wintering and migratory birds and wildfowl through mortality from wind turbine development. However, this is mitigated by policies NH3 and NH9 so the effect is neutral.</p>	None identified
13c. Increase the land area of UK Biodiversity Action Plan habitats within the district	0	+	+	The policies will be positive in contributing to the mitigation of the effects of Hinkley Point and other major energy generating proposals through ensuring adequate measures are taken to mitigate the environmental effect of the development.	None identified
13d. Maintain and improve the conservation status of selected designated and non-designated nature conservation sites	0	0	0	Policy EN1 and EN2: According to the HRA there is a potential impact on barbastelle bats from loss of feeding habitat. However, this is mitigated by policies NH3 and NH8 so the effect is neutral.	None identified

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES (Policy SC1: Hierarchy of settlements, Policy SC2: Housing provision, Policy SC3: Appropriate mix of housing types and tenures, Policy SC4: Affordable housing, Policy SC5 (A and B): Self-containment of settlements)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
1a. Reduce impacts on tranquility from noise and visual intrusion	+/0	+/0	+/0	<p>Policy SC1, SC2: The policies may help reduce noise and protect tranquility by concentrating development in urban areas and areas with better public transport provision such as Minehead, Watchet and Williton and limiting development in other settlements and the remaining countryside. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.</p> <p>Policy SC3, SC4 and SC5: The policies will have a neutral effect.</p>	None identified
1b. Reduce the need to travel and facilitate modal shift (particularly with regard to reducing the impact of traffic during the peak summer months)	+/0	+/0	+/0	<p>Policy SC1, SC2: The policies may reduce the need to travel through strengthening the local economy in larger settlements so that the level of service provision is sufficient to deter longer distance commuting. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.</p> <p>Policy SC3 and SC4: The policies will have a neutral effect.</p> <p>Policy SC5: The policies will have a minor positive effect in reducing the need to travel and facilitating modal shift through improving the balance of land uses within settlements.</p>	None identified
2a. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions	+/0	+/0	+/0	<p>Policy SC1, SC2: The policies may lead to a reduction in emissions through reducing the need to travel (see above). This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.</p> <p>Policy SC3: The policy will have a neutral effect.</p> <p>Policy SC4: The policy will have a positive effect as affordable houses will be built to Code level 3 specifications.</p> <p>Policy SC5: The policies may lead to a reduction in emissions through reducing the need to travel (see above). This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.</p>	None identified

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES (Policy SC1: Hierarchy of settlements, Policy SC2: Housing provision, Policy SC3: Appropriate mix of housing types and tenures, Policy SC4: Affordable housing, Policy SC5 (A and B): Self-containment of settlements)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
2b. Improve adaptation for unavoidable climate change including consideration of the location of development	0	0	0	Policy SC1, SC2: The policies could have negative effects on flooding as Minehead and Williton are situated within areas at risk of fluvial flooding. Please see the assessment of Policy MD2 and WI2 for details and for mitigation suggested.  Policy SC3, SC4 and SC5: The policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
2c. Increase energy efficiency and the amount of energy generated from renewable sources	0/+	0/+	0/+	Policy SC1, SC2, SC3, SC5: The policies will have a neutral effect.  Policy SC4: The policy will have a positive effect as affordable houses will be built to Code level 3 specifications.	None identified
3a. Reduce anti-social behaviour and fear of crime	+/0	+/0	+/0	Policy SC1, SC2: The policies are likely to have a minor positive effect in relation to Minehead, Watchet and Williton, where the economy would be strengthened and service provision enhanced. The effect would be neutral in other areas.  Policy SC3, SC4, SC5: The policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
4a. Ensure equitable access to viable facilities and services for all sectors of the community including those in rural areas	+/0	+/0	+/0	Policy SC1, SC2: The policies are likely to have a positive effect in relation to Minehead, Watchet and Williton, where the economy would be strengthened and service provision enhanced. The effect would be neutral in other areas.  Policy SC3 and SC4: The policy will have a neutral effect.  Policy SC5: The policies will have a minor positive effect by preventing the loss of community facilities where possible and improving the balance of land uses within settlements.	None identified
5a. To develop and maintain a balanced and sustainable population structure which good access to services, facilities	+	+	+	Policy SC1, SC2: The new development proposed at Minehead, Watchet and Williton will help to maintain a balanced population structure and address the shortage within the local housing	None identified

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<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
and homes for all sectors of the society				<p>market. Other aspects of the policies will ensure that other settlements will be able to benefit from development where it will bring wider sustainability benefits. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.</p> <p>Policy SC3 and SC4: The policy will help to maintain a balanced population structure as the needs of the community will be met in terms of affordability, housing type and tenure. The policy will also help to ensure flexibility in the use of homes. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.</p> <p>Policy SC5: The policies will have a minor positive effect by preventing the loss of community facilities where possible and improving the balance of land uses within settlements.</p>	
6a. Reduce land contamination, and safeguard soil and geological quality and quantity	+/0	+/0	+/0	<p>Policy SC1, SC2: Concentrating development in urban areas could have a minor positive effect on the SA objective through helping to remediate brownfield / contaminated land and protect soil.</p> <p>Policy SC3, SC4, SC5: The policies will have a neutral effect.</p>	None identified
7a. To reduce waste generation and disposal, increase recycling and achieve the sustainable management of waste	+/0	+/0	+/0	<p>Policy SC1, SC2: Concentrating development in urban areas could have a minor positive effect on the SA objective through making waste collection and treatment more sustainable and affordable.</p> <p>Policy SC3, SC4, SC5: The policies will have a neutral effect.</p>	None identified
8a. Maintain and improve the quality of ground/river/coastal water	0	0	0	All the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
8b. Reduce risk of flooding including coastal flooding	0	0	0	Policy SC1, SC2: The policies could have negative effects on flooding as Minehead and Williton are situated within areas at risk of fluvial flooding. Please see the assessment of Policy	None identified

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES (Policy SC1: Hierarchy of settlements, Policy SC2: Housing provision, Policy SC3: Appropriate mix of housing types and tenures, Policy SC4: Affordable housing, Policy SC5 (A and B): Self-containment of settlements)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
				MD2 and WI2 for details and for suggested mitigation. Policy SC3, SC4, SC5: The policies will have a neutral effect.	
8c. Improve efficiency of water use	0/+	0/+	0/+	Policy SC1, SC2, SC3, SC5: The policies will have a neutral effect. Policy SC4: The policy will have a positive effect as affordable houses will be built to Code level 3 specifications.	None identified
9a. Protect the fabric and setting of designated and undesignated archaeological sites, monuments, structures and buildings, recorded Historic Parks and gardens, maritime and coastal heritage, listed buildings and conservation areas	0	0	0	All the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
10a. To improve the health and wellbeing of the population and improve access to health services for all	+/0	+/0	+/0	Policy SC1, SC2: The policies would have a minor positive effect in relation to Minehead, Watchet and Williton as new development will have adequate access to healthcare. The effect would be neutral in other areas. Policy SC3, SC4, SC5: The policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
11a. Ensure that special and distinctive landscapes, and the features within them, are conserved and enhanced	0	0	0	All the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
11b. Enhance the form and design of the built environment	0	0	0	All the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
11c. Ensure provision is made to incorporate green infrastructure into spatial planning	0	0	0	All the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified

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<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
12a. Improve sustainable economic activity within West Somerset enabling regeneration of key areas	+ +/0	+ +/0	+ +/0	Policy SC1, SC2: The policies are likely to have a significant positive effect in relation to this SA objective as it promotes the strengthening of the Minehead economy and also strengthen Watchet and Williton as important local centres. This would include economic regeneration and public transport improvements and would reduce the need for people to commute outside the area for employment, shopping and entertainment trips.  Policy SC3, SC4, SC5: The policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
13a. Protect and enhance biodiversity at all levels	0	0	0	All the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
13b. Maintain, restore and enhance populations of focal species	0	0	0	Policy SC2: According to the HRA there is a potential impact on barbastelle bats from loss of feeding habitat and severance of flight lines preventing access to feeding areas. However, this is mitigated by policies NH3 and NH8 so the effect is neutral.  All the other policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
13c. Increase the land area of UK Biodiversity Action Plan habitats within the district	0	0	0	All the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
13d. Maintain and improve the conservation status of selected designated and non-designated nature conservation sites	0	0	0	Policy SC2: According to the HRA there is a potential impact on barbastelle bats from loss of feeding habitat. However, this is mitigated by policies NH3 and NH8 so the effect is neutral.  All the other policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified

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<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
1a. Reduce impacts on tranquility from noise and visual intrusion	0	+	+	Policy MD1: The policy may help reduce noise and protect tranquility by concentrating development in Minehead through strengthening its role as a service centre. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective in the medium and long term.	None identified
	0	0/-	0/-	Policy MD2 (South of A39): There are no air quality issues affecting this strategic development area and the effect on air quality will be neutral. Development adjacent to the A39 could be subject to some noise and this could cause a minor negative effect on new residents in the medium and long term as the site is developed.	Mitigation measure (Policy MD2 (South of A39)): Noise attenuation measures may be necessary if development occurs adjacent to the A39. These measures should be specified in the Plan or in a development brief.
	0	0	0/-	Policy LT1 (South of Periton Road): There are no air quality issues affecting this strategic development area and the effect on air quality will be neutral. Development adjacent to the A39 could be subject to some noise and this could cause a minor negative effect on new residents in the medium and long term as the site is developed.	Mitigation measure (Policy LT1 (South of Periton Road)): Noise attenuation measures may be necessary if development occurs adjacent to the A39. These measures should be specified in the Plan or in a development brief.
	0	0	0	Policy EC2 (Mart Road, Minehead): There are no air quality issues affecting this strategic development area and the effect on air quality will be neutral. The effect of the employment site on noise will be dependent on its location in relation to nearby residents. However, this area is an extant industrial estate so the effect is likely to be neutral	None identified
1b. Reduce the need to travel and facilitate modal shift (particularly with regard to reducing the impact of traffic	0	+	+	Policy MD1: The policy may reduce the need to travel through strengthening the local economy in Minehead so that the level of service provision is sufficient to deter longer distance	None identified

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<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
during the peak summer months)				commuting. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective in the medium and long term.	
	0	-	-	Policy MD2 (South of A39): The site will provide a mixed use development in a location relatively close to Minehead Town Centre. However, there may be some issues related to severance caused by the A39 which residents would have to cross to access the main settlement of Minehead. This has been scored as minor negative because there will be some services within the new development itself and the policy has been strengthened with the addition of a requirement for community and transport infrastructure.	Mitigation measure (Policy MD2 (South of A39)): If development goes ahead public transport should be improved so that people can access Minehead sustainably. In addition, adequate services commensurate with the size of the development should be provided within the development. These measures should be specified in the Plan or in a development brief.
	0	0	-	Policy LT1 (South of Periton Road): The site could provide a mixed use development in a location relatively close to Minehead Town Centre. However, there may be some issues related to severance caused by the A39 which residents would have to cross to access the main settlement of Minehead. This has been scored as minor negative because there are likely to be some services within the new development itself.	Mitigation measure (Policy LT1 (South of Periton Road)): If development goes ahead public transport should be improved so that people can access Minehead sustainably. In addition, adequate services commensurate with the size of the development should be provided within the development. These measures should be specified in the Plan or in a development brief.
	0	+	+	Policy EC2 (Mart Road, Minehead): Focusing employment in Minehead will be positive in reducing the need to travel by deterring longer distance commuting. This will have a minor	None identified

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<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
				positive effect on the SA objective in the medium and long term.	
2a. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions	0	+	+	Policy MD1: The policy may lead to a reduction in emissions through reducing the need to travel (see above). This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective in the medium and long term.	None identified
	0	-	-	Policy MD2 (South of A39): The need to travel by car may increase if severance caused by the A39 prevents people from cycling and walking so greenhouse gas emissions may increase.	Mitigation measure (Policy MD2 (South of A39)): If development goes ahead public transport should be improved so that people can access Minehead sustainably. In addition, adequate services commensurate with the size of the development should be provided within the development. These measures should be specified in the Plan or in a development brief.
	0	0	-	Policy LT1 (South of Periton Road): The need to travel by car may increase (see assessment against 1b) so greenhouse gas emissions may increase.	Mitigation measure (Policy LT1 (South of Periton Road)): If development goes ahead public transport should be improved so that people can access Minehead sustainably. In addition, adequate services commensurate with the size of the development should be provided within the development. These measures should be specified in the Plan or in a

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<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
					development brief.
	0	+	+	Policy EC2 (Mart Road, Minehead): The policy may lead to a reduction in emissions through reducing the need to travel (see above). This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective in the medium and long term.	None identified
2b. Improve adaptation for unavoidable climate change including consideration of the location of development	0	+	+	Policy MD1: The policy will require development proposals to contribute towards resolving flood risk issues where appropriate. This will have a minor positive effect on climate change adaptation.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy MD2 (South of A39): The site is not in a high flood risk area and the policy has been strengthened with the addition of a requirement for flood risk management infrastructure to be provided.	None identified
	0	0	-	Policy LT1 (South of Periton Road): Generally the strategic development area is Flood Zone 1 but adjacent to the area to the south west is operational floodplain. This is not seen as a major constraint by the SFRA, however, and has been scored as a minor negative.	Mitigation measure (Policy LT1 (South of Periton Road)): Investigation is needed regarding the need for flood attenuation measures to the south west portion of the strategic development area. These measures should be specified in the Plan or in a development brief.
	0	-	-	Policy EC2 (Mart Road, Minehead): The area is in Flood Zone 3a. However, because of the likely uses of the site and the fact that this is an already developed industrial estate the effect has been scored as minor negative.	Mitigation measure (Policy EC2 (Mart Road, Minehead)): Investigation is needed regarding the need for flood attenuation

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<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
					measures (both fluvial and coastal) before any development takes place.
2c. Increase energy efficiency and the amount of energy generated from renewable sources	0	0	0	Policy MD1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy MD2 (South of A39): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy LT1 (South of Periton Road): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy EC2 (Mart Road, Minehead): The major employment site will have a neutral effect.	None identified
3a. Reduce anti-social behaviour and fear of crime	0	0	0	Policy MD1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy MD2 (South of A39): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy LT1 (South of Periton Road): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy EC2 (Mart Road, Minehead): The major employment site will have a neutral effect.	None identified
4a. Ensure equitable access to viable facilities and services for all sectors of the community including those in rural areas	0	+	+	Policy MD1: The policy is likely to have a positive effect in relation to access to services in Minehead, where the economy would be strengthened and service provision enhanced. The effect would be neutral in other areas.	None identified
	0	-	-	Policy MD2 (South of A39): The site is separated from Minehead by the A39. This could cause some issues accessing	Mitigation measure (Policy MD2 (South of A39)): If development

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<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
				services and could have a minor negative effect. This will be partly offset by the fact that services are to be provided in a mixed use development.	goes ahead adequate services commensurate with the size of the development should be provided within the development. These measures should be specified in the Plan or in a development brief.
	0	0	-	Policy LT1 (South of Periton Road): The site is separated from Minehead by the A39. This could cause some issues accessing services and could have a minor negative effect. This will be partly offset by the fact that services are to be provided in a mixed use development.	Mitigation measure (Policy LT1 (South of Periton Road)): If development goes ahead adequate services commensurate with the size of the development should be provided within the development. These measures should be specified in the Plan or in a development brief.
	0	+	+	Policy EC2 (Mart Road, Minehead): The site is likely to have a positive effect in relation to access to services in Minehead, where the economy would be strengthened and service provision enhanced.	None identified
5a. To develop and maintain a balanced and sustainable population structure which has good access to services, facilities and homes for all sectors of the society	0	+	+	Policy MD1: The policy will help to maintain a balanced population structure by concentrating development in Minehead and strengthening its role as a service centre. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.	None identified
	0	+	+	Policy MD2 (South of A39): Development in the strategic development area will be subject to the policies in the Local Plan regarding affordable housing and will help to maintain a balanced population structure. This will be positive as Minehead	None identified

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<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
				contains pockets of deprivation.	
	0	0	+	Policy LT1 (South of Periton Road): Development in the strategic development area will be subject to the policies in the Local Plan regarding affordable housing and will help to maintain a balanced population structure. This will be positive as Minehead contains pockets of deprivation.	None identified
	0	+	+	Policy EC2 (Mart Road, Minehead): The site will have a positive effect through helping to ensure that the population of Minehead can work within the town. Strengthening the economy in this way may have an indirect positive effect on changing the ratio of average earnings to average house prices and make housing more affordable and thus helping to reduce deprivation.	None identified
6a. Reduce land contamination, and safeguard soil and geological quality and quantity	0	0	0	Policy MD1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	+	+	Policy MD2 (South of A39): The strategic development area is mainly greenfield. However, two small areas were used as landfill sites until the 1980's and 1990's and there may be some contamination issues. With adequate remediation this could be positive in remediating contaminated sites and increasing building on brownfield land.	None identified
	0	0	+	Policy LT1 (South of Periton Road): The strategic development area is mainly greenfield.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy EC2 (Mart Road, Minehead): Because of the nature of the site as an extant industrial estate there could be some contamination issues associated with development. However,	None identified

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				these will be dealt with through normal planning procedures.	
7a. To reduce waste generation and disposal, increase recycling and achieve the sustainable management of waste	0	0	0	Policy MD1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy MD2 (South of A39): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy LT1 (South of Periton Road): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy EC2 (Mart Road, Minehead): The major employment site will have a neutral effect.	None identified
8a. Maintain and improve the quality of ground/river/coastal water	0	0	0	Policy MD1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy MD2 (South of A39): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy LT1 (South of Periton Road): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy EC2 (Mart Road, Minehead): The major employment site will have a neutral effect.	None identified
8b. Reduce risk of flooding including coastal flooding	0	+	+	Policy MD1: The policy will require development proposals to contribute towards resolving flood risk issues where appropriate. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy MD2 (South of A39): The site is not in a high flood risk area and the policy has been strengthened with the addition of a requirement for flood risk management infrastructure to be provided.	None identified

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	0	0	-	Policy LT1 (South of Periton Road): Generally the strategic development areas are Flood Zone 1 but adjacent to the area to the south west is operational floodplain. This is not seen as a major constraint in the SFRA, however, and has been scored as minor negative.	Mitigation measure (Policy MD2 (South of A39)): Investigation is needed regarding the need for flood attenuation measures to the south west portion of the strategic development area. These measures should be specified in the Plan or in a development brief.
	0	-	-	Policy EC2 (Mart Road, Minehead): The area is in Flood Zone 3a. However, because of the likely uses of the site and the fact that this is an already developed industrial estate the effect has been scored as minor negative.	Mitigation measure (Policy EC2 (Mart Road, Minehead)): Investigation is needed regarding the need for flood attenuation measures (both fluvial and coastal) before any development takes place.
8c. Improve efficiency of water use	0	0	0	Policy MD1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy MD2 (South of A39): Wessex Water has indicated that it is unlikely that any major water supply or water treatment projects are likely to be needed to service the level of development provided for in the Plan. Therefore, a neutral score has been given.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy LT1 (South of Periton Road): Wessex Water has indicated that it is unlikely that any major water supply or water treatment projects are likely to be needed to service the level of development provided for in the Plan. Therefore, a neutral score has been given.	None identified

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	0	0	0	Policy EC2 (Mart Road, Minehead): As above	None identified
9a. Protect the fabric and setting of designated and undesignated archaeological sites, monuments, structures and buildings, recorded Historic Parks and gardens, maritime and coastal heritage, listed buildings and conservation areas	+	+	+	Policy MD1: The policy will help to ensure that development protects the diversity and quality of Minehead's historic environment. The policy has been strengthened by the addition of a requirement for development to minimise its impact on the historic environment of the urban area. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.	None identified
	0	?	?	Policy MD2 (South of A39): The likely effect of the site on heritage is uncertain. The Historic Environment Record contains some records within the strategic development area and there have been prehistoric lithic finds across the area indicating a high potential for Mesolithic and Neolithic remains. The area is predominantly greenfield which means that its full potential for significant heritage assets cannot adequately be assessed from existing records.	Mitigation measure (Policy MD2 (South of A39)): A programme of archaeological field evaluation would be required prior to determination of individual planning applications. This should be required through the EIA process however if there is uncertainty as to whether this will be EIA development then a reference to this requirement could be made within the supporting text.
	0	0	?	Policy LT1 (South of Periton Road): The likely effect of the site on heritage is uncertain. The Historic Environment Record contains some records within the strategic development area and there have been prehistoric lithic finds across the area indicating a high potential for Mesolithic and Neolithic remains. The area is predominantly greenfield which means that its full potential for significant heritage assets cannot adequately be assessed from existing records.	Mitigation measure Policy LT1 (South of Periton Road): A programme of archaeological field evaluation would be required prior to determination of individual planning applications. This should be required through the EIA process however if there is

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					uncertainty as to whether this will be EIA development then a reference to this requirement could be made within the supporting text.
	0	0	0	Policy EC2 (Mart Road, Minehead): The effect of the site on heritage is likely to be neutral because of the nature of the site as an extant industrial estate.	None identified
10a. To improve the health and wellbeing of the population and improve access to health services for all	0	0	0	Policy MD1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy MD2 (South of A39): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy LT1 (South of Periton Road): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy EC2 (Mart Road, Minehead): The major employment site will have a neutral effect.	None identified
11a. Ensure that special and distinctive landscapes, and the features within them, are conserved and enhanced	+	+	+	Policy MD1: The policy will help to ensure that development protects the diversity and quality of Minehead's natural environment and give appropriate treatment to the town's surroundings. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.	None identified
	0	-	-	Policy MD2 (South of A39): The strategic development area does not directly affect designated landscapes. However, the area is adjacent to the border of the Exmoor National Park, is of high landscape value and brings the town of Minehead and its development closer to the National Park, past the barrier of the A39. However, the policy has been amended to ensure that	Mitigation measure (Policy MD2 (South of A39)): It is possible that development may go ahead in areas south of the A39 in separate parcels. If this occurs each developer should be expected to

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				development provides an appropriate design response to the site's proximity to the Exmoor National Park. Development could still have a minor adverse effect, however.	carry out a landscape appraisal before development goes ahead.
	0	0	-	Policy LT1 (South of Periton Road): The strategic development area does not directly affect designated landscapes. However, the area is adjacent to the border of the Exmoor National Park, is of high landscape value and brings the town of Minehead and its development closer to the National Park, past the barrier of the A39. However, the policy has been amended to ensure that development provides an appropriate design response to the site's proximity to the Exmoor National Park. Development could still have a minor adverse effect, however.	Mitigation measure (Policy MD2 (South of A39)): It is possible that development may go ahead in areas south of the A39 in separate parcels. If this occurs each developer should be expected to carry out a landscape appraisal before development goes ahead.
	0	+	+	Policy EC2 (Mart Road, Minehead): The strategic development area will not affect any areas deemed to be of high landscape value. The area will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.	None identified
11b. Enhance the form and design of the built environment	0	+	+	Policy MD1: The policy will help to ensure that development protects the diversity and quality of Minehead's natural environment, protects the town's attractiveness as a tourist destination and give appropriate treatment to the town's surroundings. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy MD2 (South of A39): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect as the form of the proposed development has not been decided yet	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy LT1 (South of Periton Road): The strategic development	None identified

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				area will have a neutral effect as the form of the proposed development has not been decided yet	
	0	0	0	Policy EC2 (Mart Road, Minehead): The major employment site will have a neutral effect as the form of the proposed development has not been decided yet	None identified
11c. Ensure provision is made to incorporate green infrastructure into spatial planning	0	0	0	Policy MD1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy MD2 (South of A39): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy LT1 (South of Periton Road): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy EC2 (Mart Road, Minehead): The major employment site will have a neutral effect.	None identified
12a. Improve sustainable economic activity within West Somerset enabling regeneration of key areas	0	+	+	Policy MD1: The policy will help to strengthen Minehead's role as the main employment centre in West Somerset and will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.	None identified
	0	+	+	Policy MD2 (South of A39): All of the strategic development areas will be mixed use development offering some employment land. Therefore, all the areas will be positive in increasing available workspace and access to opportunities in the town. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.	None identified
	0	0	+	Policy LT1 (South of Periton Road): All of the strategic development areas will be mixed use development offering some employment land. Therefore, all the areas will be positive	None identified

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				in increasing available workspace and access to opportunities in the town. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.	
	0	++	++	Policy EC2 (Mart Road, Minehead): The site will be positive in increasing available workspace and access to opportunities in the town. This will have a significant positive effect on the SA objective.	None identified
13a. Protect and enhance biodiversity at all levels	0	+	+	Policy MD1: The policy will help to ensure that development protects the diversity and quality of Minehead's natural environment. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy MD2 (South of A39): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect on the SA objective. Most of the area is currently farmland. These should be surveyed before any development goes ahead.	Enhancement measure (Policy MD2 (South of A39)): If development goes ahead a full ecological assessment should be carried out. The requirements for this assessment should be included within the policy wording or supporting text and further detail could be provided within a development brief if this is being prepared.
	0	0	0	Policy LT1 (South of Periton Road): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect on the SA objective. Most of the area is currently farmland but there are small amounts of woodland to the western end of the area. These should be surveyed before any development goes ahead.	Enhancement measure (Policy MD2 (South of A39)): If development goes ahead a full ecological assessment should be carried out. The requirements for

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					this assessment should be included within the policy wording or supporting text and further detail could be provided within a development brief if this is being prepared.
	0	0	0	Policy EC2 (Mart Road, Minehead): The major employment site is likely to have a neutral effect because of the nature of the site as an extant industrial estate.	None identified
13b. Maintain, restore and enhance populations of focal species	0	0	0	Policy MD1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	<p>Policy MD2 (South of A39): According to the HRA there is a potential impact on barbastelle bats from loss of feeding habitat and severance of flight lines preventing access to feeding areas. However, this is mitigated by policies NH3 and NH8 so the effect is neutral.</p> <p>Policy MD2(South of A39): According to the HRA there is a potential impact on barbastelle bats from disturbance due to increased human activity around roosts as part of recreational activity generated by new residential housing and /or increased tourism (also to Bechstein’s bat roosts) both from the policies and in combination with other Local Plans / Core Strategies. This effect has been subject to a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment which found that there is unlikely to be significant effect on the integrity of European sites from disturbance to bat roosts caused by policies in the Plan. This is due to the remote nature of these sites and the distance from proposed new development.</p>	None identified

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				Policy MD2(South of A39): According to the HRA there is a potential impact on otters from disturbance to holt sites including those used for breeding. This effect has been subject to a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment which found that there is unlikely to be significant effect on the integrity of European sites from disturbance to otter holts caused by policies in the Plan. This is due to the locations of likely holts in relation to development and the sensitivity of otters to certain types of disturbance.	
	0	0	0	Policy LT1 (South of Periton Road): According to the HRA there is a potential impact on barbastelle bats from loss of feeding habitat and severance of flight lines preventing access to feeding areas. However, this is mitigated by policies NH3 and NH8 so the effect is neutral.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy EC2 (Mart Road, Minehead): The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
13c. Increase the land area of UK Biodiversity Action Plan habitats within the district	0	0	0	Policy MD1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	+	+	Policy MD2 (South of A39): The strategic development area could have a positive effect if biodiversity offsetting is implemented as highlighted in the policy.	None identified
	0	0	+	Policy LT1 (South of Periton Road): See above	None identified
	0	+	+	Policy EC2 (Mart Road, Minehead): See above	None identified
13d. Maintain and improve the conservation status of selected designated and non-designated nature	0	0	0	Policy MD1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy MD2 (South of A39): According to the HRA there is a	None identified

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conservation sites				potential impact on barbastelle bats from loss of feeding habitat. However, this is mitigated by policies NH3 and NH8 so the effect is neutral. In addition, a risk was identified to heathland and woodland habitat due to increased access and degraded air quality. This effect has been subject to a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment which found that there is unlikely to be significant effect on the integrity of heathland or woodland caused by policies in the Plan (see above).	
	0	0	0	<p>Policy LT1 (South of Periton Road): According to the HRA there is a potential impact on heathland habitats from degradation and /or loss of habitat due to increased access and degraded air quality. This effect has been subject to a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment which found that there is unlikely to be significant effect on the integrity of heathland caused by policies in the Plan. This is due to the management afforded by the Exmoor National Park Partnership Plan 2007 – 2012 and the provisions of the Environment Act 1995 and the fact that air pollution effects tend to be confined to within 150 metres of the road.</p> <p>Policy LT1 (South of Periton Road): According to the HRA there is a potential impact on woodland habitats from degradation and /or loss of habitat due to increased access and degraded air quality. This effect has been subject to a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment which found that there is unlikely to be significant effect on the integrity of woodland caused by policies in the Plan. This is due to the management afforded by the National Park and AONB and the fact that air pollution effects tend to be confined to within 150 metres of the road.</p>	None identified

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	0	0	0	Policy EC2 (Mart Road, Minehead): The major employment site will have a neutral effect.	None identified

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1a. Reduce impacts on tranquility from noise and visual intrusion	0	+	+	Policy WA1: The policy may help reduce noise and protect tranquility by concentrating development in Watchet through strengthening its role as a local service centre. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective in the medium and long term.	None identified	
	0	0	0	Policy WA2 (South of the town): There are no air quality issues affecting this strategic development area and the effect on air quality will be neutral. Effects on noise are also likely to be neutral and the development boundaries have now changed and do not go as far as Brendon Road. This will help to protect residents of Brendon Road from noise.	None identified	
	0	0	0	Policy LT1 (West of Watchet (Cleeve Hill)): There are no air quality issues affecting this strategic development area and the effect on air quality will be neutral. Effects on noise are also likely to be neutral.	None identified	
1b. Reduce the need to travel and facilitate modal shift (particularly with regard to reducing the impact of traffic during the peak summer months)	0	+	+	Policy WA1: The policy may reduce the need to travel through strengthening the local economy in Watchet (and links to Williton) so that the level of service provision is sufficient to deter longer distance commuting. The development may also seek to resolve the severance issue in the town and the localized traffic problems this causes. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective in the medium and long term.	None identified	
	0	+	+	Policy WA2 (South of the town): The strategic development area is in fairly close proximity to services at both Watchet and Williton. These areas are difficult to access by foot, cycle or public transport (either due to distance or because of the presence of the railway line) but the policy has been strengthened by the addition of the requirement for	None identified	

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				infrastructure including walking and cycling links to the town centre. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective in the medium and long term.	
	0	0	+	Policy LT1 (West of Watchet (Cleeve Hill)): The strategic development area is in fairly close proximity to services at Watchet. This should help to reduce car travel slightly will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective in the medium and long term	None identified
2a. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions	0	+	+	Policy WA1: The policy may lead to a reduction in emissions through reducing the need to travel (see 1b above). This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective in the medium and long term.	None identified
	0	+	+	Policy WA2 (South of the town): The development will be mixed use development offering some employment land. Therefore, it will be positive in increasing available workspace and access to opportunities in the town. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.	None identified
	0	0	+	Policy LT1 (West of Watchet (Cleeve Hill)): The policy may lead to a reduction in emissions through reducing the need to travel (see 1b above). This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective in the medium and long term.	None identified
2b. Improve adaptation for unavoidable climate change including consideration of the location of development	0	+	+	Policy WA1: The policy will require development proposals to contribute towards resolving the flood risk issues which affect the settlement. This will have a minor positive effect on climate change adaptation.	None identified
	0	+	+	Policy WA2 (South of the town): The development site is not subject to fluvial flooding and is in Flood Zone 1. This will have	None identified

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				a minor positive effect on the SA objective. The policy has also been strengthened in that it now requires flood risk management infrastructure to be provided.	
	0	0	+	Policy LT1 (West of Watchet (Cleeve Hill)): The development site is not subject to fluvial flooding and is in Flood Zone 1. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.	None identified
2c. Increase energy efficiency and the amount of energy generated from renewable sources	0	0	0	Policy WA1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy WA2 (South of the town): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy LT1 (West of Watchet (Cleeve Hill)): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect.	None identified
3a. Reduce anti-social behaviour and fear of crime	0	0	0	Policy WA1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy WA2 (South of the town): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy LT1 (West of Watchet (Cleeve Hill)): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect.	None identified
4a. Ensure equitable access to viable facilities and services for all sectors of the community including those in rural areas	0	+	+	Policy WA1: The policy is likely to have a positive effect in relation to access to services in Watchet and Williton, where the economy would be strengthened and service provision enhanced. The policy would also seek to provide additional allotments and to strengthen linkages between different parts of the town.	None identified
	0	+	+	Policy WA2 (South of the town): The strategic development area is in fairly close proximity to services at both Watchet and Williton. These areas are difficult to access by foot, cycle or	None identified

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				public transport (either due to distance or because of the presence of the railway line) but the policy has been strengthened by the addition of the requirement for infrastructure including walking and cycling links to the town centre. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective in the medium and long term.	
	0	0	+	Policy LT1 (West of Watchet (Cleeve Hill)): The strategic development area is in fairly close proximity to services at Watchet. The development of the site will also enable re-alignment of the B3191 where coastal erosion is threatening to destroy the current alignment of the road. This will help to ensure that access to services for the rural population (and visitors) is maintained.	None identified
5a. To develop and maintain a balanced and sustainable population structure which good access to services, facilities and homes for all sectors of the society	0	+	+	Policy WA1: The policy will help to maintain a balanced population structure by concentrating development in Watchet and strengthening its role as a local service centre. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.	None identified
	0	+	+	Policy WA2 (South of the town): Development in all of the strategic development areas will be subject to the policies in the Local Plan regarding affordable housing and lifetime homes and will help to maintain a balanced population structure.	None identified
	0	0	+	Policy LT1 (West of Watchet (Cleeve Hill)): Development in all of the strategic development areas will be subject to the policies in the Local Plan regarding affordable housing and lifetime homes and will help to maintain a balanced population structure.	None identified
6a. Reduce land contamination, and	0	0	0	Policy WA1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified

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safeguard soil and geological quality and quantity	0	-/?	-/?	Policy WA2 (South of the town): The site is greenfield apart from some farm buildings and will not contribute to brownfield land targets. There is possible contamination on site due to agricultural products and fuel oil Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land (Grade 3a) surrounds the site. This could have a negative effect dependent on whether this is seen as a significant issue in the area or district as a whole. The effect has been scored as uncertain.	<p>Mitigation measure (Policy WA2 (South of the town)): Before development goes ahead a wider understanding is needed of the significance of developing on this area of Best and Most Versatile Agricultural land and the ability to remediate the contamination on site. The requirements for this assessment should be included within the policy wording or supporting text and further detail could be provided within a development brief if this is being prepared.</p> <p>Mitigation measure (Policy WA2 (South of the town)): No mitigation measure has been suggested for this impact as it is not possible to mitigate the fact that the site will not contribute to brownfield land targets. Therefore there will be a residual minor negative effect.</p>
	0	0	0	Policy LT1 (West of Watchet (Cleeve Hill)): The site is a greenfield site so will not contribute to brownfield land targets. The site is unlikely to be contaminated. The site is rough grazing land so is not classed as best and most versatile agricultural land. The site has been scored as neutral	None identified
7a. To reduce waste generation and	0	0	0	Policy WA1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified

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disposal, increase recycling and achieve the sustainable management of waste	0	0	0	Policy WA2 (South of the town): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy LT1 (West of Watchet (Cleeve Hill)): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect.	None identified
8a. Maintain and improve the quality of ground/river/coastal water	0	0	0	Policy WA1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy WA2 (South of the town): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy LT1 (West of Watchet (Cleeve Hill)): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect.	None identified
8b. Reduce risk of flooding including coastal flooding	0	+	+	Policy WA1: The policy will require development proposals to contribute towards resolving the flood risk issues which affect the settlement. This will have a minor positive effect on flooding.	None identified
	0	+	+	Policy WA2 (South of the town): The development site is not subject to fluvial flooding and is in Flood Zone 1. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective. The policy has also been strengthened in that it now requires flood risk management infrastructure to be provided.	None identified
	0	0	+	Policy LT1 (West of Watchet (Cleeve Hill)): The development site is not subject to fluvial flooding and is in Flood Zone 1. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.	None identified
8c. Improve efficiency of water use	0	0	0	Policy WA1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy WA2 (South of the town): Wessex Water has indicated that it is unlikely that any major water supply or water treatment	None identified

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				projects are likely to be needed to service the level of development provided for in the Plan. Therefore, a neutral score has been given.	
	0	0	0	Policy LT1 (West of Watchet (Cleeve Hill)): Wessex Water has indicated that it is unlikely that any major water supply or water treatment projects are likely to be needed to service the level of development provided for in the Plan. Therefore, a neutral score has been given.	None identified
9a. Protect the fabric and setting of designated and undesignated archaeological sites, monuments, structures and buildings, recorded Historic Parks and gardens, maritime and coastal heritage, listed buildings and conservation areas	0	0	0	Policy WA1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	Enhancement measure (Policy WA1): Development policies for Minehead make several references to protecting and enhancing the historic and natural environment. Policy WA1 would benefit from similar additions to policy.
	0	?	?	Policy WA2 (South of the town): The likely effect of the site on heritage is uncertain. The Historic Environment Record contains some records within the strategic development area and these records show the high potential for prehistoric remains in the Watchet area. The area is predominantly greenfield which means that its full potential for significant heritage assets cannot adequately be assessed from existing records.	Mitigation measure (Policy WA2 (South of the town)): A programme of archaeological field evaluation would be required prior to determination of individual planning applications. This should be required through the EIA process however if there is uncertainty as to whether this will be EIA development then a reference to this requirement could be made within the supporting text.
	0	0	+	Policy LT1 (West of Watchet (Cleeve Hill)): The likely effect of	None identified

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				the site should be positive. There is a high potential for prehistoric remains in the Watchet area and development at the site may also affect Daw’s Castle scheduled monument. However, the policy has been strengthened to include enhancement to Daw’s Castle.	
10a. To improve the health and wellbeing of the population and improve access to health services for all	0	0	0	Policy WA1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy WA2 (South of the town): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy LT1 (West of Watchet (Cleeve Hill)): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect.	None identified
11a. Ensure that special and distinctive landscapes, and the features within them, are conserved and enhanced	0	0	0	Policy WA1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	Enhancement measure (Policy WA1): Development policies for Minehead make several references to protecting and enhancing the historic and natural environment. Policy WA1 would benefit from similar additions to policy.
	0	-	-	Policy WA2 (South of the town): The strategic development area does not directly affect designated landscapes. However, the site is immediately north of South Bells Ridge Line and unless carefully planned, development could have a minor negative effect on the SA objective.	Mitigation measure (Policy WA2 (South of the town)): It will be necessary to ensure that development does not become visible from the south above the ridge as this forms the landscape boundary between Watchet and Williton. Careful design will be required especially in terms of building heights in some parts of the strategic development area to

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					avoid development being visible from Williton village.
	0	0	-	Policy LT1 (West of Watchet (Cleeve Hill)): The strategic development area does not directly affect designated landscapes but the site occupies a prominent position so development at the site could be very visible and have a minor negative impact. There is a particular concern regarding the impact on the new housing development adjacent to the site.	Mitigation measure Policy LT1 (West of Watchet (Cleeve Hill)): Careful control will need to be exercised to ensure the landscape character is respected.
11b. Enhance the form and design of the built environment	0	+	+	Policy WA1: The policy will help to ensure that development protects the town's attractiveness as a tourist destination. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy WA2 (South of the town): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy LT1 (West of Watchet (Cleeve Hill)): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect.	None identified
11c. Ensure provision is made to incorporate green infrastructure into spatial planning	0	0	0	Policy WA1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy WA2 (South of the town): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy LT1 (West of Watchet (Cleeve Hill)): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect.	None identified
12a. Improve sustainable economic activity within West Somerset enabling regeneration of key areas	0	++	++	Policy WA1: The policy will help to strengthen Watchet's role as the main employment centre for the North Eastern part of West Somerset and will also help to maintain and enhance the role of the Marina. It will assist in the re-alignment of the West Somerset Railway, thus protecting a key piece of tourism	None identified

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				infrastructure. This will have a significant positive effect on the SA objective.	
	0	+	+	Policy WA2 (South of the town): The development will be mixed use development offering some employment land. Therefore, it will be positive in increasing available workspace and access to opportunities in the town. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.	None identified
	0	0	+	Policy LT1 (West of Watchet (Cleeve Hill)): The development will be mixed use development offering some employment land. Therefore, it will be positive in increasing available workspace and access to opportunities in the town. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.	None identified
13a. Protect and enhance biodiversity at all levels	0	0	0	Policy WA1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	Enhancement measure (Policy WA1): Development policies for Minehead make several references to protecting and enhancing the historic and natural environment. Policy WA1 would benefit from similar additions to policy.
	0	0	0	Policy WA2 (South of the town): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect on the SA objective. Most of the area is currently farmland although there are some hedgerows on site. These should be surveyed before development goes ahead.	Mitigation measure (Policy WA2 (South of the town)): If development goes ahead a full ecological assessment should be carried out. The requirements for this assessment should be included within the policy wording or supporting text and further detail could be provided within a

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<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
					development brief if this is being prepared.
	0	0	0	Policy LT1 (West of Watchet (Cleeve Hill)): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect on the SA objective. Most of the area is currently farmland although there are some hedgerows on site. These should be surveyed before development goes ahead.	Mitigation measure (Policy LT1 (West of Watchet (Cleeve Hill))): If development goes ahead a full ecological assessment should be carried out. The requirements for this assessment should be included within the policy wording or supporting text and further detail could be provided within a development brief if this is being prepared.
13b. Maintain, restore and enhance populations of focal species	0	0	0	Policy WA1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy WA2 (South of the town): The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy LT1 (West of Watchet (Cleeve Hill)): According to the HRA there is a potential impact on barbastelle bats from loss of feeding habitat and severance of flight lines preventing access to feeding areas. However, this is mitigated by policies NH3 and NH8 so the effect is neutral.	None identified
13c. Increase the land area of UK Biodiversity Action Plan habitats within the district	0	0	0	Policy WA1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	-	-	Policy WA2 (South of the town): The strategic development area will have a minor negative effect as it will not increase BAP habitats.	Mitigation measure (Policy WA2 (South of the town)): To enhance sustainability the site development process should address how the site can enhance biodiversity at all

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					levels including how BAP habitats and species can be enhanced. This should be specified in the Plan or in a development brief.
	0	0	-	Policy LT1 (West of Watchet (Cleeve Hill)): The strategic development area will have a minor negative effect as it will not increase BAP habitats.	Mitigation measure (Policy LT1 (West of Watchet (Cleeve Hill))): To enhance sustainability the site development process should address how the site can enhance biodiversity at all levels including how BAP habitats and species can be enhanced. This should be specified in the Plan or in a development brief.
13d. Maintain and improve the conservation status of selected designated and non-designated nature conservation sites	0	0	0	Policy WA1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy WA2 (South of the town): According to the HRA there is a potential impact on heathland habitats from degradation and /or loss of habitat due to increased access and degraded air quality. This effect has been subject to a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment which found that there is unlikely to be significant effect on the integrity of heathland caused by policies in the Plan. This is due to the management afforded by the Exmoor National Park Partnership Plan 2007 – 2012 and the provisions of the Environment Act 1995 and the fact that air pollution effects tend to be confined to within 150 metres of the road.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy LT1 (West of Watchet (Cleeve Hill)): According to the HRA there is a potential impact on heathland habitats from degradation and /or loss of habitat due to increased access and	None identified

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SA Objective	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement
				<p>degraded air quality. This effect has been subject to a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment which found that there is unlikely to be significant effect on the integrity of heathland caused by policies in the Plan. This is due to the management afforded by the Exmoor National Park Partnership Plan 2007 – 2012 and the provisions of the Environment Act 1995 and the fact that air pollution effects tend to be confined to within 150 metres of the road.</p> <p>Policy LT1 (West of Watchet (Cleeve Hill)): According to the HRA there is a potential impact on woodland habitats from degradation and /or loss of habitat due to increased access and degraded air quality. This effect has been subject to a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment which found that there is unlikely to be significant effect on the integrity of woodland caused by policies in the Plan. This is due to the management afforded by the National Park and AONB and the fact that air pollution effects tend to be confined to within 150 metres of the road.</p>	

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<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
1a. Reduce impacts on tranquility from noise and visual intrusion	0	+	+	Policy WI1: The policy may help reduce noise and protect tranquility by concentrating development in Williton through strengthening its role as a local service centre. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective in the medium and long term.	None identified
	0	0/-	0/-	Policy WI2 (West of the town): There are no air quality issues affecting this strategic development area and the effect on air quality will be neutral. Development adjacent to the A39 could be subject to some noise and this could cause a minor negative effect on new residents in the medium and long term as the site is developed.	Mitigation measure (Policy WI2 (West of the town)): Noise attenuation measures may be necessary if development occurs adjacent to the A39. These measures should be specified in the Plan or in a development brief.
	0	0	0	Policy WI2 (North of the town): There are no air quality issues affecting this strategic development area and the effect on air quality will be neutral. Effects on noise are also likely to be neutral.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy EC2 (Roughmoor, Williton): There are no air quality issues affecting this strategic development area and the effect on air quality will be neutral. The effect of the employment site on noise is likely to be neutral due to the nature of the site as an extant industrial estate.	None identified
1b. Reduce the need to travel and facilitate modal shift (particularly with regard to reducing the impact of traffic during the peak summer months)	0	+	+	Policy WI1: The policy may reduce the need to travel through strengthening the local economy in Williton so that the level of service provision is sufficient to deter longer distance commuting. The policy will also require development to contribute to the improvement of traffic and transport	None identified

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<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
				management in the village. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective in the medium and long term.	
	0	+	+	Policy WI2 (West of the town): The strategic development area is well related to the existing commercial and service centre. This will ensure that the maximum number of trips are made by cycle or on foot and will have a minor positive effect. The policy has been strengthened in that it now requires walking and cycling links to be provided.	None identified
	0	-	-	Policy WI2 (North of the town): The strategic development area is more remote from the existing village centre making services difficult to access without a car. However, the development will be a mixed use development and the policy has been strengthened in that it now requires walking and cycling links to be provided. The site is therefore, likely to have a minor negative effect.	Mitigation measure (Policy WI2 (North of the town)): If development goes ahead adequate services commensurate with the size of the development should be provided within the development. These measures should be specified in the Plan or in a development brief.
	0	+	+	Policy EC2 (Roughmoor, Williton): Focusing employment in Williton will be positive in reducing the need to travel by deterring longer distance commuting. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective in the medium and long term.	None identified
2a. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions	0	+	+	Policy WI1: The policy may lead to a reduction in emissions through reducing the need to travel (see above). This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective in the medium and long term.	None identified
	0	+	+	Policy WI2 (West of the town): The need to travel by car may reduce (see assessment against 1b) so greenhouse gas emissions may reduce.	None identified

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	0	-	-	Policy WI2 (North of the town): The need to travel by car may increase (see assessment against 1b) so greenhouse gas emissions may increase	Mitigation measure (Policy WI2 (North of the town)): If development goes ahead adequate services commensurate with the size of the development should be provided within the development. These measures should be specified in the Plan or in a development brief.
	0	+	+	Policy EC2 (Roughmoor, Williton): The policy may lead to a reduction in emissions through reducing the need to travel (see above). This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective in the medium and long term.	None identified
2b. Improve adaptation for unavoidable climate change including consideration of the location of development	0	+	+	Policy WI1: The policy will require development proposals to contribute towards resolving flood risk issues where appropriate. This will have a minor positive effect on climate change adaptation.	None identified
	0	-	-	Policy WI2 (West of the town): There is a risk of flooding in this strategic development area. The site boundaries have been adjusted, however, to exclude those areas most at risk and the policy now recognizes that flood infrastructure should be provided. The site could still have a minor negative effect on the SA objective.	Mitigation measure (Policy WI2 (West of the town)): Investigation is needed regarding the need for flood attenuation measures. Measures should be put forward to reduce the risk of flooding on and off site. These measures should be specified in the Plan or in a development brief.

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	0	-	-	Policy WI2 (North of the town): There is a risk of flooding in this strategic development area. The site boundaries have been adjusted, however, to exclude those areas most at risk and the policy now recognizes that flood infrastructure should be provided. The site could still have a minor negative effect on the SA objective.	Mitigation measure (Policy WI2 (North of the town)): Investigation is needed regarding the need for flood attenuation measures. Measures should be put forward to reduce the risk of flooding on and off site. These measures should be specified in the Plan or in a development brief.
	0	-	-	Policy EC2 (Roughmoor, Williton): The SFRA Part 2 has shown that the area is in Flood Zone 3a. However, because of the likely uses of the site and the fact that this is an already developed industrial estate the effect has been scored as minor negative.	Mitigation measure (Policy EC2 (Roughmoor, Williton)): Investigation is needed regarding the need for flood attenuation measures which are likely to be extensive. Measures should be put forward to reduce the risk of flooding on and off site. These measures should be specified in the Plan or in a development brief.
2c. Increase energy efficiency and the amount of energy generated from renewable sources	0	0	0	Policy WI1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy WI2 (West of the town): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect.	None identified

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	0	0	0	Policy WI2 (North of the town): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy EC2 (Roughmoor, Williton): The major employment site will have a neutral effect.	None identified
3a. Reduce anti-social behaviour and fear of crime	0	0	0	Policy WI1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy WI2 (West of the town): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy WI2 (North of the town): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy EC2 (Roughmoor, Williton): The major employment site will have a neutral effect.	None identified
4a. Ensure equitable access to viable facilities and services for all sectors of the community including those in rural areas	0	+	+	Policy WI1: The policy is likely to have a positive effect in relation to access to services in Williton, where the economy would be strengthened and service provision enhanced. Complementing provision of employment facilities in Watchet is also likely to be positive.	None identified
	0	+	+	Policy WI2 (West of the town): The strategic development area is well related to the village's commercial and service centre. This will increase the likelihood that the new residents will use (and sustain) the existing services for the benefit of the whole village. This could have a minor positive effect. The policy has been strengthened in that it now requires the appropriate provision of community infrastructure to be provided.	None identified

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<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
	0	-	-	Policy WI2 (North of the town): The strategic development area is more remote from the existing village centre making services difficult to access without a car. Development at this location would be less likely to sustain the existing village services or make services accessible to all. However, the development will be a mixed use development and the policy has been strengthened in that it now requires the appropriate provision of community infrastructure to be provided. The site is therefore, likely to have a minor negative effect.	Mitigation measure (Policy WI2 (North of the town)): If development goes ahead adequate services commensurate with the size of the development should be provided within the development. These measures should be specified in the Plan or in a development brief.
	0	+	+	Policy EC2 (Roughmoor, Williton): The site is likely to have a positive effect in relation to access to services in Williton, where the economy would be strengthened and service provision enhanced.	None identified
5a. To develop and maintain a balanced and sustainable population structure which has good access to services, facilities and homes for all sectors of the society	0	+	+	Policy WI1: The policy will help to maintain a balanced population structure by concentrating development in Williton and strengthening its role as a local service centre. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.	None identified
	0	+	+	Policy WI2 (West of the town): Development in all of the strategic development areas will be subject to the policies in the Local Plan regarding affordable housing and lifetime homes and will help to maintain a balanced population structure.	None identified
	0	+	+	Policy WI2 (North of the town): See above	None identified
	0	+	+	Policy EC2 (Roughmoor, Williton): The site will have a positive effect through helping to ensure that the population of Williton can work within the town. Strengthening the economy in this way may have an indirect positive effect on changing the ratio of average earnings to average house prices and make housing	None identified

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				more affordable and thus helping to reduce deprivation.	
6a. Reduce land contamination, and safeguard soil and geological quality and quantity	0	0	0	Policy WI1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	-	-	Policy WI2 (West of the town): The strategic development area is greenfield. The site represents greenfield development and will not contribute to brownfield land targets.	Mitigation measure (Policy WI2 (West of the town)): No mitigation measure has been suggested for this impact as it is not possible to mitigate the fact that the site will not contribute to brownfield land targets. Therefore there will be a residual minor negative effect.
	0	-	-	Policy WI2 (North of the town): The strategic development area is mainly greenfield. . The site represents greenfield development and will not contribute to brownfield land targets.	Mitigation measure (Policy WI2 (North of the town)): No mitigation measure has been suggested for this impact as it is not possible to mitigate the fact that the site will not contribute to brownfield land targets. Therefore there will be a residual minor negative effect.
	0	0	0	Policy EC2 (Roughmoor, Williton): ): Because of the nature of the site as an extant industrial estate there could be some contamination issues associated with development. However, these will be dealt with through normal planning procedures.	None identified
7a. To reduce waste generation and	0	0	0	Policy WI1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified

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disposal, increase recycling and achieve the sustainable management of waste	0	0	0	Policy WI2 (West of the town): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy WI2 (North of the town): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy EC2 (Roughmoor, Williton): The major employment site will have a neutral effect.	None identified
8a. Maintain and improve the quality of ground/river/coastal water	0	0	0	Policy WI1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy WI2 (West of the town): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	-	-	Policy WI2 (North of the town): A stream runs from west to east through the southern part of the area and development on the site could have a minor negative effect.	Mitigation measure (Policy WI2 (North of the town)): Adequate drainage and best practice construction techniques should be utilised on site.
	0	-	-	Policy EC2 (Roughmoor, Williton): A stream runs from west to east through part of the area and development on the site could have a minor negative effect.	Mitigation measure (Policy EC2 (Roughmoor, Williton)): Adequate drainage and best practice construction techniques should be utilised on site.
8b. Reduce risk of flooding including coastal flooding	0	+	+	Policy WI1: The policy will require development proposals to contribute towards resolving flood risk issues where appropriate. This will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.	None identified

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	0	-	-	Policy WI2 (West of the town): There is a risk of flooding in this strategic development area. The site boundaries have been adjusted, however, to exclude those areas most at risk and the policy now recognizes that flood infrastructure should be provided. The site could still have a minor negative effect on the SA objective.	Mitigation measure (Policy WI2 (West of the town)): Investigation is needed regarding the need for flood attenuation measures. Measures should be put forward to reduce the risk of flooding on and off site. These measures should be specified in the Plan or in a development brief.
	0	-	-	Policy WI2 (North of the town): There is a risk of flooding in this strategic development area. The site boundaries have been adjusted, however, to exclude those areas most at risk and the policy now recognizes that flood infrastructure should be provided. The site could still have a minor negative effect on the SA objective.	Mitigation measure (Policy WI2 (North of the town)): Investigation is needed regarding the need for flood attenuation measures. Measures should be put forward to reduce the risk of flooding on and off site. These measures should be specified in the Plan or in a development brief.
	0	-	-	Policy EC2 (Roughmoor, Williton): The SFRA Part 2 has shown that the area is in Flood Zone 3a. However, because of the likely uses of the site and the fact that this is an already developed industrial estate the effect has been scored as minor negative.	Mitigation measure (Policy EC2 (Roughmoor, Williton)): Investigation is needed regarding the need for flood attenuation measures which are likely to be extensive. Measures should be put forward to reduce the risk of flooding on and off site. These

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					measures should be specified in the Plan or in a development brief.
8c. Improve efficiency of water use	0	0	0	Policy WI1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy WI2 (West of the town): Wessex Water has indicated that it is unlikely that any major water supply or water treatment projects are likely to be needed to service the level of development provided for in the Plan. Therefore, a neutral score has been given.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy WI2 (North of the town): As above.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy EC2 (Roughmoor, Williton): As above	None identified
9a. Protect the fabric and setting of designated and undesignated archaeological sites, monuments, structures and buildings, recorded Historic Parks and gardens, maritime and coastal heritage, listed buildings and conservation areas	0	0	0	Policy WI1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	Enhancement measure (Policy WI1): Development policies for Minehead make several references to protecting and enhancing the historic and natural environment. Policy WI1 would benefit from similar additions to policy.
	0	?	?	Policy WI2 (West of the town): The northern boundary of the site abuts an Area of High Archaeological Potential. The Historic Environment Record contains some records within all the strategic development areas. These records show that there is high potential for heritage assets of local significance within the areas. Most of these represent designated heritage assets (Scheduled Monuments) and show the high potential for significant prehistoric remains in the Williton area. These include Battlegore Cemetery Scheduled Monument. The policy has been strengthened in that it now requires an enhancement	Mitigation measure (Policy WI2 (West of the town)): Programmes of archaeological field evaluation would be required prior to determination of individual planning applications.

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				<p>scheme for the prehistoric cemetery to be set out as part of any planning applications submitted in this area.</p> <p>The areas are predominantly Greenfield which means that their full potential for significant heritage assets cannot adequately be assessed from existing records.</p>	
	0	0	?	<p>Policy WI2 (North of the town): The Historic Environment Record contains some records within all the strategic development areas. These records show that there is high potential for heritage assets of local significance within the areas. Most of these represent designated heritage assets (Scheduled Monuments) and show the high potential for significant prehistoric remains in the Williton area.</p> <p>The areas are predominantly Greenfield which means that their full potential for significant heritage assets cannot adequately be assessed from existing records.</p>	<p>Mitigation measure (Policy WI2 (North of the town)): Programmes of archaeological field evaluation would be required prior to determination of individual planning applications.</p>
	0	0	0	<p>Policy EC2 (Roughmoor, Williton): The effect of the employment site on heritage is likely to be neutral due to the nature of the site as an extant industrial estate.</p>	None identified
10a. To improve the health and wellbeing of the population and improve access to health services for all	0	0	0	<p>Policy WI1: The policy will have a neutral effect.</p>	None identified
	0	0	0	<p>Policy WI2 (West of the town): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect.</p>	None identified
	0	0	0	<p>Policy WI2 (North of the town): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect.</p>	None identified
	0	0	0	<p>Policy EC2 (Roughmoor, Williton): The major employment site will have a neutral effect.</p>	None identified

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11a. Ensure that special and distinctive landscapes, and the features within them, are conserved and enhanced	0	0	0	Policy WI1: The policy will have a neutral effect but could be further enhanced.	Enhancement measure (Policy WI1): Development policies for Minehead make several references to protecting and enhancing the historic and natural environment. Policy WI1 would benefit from similar additions to policy.
	0	0	0	Policy WI2 (West of the town): The strategic development area does not directly affect designated landscapes and should not affect any areas deemed to be of high landscape value.	None identified
	0	-	-	Policy WI2 (North of the town): The strategic development area will not affect any areas deemed to be of high landscape value. However, the area is on the lower part of the escarpment that overlooks Williton village and could have some effects on views from the town. Unless well planned, development could cause a minor negative effect on the SA objective.	Mitigation measure (Policy WI2 (North of the town)): A landscape appraisal should be carried out before development goes ahead. This should be specified in the Plan or in a development brief.
	0	0	0	Policy EC2 (Roughmoor, Williton): The site does not directly affect designated landscapes and should not affect any areas deemed to be of high landscape value.	None identified
11b. Enhance the form and design of the built environment	0	0	0	Policy WI1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	Enhancement measure (Policy WI1): Development policies for Minehead make several references to protecting and enhancing the historic and natural environment. Policy WI1 would benefit from similar additions to policy.

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	0	0	0	Policy WI2 (West of the town): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect as the form of the proposed development has not been decided yet	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy WI2 (North of the town): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect as the form of the proposed development has not been decided yet	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy EC2 (Roughmoor, Williton): The major employment site will have a neutral effect as the form of the proposed development has not been decided yet	None identified
11c. Ensure provision is made to incorporate green infrastructure into spatial planning	0	0	0	Policy WI1: The policy will have a neutral effect. Other policies deal with green infrastructure.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy WI2 (West of the town): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy WI2 (North of the town): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy EC2 (Roughmoor, Williton): The major employment site will have a neutral effect.	None identified
12a. Improve sustainable economic activity within West Somerset enabling regeneration of key areas	0	+	+	Policy WI1: The policy will help to strengthen Williton's role as a local employment centre for the North Eastern part of West Somerset. This will have a minor positive effect.	None identified
	0	+	+	Policy WI2 (West of the town): All of the strategic development areas will be mixed use development offering some employment land. Therefore, all the areas will be positive in increasing available workspace and access to opportunities in the town. This will have a minor positive effect.	None identified

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<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
	0	0	+	Policy WI2 (North of the town): See above	None identified
	0	++	++	Policy EC2 (Roughmoor, Williton): The site will be positive in increasing available workspace and access to opportunities in the town. This will have a significant positive effect.	None identified
13a. Protect and enhance biodiversity at all levels	0	0	0	Policy WI1: The policy will have a neutral effect. However, the policy could be enhanced.	Enhancement measure (Policy WI1): Development policies for Minehead make several references to protecting and enhancing the historic and natural environment. Policy WI1 would benefit from similar additions to policy.
	0	0	0	Policy WI2 (West of the town): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect. The area is mainly pasture and arable farm land. However, there are some hedges and trees on the site which should be surveyed before any development takes place.	Mitigation measure (Policy WI2 (West of the town)): If development goes ahead a full ecological assessment should be carried out. The requirements for this assessment should be included within the policy wording or supporting text and further detail could be provided within a development brief if this is being prepared.
	0	0	0	Policy WI2 (North of the town): The strategic development area will have a neutral effect. The area is mainly pasture and arable farming but there are some areas of rough grassland on the site which should be surveyed before any development takes place.	Mitigation measure (Policy WI2 (North of the town)): If development goes ahead a full ecological assessment should be carried out. The requirements for this assessment should be included

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					within the policy wording or supporting text and further detail could be provided within a development brief if this is being prepared.
	0	0	0	Policy EC2 (Roughmoor, Williton): The effect of the employment site on biodiversity noise is likely to be neutral due to the nature of the site as an extant industrial estate.	None identified
13b. Maintain, restore and enhance populations of focal species	0	0	0	Policy WI1: The policy will have a neutral effect. Other policies address biodiversity.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy WI2 (West of the town): The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy WI2 (North of the town): The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy EC2 (Roughmoor, Williton): The site does not affect any populations of focal species.	None identified
13c. Increase the land area of UK Biodiversity Action Plan habitats within the district	0	0	0	Policy WI1: The policy will have a neutral effect. Other policies address biodiversity.	None identified
	0	-	-	Policy WI2 (West of the town): The strategic development area will have a minor negative effect as it will not increase BAP habitats.	Mitigation measure (Policy WI2 (West of the town)): To enhance sustainability the site development process should address how the site can enhance biodiversity at all levels including how BAP habitats and species can be enhanced. This should be specified in the Plan or in

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<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
					a development brief.
	0	-	-	Policy WI2 (North of the town): The strategic development area will have a minor negative effect as it will not increase BAP habitats.	Mitigation measure (Policy WI2 (North of the town)): To enhance sustainability the site development process should address how the site can enhance biodiversity at all levels including how BAP habitats and species can be enhanced. This should be specified in the Plan or in a development brief.
	0	0	0	Policy EC2 (Roughmoor, Williton): The effect of the employment site on noise is likely to be neutral due to the nature of the site as an extant industrial estate.	None identified
13d. Maintain and improve the conservation status of selected designated and non-designated nature conservation sites	0	0	0	Policy WI1: The policy will have a neutral effect. Other policies address biodiversity.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy WI2 (West of the town): According to the HRA there is a potential impact on heathland habitats from degradation and /or loss of habitat due to increased access and degraded air quality. This effect has been subject to a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment which found that there is unlikely to be significant effect on the integrity of heathland caused by policies in the Plan. This is due to the management afforded by the Exmoor National Park Partnership Plan 2007 – 2012 and the provisions of the Environment Act 1995 and the fact that air pollution effects tend to be confined to within 150 metres of the road. According to the HRA there is also a potential impact on woodland habitats from degradation and /or loss of habitat due to increased access and degraded air quality. This effect has	None identified

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<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
				been subject to a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment which found that there is unlikely to be significant effect on the integrity of woodland caused by policies in the Plan. This is due to the management afforded by the National Park and AONB and the fact that air pollution effects tend to be confined to within 150 metres of the road.	
	0	0	0	Policy WI2 (North of the town): According to the HRA there is a potential impact on heathland habitats from degradation and /or loss of habitat due to increased access and degraded air quality. This effect has been subject to a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment which found that there is unlikely to be significant effect on the integrity of heathland caused by policies in the Plan. This is due to the management afforded by the Exmoor National Park Partnership Plan 2007 – 2012 and the provisions of the Environment Act 1995 and the fact that air pollution effects tend to be confined to within 150 metres of the road. According to the HRA there is also a potential impact on woodland habitats from degradation and /or loss of habitat due to increased access and degraded air quality. This effect has been subject to a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment which found that there is unlikely to be significant effect on the integrity of woodland caused by policies in the Plan. This is due to the management afforded by the National Park and AONB and the fact that air pollution effects tend to be confined to within 150 metres of the road.	None identified
	0	0	0	Policy EC2 (Roughmoor, Williton): The site does not affect any internationally, nationally or locally designated wildlife sites or undesignated sites.	None identified

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: SETTLEMENT POLICIES OTHER (Policy SV1 Development at primary and secondary villages, Policy OC1 Open countryside development)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
1a. Reduce impacts on tranquility from noise and visual intrusion	0	0	0	Both policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
1b. Reduce the need to travel and facilitate modal shift (particularly with regard to reducing the impact of traffic during the peak summer months)	+/0	+/0	+/0	Policy SV1: The policy may reduce the need to travel in a small way by strengthening the services available in local communities meaning that residents do not have to drive further afield to access some services. This will have a minor positive effect. Policy OC1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
2a. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions	+/0	+/0	+/0	Policy SV1: The policies may lead to a reduction in emissions through reducing the need to travel (see above). This will have a minor positive effect. Policy OC1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
2b. Improve adaptation for unavoidable climate change including consideration of the location of development	0	0	0	Both policies will have a neutral effect. Other policies address climate change issues.	None identified
2c. Increase energy efficiency and the amount of energy generated from renewable sources	-	-	-	Policy SV1: The policy will have a neutral effect. Other policies address energy issues. Policy OC1: The requirement for development to be low impact has been removed and the reference to the SPD on Low Impact Development has also been removed from the document. This has meant that an opportunity to improve the sustainability of development has been missed and the policy will have a minor negative effect.	Mitigation measure (Policy OC1): The requirement for development to be low impact should be re-instated to the policy.
3a. Reduce anti-social behaviour and fear of crime	0	0	0	Both policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: SETTLEMENT POLICIES OTHER (Policy SV1 Development at primary and secondary villages, Policy OC1 Open countryside development)</b>					
4a. Ensure equitable access to viable facilities and services for all sectors of the community including those in rural areas	+/0	+/0	+/0	Policy SV1: The policy will help to strengthen some of the services available in local communities including those in rural areas and will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective. Policy OC1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
5a. To develop and maintain a balanced and sustainable population structure which good access to services, facilities and homes for all sectors of the society	+	+	+	Policy SV1: The development proposed will help to maintain a balanced population structure and address the shortage and affordability issues within the local housing market. This will have a minor positive effect. Policy OC1: The development proposed could help to address the shortage and affordability issues within the local housing market. This will have a minor positive effect.	None identified
6a. Reduce land contamination, and safeguard soil and geological quality and quantity	0	0	0	Both policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
7a. To reduce waste generation and disposal, increase recycling and achieve the sustainable management of waste	-	-	-	Policy SV1: The policy will have a neutral effect. Policy OC1: The requirement for development to be low impact has been removed and the reference to the SPD on Low Impact Development has also been removed from the document. This has meant that an opportunity to improve the sustainability of development has been missed and the policy will have a minor negative effect.	Mitigation measure (Policy OC1): The requirement for development to be low impact should be re-instated to the policy.
8a. Maintain and improve the quality of ground/river/coastal water	0	0	0	Both policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
8b. Reduce risk of flooding including coastal flooding	0	0	0	Both policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
8c. Improve efficiency of water use	-	-	-	Policy SV1: The policy will have a neutral effect. Policy OC1: The requirement for development to be low impact has been removed and the reference to the SPD on Low Impact	Mitigation measure (Policy OC1): The requirement for development to be low impact should be re-

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				Development has also been removed from the document. This has meant that an opportunity to improve the sustainability of development has been missed and the policy will have a minor negative effect.	instated to the policy.
9a. Protect the fabric and setting of designated and undesignated archaeological sites, monuments, structures and buildings, recorded Historic Parks and gardens, maritime and coastal heritage, listed buildings and conservation areas	0	0	0	Both policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
10a. To improve the health and wellbeing of the population and improve access to health services for all	+/0	+/0	+/0	Policy SV1: The policy will help to strengthen some of the services available in local communities including those in rural areas and will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective. Policy OC1: The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
11a. Ensure that special and distinctive landscapes, and the features within them, are conserved and enhanced	0	0	0	Both policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
11b. Enhance the form and design of the built environment	+	+	+	Policy SV1: The policy has been strengthened with regard to townscape character and will have a positive effect on the built environment through ensuring that development is designed to form an integral, harmonious addition to settlement's existing character. Policy OC1: The policy will encourage the retention of traditionally constructed buildings in the countryside and this will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.	None identified
11c. Ensure provision is made to incorporate green infrastructure into spatial planning	0	0	0	Both policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: SETTLEMENT POLICIES OTHER (Policy SV1 Development at primary and secondary villages, Policy OC1 Open countryside development)</b>					
12a. Improve sustainable economic activity within West Somerset enabling regeneration of key areas	+	+	+	<p>Policy SV1: Small amounts of development could strengthen the viability of existing businesses in villages having a minor positive effect.</p> <p>Policy OC1: The policy encourages small scale employment uses in the countryside increasing employment available for rural populations. The policy will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.</p>	None identified
13a. Protect and enhance biodiversity at all levels	0	0	0	Both policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
13b. Maintain, restore and enhance populations of focal species	0	0	0	Both policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
13c. Increase the land area of UK Biodiversity Action Plan habitats within the district	0	0	0	Both policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
13d. Maintain and improve the conservation status of selected designated and non-designated nature conservation sites	0	0	0	Both policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: ECONOMY (Policy EC1 Widening and strengthening the local economy, Policy EC3 Greenfield employment generating development, Policy EC4 Home-based business activities, Policy EC5 Safeguarding existing employment uses, Policy EC6 Work/live developments, Policy EC7 Training and educational provision, Policy EC8 Tourism in settlements, Policy EC9 Tourism outside of settlements, Policy EC10 Gateway settlements, Policy EC11 Agriculture, New Policy EC12 Minehead Primary Retail Area and Central Areas for Alcombe, Watchet and Williton)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
1a. Reduce impacts on tranquility from noise and visual intrusion	0	0	0	<p>All the policies have the potential to have a negative effect on noise and visual intrusion if they suggest development that directly impacts upon communities. However, this is addressed by Policy NH6.</p> <p>New Policy EC12: The policy will help to boost the retail areas of Alcombe, Watchet and Williton. These areas are more accessible by public transport than other areas so this will be positive for facilitating modal shift and reducing emissions.</p>	None identified
1b. Reduce the need to travel and facilitate modal shift (particularly with regard to reducing the impact of traffic during the peak summer months)	+/0	+/0	+/0	<p>Policy EC1, EC4, EC5, EC6 and EC7: Plans to make the West Somerset economy stronger will reduce out-commuting to other neighbouring districts and will reduce the need to travel and allowing live-work units and home based businesses will help reduce local commuting and traffic. This will have a minor positive effect.</p> <p>Policy EC3: The policy will be positive in ensuring that employment development is only directed to greenfield sites once other sites have been investigated and only if the site will not cause unsustainable travel patterns. This will have a minor positive effect.</p> <p>Policy EC8, EC9 and EC10: The policies ensure that where possible tourist attractions are within existing settlements thus maximizing their accessibility by public transport. This will have a minor positive effect. Policy EC8 has also been strengthened in relation to parking, amenity and access.</p> <p>Policy EC11: The policy will have a neutral effect.</p> <p>New Policy EC12: The policy will help to boost the retail areas</p>	None identified

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<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
				of Alcombe, Watchet and Williton. These areas are more accessible by public transport than other areas so this will be positive for facilitating modal shift.	
2a. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions	+/0	+/0	+/0	<p>Policy EC1, EC4, EC5, EC6, EC7, EC8, EC9 and EC10: The policies may lead to a reduction in emissions through reducing the need to travel and facilitating public transport use (see above). This will have a minor positive effect.</p> <p>Policy EC3: The policy will have a neutral effect.</p> <p>Policy EC11: The policy may support a low carbon economy if farm diversification for fuel production occurs. This will have a minor positive effect.</p> <p>New Policy EC12: The policy will help to boost the retail areas of Alcombe, Watchet and Williton. These areas are more accessible by public transport than other areas so this will be positive for facilitating modal shift and reducing emissions.</p>	None identified
2b. Improve adaptation for unavoidable climate change including consideration of the location of development	0	0	0	All the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
2c. Increase energy efficiency and the amount of energy generated from renewable sources	0/+	0/+	0/+	<p>Policy EC1, EC3, EC4, EC5, EC6, EC7, EC8, EC9, EC10 and EC12: The policies will have a neutral effect.</p> <p>Policy EC11: The policy may support a low carbon economy if farm diversification for fuel production occurs. This will have a minor positive effect.</p>	None identified
3a. Reduce anti-social behaviour and	0	0	0	All the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: ECONOMY (Policy EC1 Widening and strengthening the local economy, Policy EC3 Greenfield employment generating development, Policy EC4 Home-based business activities, Policy EC5 Safeguarding existing employment uses, Policy EC6 Work/live developments, Policy EC7 Training and educational provision, Policy EC8 Tourism in settlements, Policy EC9 Tourism outside of settlements, Policy EC10 Gateway settlements, Policy EC11 Agriculture, New Policy EC12 Minehead Primary Retail Area and Central Areas for Alcombe, Watchet and Williton)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
fear of crime					
4a. Ensure equitable access to viable facilities and services for all sectors of the community including those in rural areas	+/0	+/0	+/0	<p>Policy EC1, EC3, EC4, EC5, EC6, EC7 and EC11: The provision of a range of employment opportunities and skills training for local people could have a minor positive effect on deprivation.</p> <p>Policy EC8, EC9 and EC10: The policies will have a neutral effect.</p> <p>New Policy EC12: The policy will help to boost the retail areas of Alcombe, Watchet and Williton. This consolidation should help to safeguard facilities and services for the population of West Somerset.</p>	None identified
5a. To develop and maintain a balanced and sustainable population structure which good access to services, facilities and homes for all sectors of the society	+	+	+	All policies: Increasing the skills of the workforce, the range of jobs, consolidating of retail facilities and the proportion of better paid jobs in the area may have an indirect positive effect on changing the ratio of average earnings to average house prices and make housing more affordable. This will have a minor positive effect.	None identified
6a. Reduce land contamination, and safeguard soil and geological quality and quantity	0/+	0/+	0/+	<p>Policy EC1, EC4, EC5, EC6, EC7, EC8, EC9, EC10, EC11 and EC12: The policy will have a neutral effect.</p> <p>Policy EC3: The policy will be positive in ensuring that employment development is only directed to greenfield sites once other sites have been investigated.</p>	None identified
7a. To reduce waste generation and disposal, increase recycling and achieve the sustainable management of waste	0	0	0	All the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: ECONOMY (Policy EC1 Widening and strengthening the local economy, Policy EC3 Greenfield employment generating development, Policy EC4 Home-based business activities, Policy EC5 Safeguarding existing employment uses, Policy EC6 Work/live developments, Policy EC7 Training and educational provision, Policy EC8 Tourism in settlements, Policy EC9 Tourism outside of settlements, Policy EC10 Gateway settlements, Policy EC11 Agriculture, New Policy EC12 Minehead Primary Retail Area and Central Areas for Alcombe, Watchet and Williton)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
8a. Maintain and improve the quality of ground/river/coastal water	0	0	0	All the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
8b. Reduce risk of flooding including coastal flooding	0	0	0	All the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
8c. Improve efficiency of water use	0	0	0	All the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
9a. Protect the fabric and setting of designated and undesignated archaeological sites, monuments, structures and buildings, recorded Historic Parks and gardens, maritime and coastal heritage, listed buildings and conservation areas	0	0	0	All the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
10a. To improve the health and wellbeing of the population and improve access to health services for all	0	0	0	All the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
11a. Ensure that special and distinctive landscapes, and the features within them, are conserved and enhanced	0	0	0	All the policies will have a neutral effect. Policy EC6 has been strengthened in relation to development in the open countryside.	None identified
11b. Enhance the form and design of the built environment	0	0	0	All the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
11c. Ensure provision is made to incorporate green infrastructure into spatial planning	0	0	0	All the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: ECONOMY (Policy EC1 Widening and strengthening the local economy, Policy EC3 Greenfield employment generating development, Policy EC4 Home-based business activities, Policy EC5 Safeguarding existing employment uses, Policy EC6 Work/live developments, Policy EC7 Training and educational provision, Policy EC8 Tourism in settlements, Policy EC9 Tourism outside of settlements, Policy EC10 Gateway settlements, Policy EC11 Agriculture, New Policy EC12 Minehead Primary Retail Area and Central Areas for Alcombe, Watchet and Williton)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
12a. Improve sustainable economic activity within West Somerset enabling regeneration of key areas	++	++	++	Policy EC1, EC3, EC4, EC5, EC6, EC7, EC8, EC9, EC10 and EC11: Encouraging development that makes the local economy stronger and more diverse whilst increasing skills, the proportion of higher paid jobs and higher value businesses will have a significant positive effect.	None identified
13a. Protect and enhance biodiversity at all levels	0	0	0	All the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
13b. Maintain, restore and enhance populations of focal species	0	0	0	<p>Policy EC3: According to the HRA there is a potential impact on barbastelle bats from loss of feeding habitat and severance of flight lines preventing access to feeding areas. However, this is mitigated by policies NH3 and NH8 so the effect is neutral.</p> <p>According to the HRA there is also a potential impact on otters from disturbance to holt sites including those used for breeding. This effect has been subject to a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment which found that there is unlikely to be significant effect on the integrity of European sites from disturbance to otter holts caused by policies in the Plan. This is due to the locations of likely holts in relation to development and the sensitivity of otters to certain types of disturbance.</p> <p>Policy EC9 and Policy EC10: According to the HRA there is a potential impact on several aspects of habitat and species integrity including barbastelle bats from loss of feeding habitat and severance of flight lines and increased recreation, otters from disturbance to holts, wintering birds, heathland and woodland due to increased access and degraded air quality. However, after a stage 2 Appropriate Assessment, the HRA has</p>	None identified

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: ECONOMY (Policy EC1 Widening and strengthening the local economy, Policy EC3 Greenfield employment generating development, Policy EC4 Home-based business activities, Policy EC5 Safeguarding existing employment uses, Policy EC6 Work/live developments, Policy EC7 Training and educational provision, Policy EC8 Tourism in settlements, Policy EC9 Tourism outside of settlements, Policy EC10 Gateway settlements, Policy EC11 Agriculture, New Policy EC12 Minehead Primary Retail Area and Central Areas for Alcombe, Watchet and Williton)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
				<p>concluded that these effects are likely to be neutral.</p> <p>Policy EC11: According to the HRA there is a potential impact on Barbastelle bats and wintering and migratory birds and wildfowl through mortality from wind turbine development. However, this is mitigated by policies NH3, NH8 and NH9 so the effect is neutral.</p> <p>All the other policies will have a neutral effect.</p>	
13c. Increase the land area of UK Biodiversity Action Plan habitats within the district	0	0	0	All the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
13d. Maintain and improve the conservation status of selected designated and non-designated nature conservation sites	0	0	0	<p>Policy EC3, EC9 and EC10: According to the HRA there is a potential impact on barbastelle bats from loss of feeding habitat. However, this is mitigated by policies NH3 and NH8 so the effect is neutral. According to the HRA there is also a potential impact on otters from disturbance to holt sites including those used for breeding. This effect has been subject to a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment which found that there is unlikely to be significant effect on the integrity of European sites from disturbance to otter holts caused by policies in the Plan. This is due to the locations of likely holts in relation to development and the sensitivity of otters to certain types of disturbance.</p> <p>Policy EC9 and Policy EC10: According to the HRA there is a potential impact on several aspects of habitat integrity including heathland and woodland due to increased access and degraded air quality. However, after a stage 2 Appropriate Assessment, the HRA has concluded that these effects are likely to be</p>	None identified

Aspect of the Plan being assessed: <b>ECONOMY (Policy EC1 Widening and strengthening the local economy, Policy EC3 Greenfield employment generating development, Policy EC4 Home-based business activities, Policy EC5 Safeguarding existing employment uses, Policy EC6 Work/live developments, Policy EC7 Training and educational provision, Policy EC8 Tourism in settlements, Policy EC9 Tourism outside of settlements, Policy EC10 Gateway settlements, Policy EC11 Agriculture, New Policy EC12 Minehead Primary Retail Area and Central Areas for Alcombe, Watchet and Williton)</b>					
SA Objective	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement
				neutral. All the other policies will have a neutral effect.	

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: TRANSPORT (Policy TR1 Access to and from West Somerset, Policy TR2 Reducing reliance on the private car)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
1a. Reduce impacts on tranquility from noise and visual intrusion	+	+	+	Policy TR1 and TR2: The policies will help to promote modal shift and reduce reliance on the private car so should reduce air and noise pollution. The policies will have a minor positive effect.	None identified
1b. Reduce the need to travel and facilitate modal shift (particularly with regard to reducing the impact of traffic during the peak summer months)	+	+	+	Policy TR1 and TR2: The policies will help to promote modal shift and reduce reliance on the private car so should have a minor positive effect.	None identified
2a. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions	+	+	+	Policy TR1 and TR2: The policies will help to promote modal shift and reduce reliance on the private car (thus reducing greenhouse gas emissions) so should have a minor positive effect.	None identified
2b. Improve adaptation for unavoidable climate change including consideration of the location of development	0	0	0	Both the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
2c. Increase energy efficiency and the amount of energy generated from renewable sources	0	0	0	Both the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
3a. Reduce anti-social behaviour and fear of crime	0	0	0	Both the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
4a. Ensure equitable access to viable facilities and services for all sectors of the community including those in rural areas	+	+	+	Policy TR1 and TR2: Development will be promoted that helps to complement existing service and facility provision and this will have a minor positive effect.	None identified
5a. To develop and maintain a balanced and sustainable population structure which good access to services, facilities	0	0	0	Both the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: TRANSPORT (Policy TR1 Access to and from West Somerset, Policy TR2 Reducing reliance on the private car)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
and homes for all sectors of the society					
6a. Reduce land contamination, and safeguard soil and geological quality and quantity	0	0	0	Both the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
7a. To reduce waste generation and disposal, increase recycling and achieve the sustainable management of waste	0	0	0	Both the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
8a. Maintain and improve the quality of ground/river/coastal water	0	0	0	Both the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
8b. Reduce risk of flooding including coastal flooding	0	0	0	Both the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
8c. Improve efficiency of water use	0	0	0	Both the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
9a. Protect the fabric and setting of designated and undesignated archaeological sites, monuments, structures and buildings, recorded Historic Parks and gardens, maritime and coastal heritage, listed buildings and conservation areas	0	0	0	Both the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
10a. To improve the health and wellbeing of the population and improve access to health services for all	0	0	0	Both the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
11a. Ensure that special and distinctive landscapes, and the features within them, are conserved and enhanced	0	0	0	Both the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
11b. Enhance the form and design of the	0	0	0	Both the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: TRANSPORT (Policy TR1 Access to and from West Somerset, Policy TR2 Reducing reliance on the private car)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
built environment					
11c. Ensure provision is made to incorporate green infrastructure into spatial planning	0	0	0	Both the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
12a. Improve sustainable economic activity within West Somerset enabling regeneration of key areas	0	0	0	Both the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
13a. Protect and enhance biodiversity at all levels	0	0	0	Both the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
13b. Maintain, restore and enhance populations of focal species	0	0	0	Both the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
13c. Increase the land area of UK Biodiversity Action Plan habitats within the district	0	0	0	Both the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
13d. Maintain and improve the conservation status of selected designated and non-designated nature conservation sites	0	0	0	Both the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND PUBLIC HEALTH (Policy CF1 Maximising access to recreational facilities, Policy CF2 Planning for healthy communities)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
1a. Reduce impacts on tranquility from noise and visual intrusion	0	0	0	Both the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
1b. Reduce the need to travel and facilitate modal shift (particularly with regard to reducing the impact of traffic during the peak summer months)	0/+	0/+	0/+	Policy CF1: The policy will have a neutral effect. Policy CF2: The policy will help to encourage walking and cycling as a means of accessing services and also recreationally. This may have a minor positive effect on reducing the effect of traffic.	None identified
2a. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions	0/+	0/+	0/+	Policy CF1: The policy will have a neutral effect. Policy CF2: The policy will help to encourage walking and cycling as a means of accessing services and also recreationally. This may have a minor positive effect on reducing the effect of traffic and of carbon emissions.	None identified
2b. Improve adaptation for unavoidable climate change including consideration of the location of development	0	0	0	Both the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
2c. Increase energy efficiency and the amount of energy generated from renewable sources	0	0	0	Both the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
3a. Reduce anti-social behaviour and fear of crime	0	0	0	Both the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
4a. Ensure equitable access to viable facilities and services for all sectors of the community including those in rural areas	+	+	+	Policy CF1: The policy will help to ensure the provision and retention of health, sport, recreation and cultural facilities so will have a minor positive effect. The policy has been strengthened in relation to retention of facilities and this is positive. Policy CF2: The policy will help to encourage walking and cycling so will encourage access to services and will have a	None identified

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND PUBLIC HEALTH (Policy CF1 Maximising access to recreational facilities, Policy CF2 Planning for healthy communities)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
				minor positive effect on the SA objective.	
5a. To develop and maintain a balanced and sustainable population structure which good access to services, facilities and homes for all sectors of the society	0	0	0	Both the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
6a. Reduce land contamination, and safeguard soil and geological quality and quantity	0	0	0	Both the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
7a. To reduce waste generation and disposal, increase recycling and achieve the sustainable management of waste	0	0	0	Both the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
8a. Maintain and improve the quality of ground/river/coastal water	0	0	0	Both the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
8b. Reduce risk of flooding including coastal flooding	0	0	0	Both the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
8c. Improve efficiency of water use	0	0	0	Both the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
9a. Protect the fabric and setting of designated and undesignated archaeological sites, monuments, structures and buildings, recorded Historic Parks and gardens, maritime and coastal heritage, listed buildings and conservation areas	0	0	0	Both the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
10a. To improve the health and wellbeing of the population and improve access to	+	+	+	Policy CF1: The policy will help to ensure the provision and retention of health, sport, recreation and cultural facilities which	None identified

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND PUBLIC HEALTH (Policy CF1 Maximising access to recreational facilities, Policy CF2 Planning for healthy communities)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
health services for all				are likely to encourage healthy behaviour so will have a minor positive effect. The policy has been strengthened in relation to retention of facilities and this is positive.  Policy CF2: The policy will help to encourage walking and cycling so will encourage access to services, healthy behaviour and will have a minor positive effect.	
11a. Ensure that special and distinctive landscapes, and the features within them, are conserved and enhanced	0	0	0	Both the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
11b. Enhance the form and design of the built environment	0/+	0/+	0/+	Policy CF1: The policy will have a neutral effect.  Policy CF2: The policy will help to encourage design that shapes healthy communities and will have a minor positive effect.	None identified
11c. Ensure provision is made to incorporate green infrastructure into spatial planning	0	0	0	Policy CF1: The policy will have a neutral effect.  Policy CF2: The policy will help to encourage design that shapes healthy communities. However, the policy does not go as far as mentioning green infrastructure in particular so the effect on the SA objective will be neutral. The provision of adequate green infrastructure is addressed in Policy ID1.	None identified
12a. Improve sustainable economic activity within West Somerset enabling regeneration of key areas	0	0	0	Both the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
13a. Protect and enhance biodiversity at all levels	0	0	0	Both the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
13b. Maintain, restore and enhance populations of focal species	0	0	0	Policy CF1: According to the HRA there is a potential impact on barbastelle bats from loss of feeding habitat and severance of	None identified

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND PUBLIC HEALTH (Policy CF1 Maximising access to recreational facilities, Policy CF2 Planning for healthy communities)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
				flight lines preventing access to feeding areas. However, this is mitigated by policies NH3 and NH8 so the effect is neutral. Policy CF2: The policy will have a neutral effect.	
13c. Increase the land area of UK Biodiversity Action Plan habitats within the district	0	0	0	Both the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
13d. Maintain and improve the conservation status of selected designated and non-designated nature conservation sites	0	0	0	Policy CF1: According to the HRA there is a potential impact on barbastelle bats from loss of feeding habitat. However, this is mitigated by policies NH3 and NH8 so the effect is neutral. Policy CF2: The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: CLIMATE CHANGE (Policy CC1 Carbon reduction – small scale schemes, Policy CC2 Flood risk management, Policy CC3 Coastal change management area, Policy CC4 Coastal zone protection, Policy CC5 Water efficiency, Policy CC6 Water management)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
1a. Reduce impacts on tranquility from noise and visual intrusion	?/0/+	?/0/+	?/0/+	<p>Policy CC1: The policy may have implications on air and noise dependent on what kind of renewable energy systems are developed. For example, large number of wood fuel systems could have negative effects on air quality due to emissions. The effect has been scored as uncertain.</p> <p>Policy CC2, CC5, CC6: The policies will have a neutral effect.</p> <p>Policy CC3, CC4: The policies will have a minor positive effect on tranquility by reducing development in the coastal zone to that which requires a coastal location.</p>	Mitigation measure (Policy CC1): An air and noise assessment (including the transport implications of fuel delivery) should be carried out before the development of renewable energy schemes which could form part of an energy strategy including detail on fuel supply, transport and routes as well as the carbon savings achievable.
1b. Reduce the need to travel and facilitate modal shift (particularly with regard to reducing the impact of traffic during the peak summer months)	0/?	0/?	0/?	<p>Policy CC1: The policy may have implications on road traffic dependent on what kind of renewable energy systems are developed. For example, large number of wood fuel systems could have negative effects due to wood deliveries. The effect has been scored as uncertain.</p> <p>Policy CC2, CC3, CC4, CC5, CC6: The policies will have a neutral effect.</p>	Mitigation measure (Policy CC1): An air and noise assessment (including the transport implications of fuel delivery) should be carried out before the development of renewable energy schemes which could form part of an energy strategy including detail on fuel supply, transport and routes as well as the carbon savings achievable.
2a. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions	+/0	+/0	+/0	<p>Policy CC1: The policies will have a minor positive effect in reducing carbon emissions through promotion of renewable energy and low energy systems.</p> <p>Policy CC2, CC3, CC4, CC5, CC6: The policies will have a neutral effect.</p>	Enhancement measure (Policy CC1): The policy would be clearer if it referred to the importance of energy efficiency as well as the importance of low energy systems and renewable energy.
2b. Improve adaptation for unavoidable climate change including consideration of	0/+ +	0/+ +	0/+ +	<p>Policy CC1, CC4, CC5: The policies will have a neutral effect.</p> <p>Policy CC2: The policy will have a significant positive effect</p>	None identified

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: CLIMATE CHANGE (Policy CC1 Carbon reduction – small scale schemes, Policy CC2 Flood risk management, Policy CC3 Coastal change management area, Policy CC4 Coastal zone protection, Policy CC5 Water efficiency, Policy CC6 Water management)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
the location of development				<p>through locating development in areas that would not exacerbate flooding and ensuring an assessment is carried out on the flood implications of new development. The policy has been strengthened in this version by the addition of references to the sequential and exception tests.</p> <p>Policy CC3: The policy will ensure that development does not occur in areas at risk of rapid coastal erosion and will have a significant positive effect.</p> <p>Policy CC6: The policy will help to ensure that areas at cumulative risk of flooding will only be permitted provided that suitable protection is given. This will have a significant positive effect.</p>	
2c. Increase energy efficiency and the amount of energy generated from renewable sources	+/0	+/0	+/0	<p>Policy CC1: The policies will have a minor positive effect in reducing carbon emissions through promotion of renewable energy.</p> <p>Policy CC2, CC3, CC4, CC5, CC6: The policies will have a neutral effect.</p>	Enhancement measure (Policy CC1): The policy would be clearer if it referred to the importance of energy efficiency as well as the importance of low energy systems and renewable energy.
3a. Reduce anti-social behaviour and fear of crime	0	0	0	All the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
4a. Ensure equitable access to viable facilities and services for all sectors of the community including those in rural areas	0	0	0	All the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
5a. To develop and maintain a balanced and sustainable population structure which good access to services, facilities	0	0	0	All the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: CLIMATE CHANGE (Policy CC1 Carbon reduction – small scale schemes, Policy CC2 Flood risk management, Policy CC3 Coastal change management area, Policy CC4 Coastal zone protection, Policy CC5 Water efficiency, Policy CC6 Water management)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
and homes for all sectors of the society					
6a. Reduce land contamination, and safeguard soil and geological quality and quantity	0	0	0	All the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
7a. To reduce waste generation and disposal, increase recycling and achieve the sustainable management of waste	0	0	0	All the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
8a. Maintain and improve the quality of ground/river/coastal water	0/+	0/+	0/+	Policy CC1, CC2, CC3, CC4, CC5: The policies will have a neutral effect.  Policy CC6: The policy will have a minor positive effect by ensuring that development will not have an effect on water availability, the water table, access to watercourses and cumulative risk of flooding.	None identified
8b. Reduce risk of flooding including coastal flooding	0/+ +	0/+ +	0/+ +	Policy CC1, CC4, CC5: The policies will have a neutral effect.  Policy CC2: The policy will have a significant positive effect through locating development in areas that would not exacerbate flooding and ensuring an assessment is carried out on the flood implications of new development. The policy has been strengthened in this version by the addition of references to the sequential and exception tests.  Policy CC3: The policy will ensure that development does not occur in areas at risk of rapid coastal erosion and will have a significant positive effect on reducing the risk to communities of coastal inundation.  Policy CC6: The policy will help to ensure that areas at cumulative risk of flooding will only be permitted provided that suitable protection is given. This will have a significant positive	Enhancement measure (Policy CC5): The policy would have a more positive effect if it required water saving measures rather than just encouraging them.

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: CLIMATE CHANGE (Policy CC1 Carbon reduction – small scale schemes, Policy CC2 Flood risk management, Policy CC3 Coastal change management area, Policy CC4 Coastal zone protection, Policy CC5 Water efficiency, Policy CC6 Water management)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
				effect.	
8c. Improve efficiency of water use	0/+	0/+	0/+	Policy CC1, CC2, CC3, CC4: The policies will have a neutral effect. Policy CC5: The policy will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective through encouraging the use of water saving measures in development Policy CC6: The policy will have a minor positive effect by encouraging development that will not have an effect on water availability	None identified
9a. Protect the fabric and setting of designated and undesignated archaeological sites, monuments, structures and buildings, recorded Historic Parks and gardens, maritime and coastal heritage, listed buildings and conservation areas	0	0	0	All the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
10a. To improve the health and wellbeing of the population and improve access to health services for all	0	0	0	All the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
11a. Ensure that special and distinctive landscapes, and the features within them, are conserved and enhanced	?/0/+	?/0/+	?/0/+	Policy CC1: The policy may have implications on landscape dependent on what kind of renewable energy systems are developed. The effect has been scored as uncertain. Policy CC2, CC5, CC6: The policies will have a neutral effect. Policy CC3, CC4: The policies will have a minor positive effect on tranquility by reducing development in the coastal zone to that which requires a coastal location.	Mitigation measure (Policy CC1): A landscape and townscape assessment should also be carried out. The requirements for these assessments should be included within the policy wording or supporting text and further detail could be provided within a development brief if this is being

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: CLIMATE CHANGE (Policy CC1 Carbon reduction – small scale schemes, Policy CC2 Flood risk management, Policy CC3 Coastal change management area, Policy CC4 Coastal zone protection, Policy CC5 Water efficiency, Policy CC6 Water management)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
					prepared.
11b. Enhance the form and design of the built environment	?/0	?/0	?/0	Policy CC1: The policy may have implications on the form of the built environment dependent on what kind of renewable energy systems are developed. The effect has been scored as uncertain.  Policy CC2, CC3, CC4, CC5, CC6: The policies will have a neutral effect.	Mitigation measure (Policy CC1): A landscape and townscape assessment should also be carried out. The requirements for these assessments should be included within the policy wording or supporting text and further detail could be provided within a development brief if this is being prepared.
11c. Ensure provision is made to incorporate green infrastructure into spatial planning	0	0	0	All the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
12a. Improve sustainable economic activity within West Somerset enabling regeneration of key areas	0/+	0/+	0/+	Policy CC1, CC2, CC3, CC5, CC6: The policies will have a neutral effect.  Policy CC4: The policy will help to ensure that tourism activities which require a coastal location are able to take advantage of these locations, whilst protecting the coastal zone from inessential development. This will have a minor positive effect.	None identified
13a. Protect and enhance biodiversity at all levels	0	0	0	All the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
13b. Maintain, restore and enhance populations of focal species	0	0	0	Policy CC1: According to the HRA there is a potential impact on Barbastelle bats and wintering and migratory birds and wildfowl through mortality from wind turbine development. However, this is mitigated by policies NH3, NH8 and NH9 so the effect is neutral.	None identified

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: CLIMATE CHANGE (Policy CC1 Carbon reduction – small scale schemes, Policy CC2 Flood risk management, Policy CC3 Coastal change management area, Policy CC4 Coastal zone protection, Policy CC5 Water efficiency, Policy CC6 Water management)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
				<p>Policy CC3 and CC4: According to the HRA there is a potential impact on wintering and migratory birds and wildfowl through disturbance to birds in coastal areas from increased access. This effect has been subject to a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment which found that there is unlikely to be significant effect on the integrity of European sites from disturbance to birds caused by policies in the Plan. This is due to the likely attractiveness of other recreational sites and due to management by the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust.</p> <p>The other policies will have a neutral effect.</p>	
13c. Increase the land area of UK Biodiversity Action Plan habitats within the district	0/+ +	0/+ +	0/+ +	<p>Policy CC1, CC2, CC5: The policies will have a neutral effect.</p> <p>Policy CC3, CC4: The policies will have a significant positive effect on protecting areas of mudflats along the coast.</p> <p>Policy CC6: The policy will help to protect the water table which will have a significant positive effect in protecting wetland and meadow habitats in the district.</p>	None identified
13d. Maintain and improve the conservation status of selected designated and non-designated nature conservation sites	0/+	0/+ +	0/+ +	<p>Policy CC1, CC2, CC5, CC6: The policies will have a neutral effect.</p> <p>Policy CC3, CC4: The policies will help protect the Blue Anchor to Lilstock Coast SSSI. This could have a significant positive effect on this area.</p>	None identified

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: NATURAL AND HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT (Policy NH1 Historic environment, Policy NH1A Areas of High Archaeological Potential, NH1B Archaeological sites of local significance, Policy NH2 Landscape character protection, Policy NH3 Nature conservation and the protection and enhancement of biodiversity, Policy NH4 Green infrastructure, Policy NH5 Protection of best and most versatile agricultural land, Policy NH6 Pollution, contaminated land and land instability, Policy NH8: Bat consultation zone, Policy NH9: Waterfowl consultation zone, New Policy NH10: Securing high standards of design)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
1a. Reduce impacts on tranquility from noise and visual intrusion	+ +/0	+ +/0	+ +/0	<p>Policy NH1, NH1A, NH1B, NH2, NH3, NH4, NH5, NH6, NH8, NH9: The policies will have a neutral effect.</p> <p>Policy NH6: The policy will have a significant positive effect on the SA objective by protecting current and future residents against air and noise pollution.</p> <p>Policy NH10: The policy will have a significant positive effect on the SA objective through ensuring that design of development is carefully considered to ensure it is not intrusive and fits in with local character.</p>	None identified
1b. Reduce the need to travel and facilitate modal shift (particularly with regard to reducing the impact of traffic during the peak summer months)	0/+	0/+	0/+	<p>Policy NH1, NH1A, NH1B, NH2, NH3, NH4, NH5, NH6, NH8, NH9: The policies will have a neutral effect.</p> <p>Policy NH10 will have a minor positive effect as it seeks to encourage the use of walking and cycling routes in new development.</p>	None identified
2a. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions	0/+	0/+	0/+	<p>Policy NH1, NH1A, NH1B, NH2, NH3, NH4, NH5, NH6, NH8, NH9: The policies will have a neutral effect.</p> <p>Policy NH10 will have a minor positive effect as it seeks to encourage measures to minimise carbon emissions and promote renewable energy.</p>	None identified
2b. Improve adaptation for unavoidable climate change including consideration of the location of development	0	0	0	All the policies will have a neutral effect. Policy NH10 could be made stronger, however by the inclusion of measures related to climate change adaptability and ensuring the design responds to likely future climate.	Enhancement measure: Policy NH10 could include measures related to climate change adaptability and ensuring the design responds to likely future

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: NATURAL AND HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT (Policy NH1 Historic environment, Policy NH1A Areas of High Archaeological Potential, NH1B Archaeological sites of local significance, Policy NH2 Landscape character protection, Policy NH3 Nature conservation and the protection and enhancement of biodiversity, Policy NH4 Green infrastructure, Policy NH5 Protection of best and most versatile agricultural land, Policy NH6 Pollution, contaminated land and land instability, Policy NH8: Bat consultation zone, Policy NH9: Waterfowl consultation zone, New Policy NH10: Securing high standards of design)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
					climate.
2c. Increase energy efficiency and the amount of energy generated from renewable sources	0/+	0/+	0/+	Policy NH1, NH1A, NH1B, NH2, NH3, NH4, NH5, NH6, NH8, NH9: The policies will have a neutral effect.  Policy NH10 will have a minor positive effect as it seeks to encourage measures to minimise carbon emissions and promote renewable energy.	None identified
3a. Reduce anti-social behaviour and fear of crime	0/+	0/+	0/+	Policy NH1, NH1A, NH1B, NH2, NH3, NH4, NH5, NH6, NH8, NH9: The policies will have a neutral effect.  Policy NH10 will have a minor positive effect as it seeks to ensure that development is attractive, safe and accessible.	None identified
4a. Ensure equitable access to viable facilities and services for all sectors of the community including those in rural areas	0/+	0/+	0/+	Policy NH1, NH1A, NH1B, NH2, NH3, NH4, NH5, NH6, NH8, NH9: The policies will have a neutral effect.  Policy NH10 will have a minor positive effect as it seeks to ensure that development is attractive, safe and accessible.	None identified
5a. To develop and maintain a balanced and sustainable population structure which good access to services, facilities and homes for all sectors of the society	0/+	0/+	0/+	Policy NH1, NH1A, NH1B, NH2, NH3, NH4, NH5, NH6, NH8, NH9: The policies will have a neutral effect.  Policy NH10 will have a minor positive effect as it seeks to ensure that development is attractive, safe and accessible.	None identified
6a. Reduce land contamination, and safeguard soil and geological quality and quantity	0/+	0/+	0/+	Policy NH1, NH1A, NH1B, NH2, NH3, NH4, NH8, NH9, NH10: The policies will have a neutral effect.  Policy NH5: The policy will have a minor significant effect in helping to protect Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land	None identified

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: NATURAL AND HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT (Policy NH1 Historic environment, Policy NH1A Areas of High Archaeological Potential, NH1B Archaeological sites of local significance, Policy NH2 Landscape character protection, Policy NH3 Nature conservation and the protection and enhancement of biodiversity, Policy NH4 Green infrastructure, Policy NH5 Protection of best and most versatile agricultural land, Policy NH6 Pollution, contaminated land and land instability, Policy NH8: Bat consultation zone, Policy NH9: Waterfowl consultation zone, New Policy NH10: Securing high standards of design)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
				from development. Policy NH6: The policy will have a minor positive effect by ensuring that contaminated sites will include measures to prevent unacceptable risk to the environment or human health.	
7a. To reduce waste generation and disposal, increase recycling and achieve the sustainable management of waste	0	0	0	All the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
8a. Maintain and improve the quality of ground/river/coastal water	0	0	0	All the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
8b. Reduce risk of flooding including coastal flooding	0	0	0	All the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
8c. Improve efficiency of water use	0	0	0	All the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
9a. Protect the fabric and setting of designated and undesignated archaeological sites, monuments, structures and buildings, recorded Historic Parks and gardens, maritime and coastal heritage, listed buildings and conservation areas	+ +/0	+ +/0	+ +/0	Policy NH1, NH1A, NH1B and NH10: The policies will have a significant positive effect in safeguarding and enhancing the district's cultural and built heritage and archaeology. Policy NH2, NH3, NH4, NH5, NH6, NH8, NH9: The policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
10a. To improve the health and wellbeing of the population and improve access to health services for all	0/+	0/+	0/+	Policy NH1, NH1A, NH1B, NH2, NH3, NH5, NH6, NH8, NH9: The policies will have a neutral effect. Policies NH4 and NH10 will have a minor positive effect as they seek to ensure that development is attractive, safe and	None identified

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: NATURAL AND HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT (Policy NH1 Historic environment, Policy NH1A Areas of High Archaeological Potential, NH1B Archaeological sites of local significance, Policy NH2 Landscape character protection, Policy NH3 Nature conservation and the protection and enhancement of biodiversity, Policy NH4 Green infrastructure, Policy NH5 Protection of best and most versatile agricultural land, Policy NH6 Pollution, contaminated land and land instability, Policy NH8: Bat consultation zone, Policy NH9: Waterfowl consultation zone, New Policy NH10: Securing high standards of design)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
				accessible and promote walking networks.	
11a. Ensure that special and distinctive landscapes, and the features within them, are conserved and enhanced	0/+ +	0/+ +	0/+ +	Policy NH1, NH1A, NH1B, NH3, NH5 and NH6, NH8, NH9: The policies will have a neutral effect. Policy NH2, NH4 and NH10: The policies will have a significant positive effect in safeguarding and enhancing non designated areas of landscape value and ensuring developments incorporate landscape frameworks.	None identified
11b. Enhance the form and design of the built environment	+ +/0	+ +/0	+ +/0	Policy NH1: The policy will have a significant positive effect in safeguarding and enhancing the district's cultural and built heritage. Policy NH1A, NH1B, NH2, NH3, NH4, NH5, NH6, NH8, NH9: The policies will have a neutral effect. Policy NH10: The policy will have a significant positive effect in ensuring developments contribute to the distinctive local character of the area and makes a positive contribution to the local environment.	None identified
11c. Ensure provision is made to incorporate green infrastructure into spatial planning	0/+	0/+	0/+	Policy NH1, NH1A, NH1B, NH2, NH3, NH5, NH6, NH8, NH9, NH10: The policies will have a neutral effect. Policy NH4: The policy will have a minor positive effect on enhancing green infrastructure by supporting the creation of a green infrastructure network. This is supported by Policy ID1 which commits developments to provide an appropriate level of green infrastructure.	None identified

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: NATURAL AND HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT (Policy NH1 Historic environment, Policy NH1A Areas of High Archaeological Potential, NH1B Archaeological sites of local significance, Policy NH2 Landscape character protection, Policy NH3 Nature conservation and the protection and enhancement of biodiversity, Policy NH4 Green infrastructure, Policy NH5 Protection of best and most versatile agricultural land, Policy NH6 Pollution, contaminated land and land instability, Policy NH8: Bat consultation zone, Policy NH9: Waterfowl consultation zone, New Policy NH10: Securing high standards of design)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
12a. Improve sustainable economic activity within West Somerset enabling regeneration of key areas	0	0	0	All the policies will have a neutral effect.	None identified
13a. Protect and enhance biodiversity at all levels	0/+ +	0/+ +	0/+ +	<p>Policy NH1, NH1A, NH1B, NH2, NH4, NH5, NH6: The policies will have a neutral effect.</p> <p>Policy NH3: The policy has been significantly strengthened in this version of the Plan and will require applicants to not generate adverse impacts on biodiversity and ensure a net gain where possible. Ecological networks, resilience and net gain are all addressed now within the policy. The policy will now have a significant positive effect on the SA objective.</p> <p>Policy NH8 and NH9 will have positive effects on bats and wildfowl respectively (see below)</p> <p>Policy NH10: The policy will have a significant positive effect on ensuring developments incorporate landscape frameworks which seek to improve local biodiversity.</p>	None identified
13b. Maintain, restore and enhance populations of focal species	0/+ +	0/+ +	0/+ +	<p>Policy NH1, NH1A, NH1B, NH2, NH5, NH6, NH10: The policies will have a neutral effect.</p> <p>Policy NH3: The policy has been significantly strengthened in this version of the Plan. The policy's focus on connectivity and resilience of habitats will have an indirect significant positive effect on focal species.</p> <p>Policy NH4: According to the HRA there is a potential impact on barbastelle bats from loss of feeding habitat and severance of</p>	None identified

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<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
				<p>flight lines preventing access to feeding areas. However, this is mitigated by policies NH3 and NH8 so the effect is neutral. According to the HRA there is also a potential impact on otters from disturbance to holt sites including those used for breeding. This effect has been subject to a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment which found that there is unlikely to be significant effect on the integrity of European sites from disturbance to otter holts caused by policies in the Plan. This is due to the locations of likely holts in relation to development and the sensitivity of otters to certain types of disturbance.</p> <p>Policy NH8 will have a significant positive effect on bat populations through requiring a test of significance to be carried out. This policy has been added as a response to the findings of the HRA and will have a significant positive effect.</p> <p>Policy NH9 will have a significant positive effect on waterfowl populations through requiring a test of significance to be carried out. This policy has been added as a response to the findings of the HRA and will have a significant positive effect.</p>	
13c. Increase the land area of UK Biodiversity Action Plan habitats within the district	0 / + +	0 / ++	0 / + +	<p>Policy NH3: The policy has been significantly strengthened in this version of the Plan. The policy's focus on connectivity and resilience of habitats will have an indirect significant positive effect on BAP habitats</p> <p>All the other policies will have a neutral effect.</p>	None identified
13d. Maintain and improve the conservation status of selected	0/+ /+ +	0/+ /+ +	0/+ /+ +	Policy NH1, NH1A, NH1B, NH2, NH5, NH6, NH8 and NH9: The policies will have a neutral effect.	

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SA Objective	Short term	Med term	Long term	Commentary	Mitigation or enhancement
designated and non-designated nature conservation sites				<p>Policy NH3: The policy has been significantly strengthened in this version of the Plan. The policy's focus on connectivity and resilience of habitats will have an indirect significant positive effect on designated and no designated sites. The policy now also includes additional safeguards in relation to Nature 2000 sites.</p> <p>Policy NH4: According to the HRA there is a potential impact on barbastelle bats from loss of feeding habitat. However, this is mitigated by policies NH3 and NH8 so the effect is neutral.</p> <p>Policy NH10: The policy will have a significant positive effect on ensuring developments incorporate landscape frameworks which seek to improve local biodiversity.</p>	

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: GYPSIES AND TRAVELLERS (Policy GT1 Gypsies and travellers)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
1a. Reduce impacts on tranquility from noise and visual intrusion	?	?	?	The development of gypsy and traveller pitches can cause noise and disturbance issues to local communities. Therefore, the policy could have a negative effect dependent on where the pitches are located. As these locations are not known the effect has been assessed as uncertain.	Mitigation measure (Policy GT1): Before a site is allocated as a gypsy or traveller site an assessment should be carried out on the environmental and social effects likely to arise from the site in comparison to other available sites which should include the consideration of the provision of adequate waste management facilities. The requirements for this assessment should be included within the policy wording or supporting text and further detail could be provided within a development brief if this is being prepared.
1b. Reduce the need to travel and facilitate modal shift (particularly with regard to reducing the impact of traffic during the peak summer months)	0	0	0	The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
2a. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions	0	0	0	The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
2b. Improve adaptation for unavoidable climate change including consideration of the location of development	0	0	0	The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
2c. Increase energy efficiency and the amount of energy generated from renewable sources	0	0	0	The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified

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<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
3a. Reduce anti-social behaviour and fear of crime	?	?	?	Gypsy and traveller sites can increase the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in local communities. Therefore, the effect of the policy could be negative dependent on where the pitches are located. As these locations are not known the effect has been assessed as uncertain.	Mitigation measure (Policy GT1): Before a site is allocated as a gypsy or traveller site an assessment should be carried out on the environmental and social effects likely to arise from the site in comparison to other available sites. This should be specified in the Plan.
4a. Ensure equitable access to viable facilities and services for all sectors of the community including those in rural areas	+	+	+	The provision of pitches ensures that the gypsy and traveller community can access pitches and local services when needed. The policy will have a minor positive effect on the SA objective.	None identified
5a. To develop and maintain a balanced and sustainable population structure which good access to services, facilities and homes for all sectors of the society	+	+	+	As above	None identified
6a. Reduce land contamination, and safeguard soil and geological quality and quantity	0	0	0	The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
7a. To reduce waste generation and disposal, increase recycling and achieve the sustainable management of waste	?	?	?	The development of gypsy and traveller pitches can cause concerns about waste generation and management. Therefore, the policy could have a negative effect dependent on where the pitches are located and what facilities are put in place. As this is not known the effect has been assessed as uncertain.	Mitigation measure (Policy GT1): Before a site is allocated as a gypsy or traveller site an assessment should be carried out on the environmental and social effects likely to arise from the site in comparison to other available sites. Adequate waste management facilities should be

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<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
					put in place. This should be specified in the Plan.
8a. Maintain and improve the quality of ground/river/coastal water	0	0	0	The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
8b. Reduce risk of flooding including coastal flooding	0	0	0	The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
8c. Improve efficiency of water use	0	0	0	The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
9a. Protect the fabric and setting of designated and undesignated archaeological sites, monuments, structures and buildings, recorded Historic Parks and gardens, maritime and coastal heritage, listed buildings and conservation areas	0	0	0	The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
10a. To improve the health and wellbeing of the population and improve access to health services for all	+	+	+	The provision of pitches ensures that the gypsy and traveller community can access pitches and local health services when needed. The policy will have a minor positive effect.	None identified
11a. Ensure that special and distinctive landscapes, and the features within them, are conserved and enhanced	0	0	0	The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
11b. Enhance the form and design of the built environment	0	0	0	The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
11c. Ensure provision is made to incorporate green infrastructure into spatial planning	0	0	0	The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
12a. Improve sustainable economic	0	0	0	The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified

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<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
activity within West Somerset enabling regeneration of key areas					
13a. Protect and enhance biodiversity at all levels	0	0	0	The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
13b. Maintain, restore and enhance populations of focal species	0	0	0	The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
13c. Increase the land area of UK Biodiversity Action Plan habitats within the district	0	0	0	The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
13d. Maintain and improve the conservation status of selected designated and non-designated nature conservation sites	0	0	0	The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified

<b>Aspect of the Plan being assessed: IMPLEMENTATION POLICIES (Policy ID1 Infrastructure delivery)</b>					
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
1a. Reduce impacts on tranquility from noise and visual intrusion	0	0	0	The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
1b. Reduce the need to travel and facilitate modal shift (particularly with regard to reducing the impact of traffic during the peak summer months)	?	?	?	The policy will ensure that adequate transport facilities are available to support development and this will help to reduce the effect of traffic from new development. If public transport is provided this will help facilitate modal shift and a reduction in car use and will have a minor positive effect. However, the policy does not specifically mention public transport, cycling and walking so the effect is uncertain.	Mitigation measure (Policy ID1): The policy should be more specific in addressing the provision of public transport, cycling and walking where appropriate.
2a. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions	?	?	?	The potential for modal shift and reduction in car use is uncertain (see above) so the effect on the SA objective is uncertain.	Mitigation measure (Policy ID1): The policy should be more specific in addressing the provision of public transport, cycling and walking where appropriate.
2b. Improve adaptation for unavoidable climate change including consideration of the location of development	0	0	0	The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
2c. Increase energy efficiency and the amount of energy generated from renewable sources	0	0	0	The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
3a. Reduce anti-social behaviour and fear of crime	0	0	0	The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
4a. Ensure equitable access to viable facilities and services for all sectors of the community including those in rural	++	++	++	The policy will have a significant positive effect in ensuring that new development provides a wide range of services to the community.	None identified

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<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
areas					
5a. To develop and maintain a balanced and sustainable population structure which good access to services, facilities and homes for all sectors of the society	++	++	++	As above.	None identified
6a. Reduce land contamination, and safeguard soil and geological quality and quantity	0	0	0	The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
7a. To reduce waste generation and disposal, increase recycling and achieve the sustainable management of waste	0	0	0	The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
8a. Maintain and improve the quality of ground/river/coastal water	0	0	0	The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
8b. Reduce risk of flooding including coastal flooding	0	0	0	The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
8c. Improve efficiency of water use	0	0	0	The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
9a. Protect the fabric and setting of designated and undesignated archaeological sites, monuments, structures and buildings, recorded Historic Parks and gardens, maritime and coastal heritage, listed buildings and conservation areas	0	0	0	The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
10a. To improve the health and wellbeing of the population and improve access to health services for all	+	+	+	The policy will have a minor positive effect in ensuring that new development provides a wide range of services (including health services, sport and recreation) to the community.	Enhancement measure (Policy ID1): The policy should be more specific in mentioning the provision of public transport, cycling and

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<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Med term</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Mitigation or enhancement</b>
					walking where appropriate.
11a. Ensure that special and distinctive landscapes, and the features within them, are conserved and enhanced	0	0	0	The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
11b. Enhance the form and design of the built environment	0	0	0	The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
11c. Ensure provision is made to incorporate green infrastructure into spatial planning	++	++	++	The policy will have a significant positive effect in ensuring that new development provides a wide range of services (including green infrastructure) to the community. This will be important in reducing the recreational pressure on Exmoor that may result from development in West Somerset.	None identified
12a. Improve sustainable economic activity within West Somerset enabling regeneration of key areas	0	0	0	The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
13a. Protect and enhance biodiversity at all levels	0	0	0	The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
13b. Maintain, restore and enhance populations of focal species	0	0	0	The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
13c. Increase the land area of UK Biodiversity Action Plan habitats within the district	0	0	0	The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified
13d. Maintain and improve the conservation status of selected designated and non-designated nature conservation sites	0	0	0	The policy will have a neutral effect.	None identified