



## **Sustainability Appraisal**

### **Appendix A – Appraisal of all Preferred Policies and Reasonable Alternatives Considered for the Draft Local Plan**

#### **Fenland Draft Local Plan**

**August 2022**



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This Appendix summaries the scores for all reasonable alternative policy options considered in preparing the Draft Local Plan. The Preferred policy included in the Draft version of the Local Plan are highlighted in Bold.

### Key to Scoring

Score	Effect in relation to SA objective	Explanation
++	Significant positive effect	The option or policy is likely to lead to a significant improvement, and to large scale and permanent benefits in the sustainability objective being appraised.
+	Minor Positive effect	The option or policy is likely to lead to moderate improvement and to large scale temporary or medium scale permanent benefits to the sustainability objective being appraised. Beneficial effects should not be easily reversible in the long-term. A minor positive effect is likely to halt or reverse historic negative trends.
-	Minor Negative effect	The option or policy is likely to lead to moderate damage or loss, leading to large scale temporary or medium scale permanent negative effects on the sustainability objective being appraised.
--	Significant negative effect	The option or policy is likely to lead to significant or severe damage or loss. Major negative effects should only be recorded where effects are irreversible and difficult to mitigate.
~	Neutral effect	A neutral scoring indicates that there are no or negligible effects upon the sustainability objective being appraised. This may include the continuation of a current trend. The condition of any issues may continue to decline /improve, however the appraiser's judgement is that the policy or option is having no effect on the current trend.
?	Uncertain or unknown effects.	The effect of the option or policy is not known, or is too unpredictable to assign a conclusive score, or the effects cannot be readily determined from available information. Where the option or policy is vague and require assumptions to assess, these should be clearly stated.
/	Mixed effects	The effect is likely to be a combination of positive and negative effects (coloured orange).  May also be combined with an uncertain score where the balance or nature of effects is uncertain. Where the positive or negative effect is uncertain (+/? or -/?) the score is coloured as per the positive or negative effect (green or red).

## Policy LP1: Settlement Hierarchy

The alternative options for this policy are split into three sections. Part A – Settlement Hierarchy, Part B – Settlement Boundaries and Part C – Frontage Infill Development.

### Part A – Settlement Hierarchy


During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for Policy LP2:


Option 1: No Settlement Hierarchy policy, rely on national policy and Local Plan growth strategy


**Option 2: A Settlement Hierarchy based on a detailed survey of existing settlements services and facilities**


Option 3: A Settlement Hierarchy based on the position of settlements as set out in the adopted Local Plan (2014) Policy LP3



**(Please note:** the options for the position of each settlement in the hierarchy are included in the Survey of Existing Services and Facilities (August 2022))

Policy LP1: Settlement Hierarchy (Part A)			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
			?	?	?
	<b>1. Healthy Communities</b>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	It is unclear at this stage what impact this policy option will have on providing for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	<b>It is unclear at this stage what impact this policy option will have on providing for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.</b>	It is unclear at this stage what impact this policy option will have on providing for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.
		1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments	+/-	<b>++</b>	+/-




Policy LP1: Settlement Hierarchy (Part A)			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
			development in location that will Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities. The Growth Strategy Policy LP2 directs the majority of growth to the Market Towns.		
		1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments, community orchards and farmers' shops and markets	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>		?	+	?
		2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	It is unclear at this stage what impact this policy option will have on access to employment, education and training	<b>The Settlement Hierarchy helps to direct new housing to the Market Towns and larger settlements to ensure good access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities.</b>	It is unclear at this stage what impact this policy option will have on access to employment, education and training
		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the	?	+	?
			It is unclear at this stage what impact this policy option will have on	<b>The settlement hierarchy helps to ensure that housing is provided in</b>	It is unclear at this stage what impact this policy option will have on

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		efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	supporting investment in people and places.	<b>locations from which jobs are readily available, improving accessibility to those jobs. Indirectly, directing new housing to Market Towns and larger villages should also ensure good access to a range of learning and training opportunities.</b>	supporting investment in people and places.
		2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	?	+	+/-
			The NPPF supports this objective, however without a locally specific settlement hierarchy it is unclear if this option would provide housing in appropriate locations that are decent and affordable.	<b>This policy will ensure that housing is delivered in the Market Towns, but also in the rural areas at a scale that is appropriate to the surrounding character. It allows some growth in smaller villages to meet the demands and needs of the communities and ensure decent and affordable homes.</b>	This option will direct growth to the Market towns and larger villages. It allows some growth in smaller villages to meet the demands and needs of the communities and ensure decent and affordable homes. However, without an updated Settlement Hierarchy it will not take into account the full range of existing services and facilities, meaning that growth may not be directed to the appropriate location.
	<b>3. Transport</b>	3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	-	+	+/-
			The NPPF supports this objective and measures to encourage sustainable modes of transport such as walking and cycling. However, relying on national policy without a local settlement hierarchy, could result in development being	<b>The majority of development will be located towards more sustainable locations such as the Market Towns and larger villages which contain a wider range of services and facilities reducing the need to travel</b>	Overall this options will direct development towards the market towns and larger settlements helping to reduce the need to travel by car. However, without an update Settlement Hierarchy and review of existing services and facilities,

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SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
			located in smaller villages with limited services and facilities therefore increasing the need to travel by car	<b>by car. However, some medium and smaller villages don't have regular bus services therefore increasing the use of the car.</b>	development could be located to settlements with limited services and facilities therefore reducing reliance on the car.
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
 <b>4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape</b>			-	+	+
		4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	Without a policy with a locally specific settlement hierarchy and therefore not directing growth to larger settlements it is likely that development could take place at an inappropriate scale that could negatively impact on the character of smaller settlements	<b>The settlement hierarchy directs development to larger settlements first and limited development in smaller villages, therefore helping to protect and enhance the character of the villages</b>	The settlement hierarchy directs development to larger settlements first and limited development in smaller villages, therefore helping to protect and enhance the character of the villages
		4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	Without a policy with a locally specific settlement hierarchy and therefore not directing growth to larger settlements it is likely that development could take	<b>The settlement hierarchy directs development to larger settlements first and limited development in smaller villages, therefore helping to protect and</b>	The settlement hierarchy directs development to larger settlements first and limited development in smaller villages, therefore helping to protect and enhance the

Policy LP1: Settlement Hierarchy (Part A)			Policy Options		
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			place at an inappropriate scale that could negatively impact on the character of smaller settlements	<b>enhance the character of the villages</b>	character of the villages
	<b>5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b>	5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
	<b>6. Land Use and Wildlife</b>		?	?	?
		6.1 Minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	At this stage it is unclear what impact this option would have on promoting and conserving the wise use of productive land. National policy encourages the effective use of land by reusing land that has been previously developed. However, exact impacts will be dependent on individual proposals that come forward in the future.	<b>At this stage it is unclear what impact this option would have on promoting and conserving the wise use of productive land. National policy encourages the effective use of land by reusing land that has been previously developed. However, exact impacts will be dependent on individual proposals that come forward in the future.</b>	At this stage it is unclear what impact this option would have on promoting and conserving the wise use of productive land. National policy encourages the effective use of land by reusing land that has been previously developed. However, exact impacts will be dependent on individual proposals that come forward in the future.
			~	~	~
		6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		6.3 Minimise and avoid	~	~	~



Policy LP1: Settlement Hierarchy (Part A)			Policy Options		
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		where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
	<b>7. Water Resources</b>	7.1 Minimise water consumption and encourage re-use	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
	<b>8. Pollution and Waste</b>	8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
	<b>9. Sustainable</b>	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective


Policy LP1: Settlement Hierarchy (Part A)			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	<b>Resources</b>	low carbon energy sources			
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective



## Part B – Settlement Boundaries

During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for this policy:

Option 1: No Settlement Boundaries and rely on criteria-based policy and growth strategy (Same approach as adopted Local Plan policy LP3)

**Option 2: Settlement boundaries defined with policies that limit development outside of the boundary**

Policy LP1: Settlement Hierarchy (Part B - Settlement Boundaries)			
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2
 <p><b>1. Healthy Communities</b></p>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	~ Policy option is not relevant to this objective	~ <b>Policy is not relevant to this objective</b>
	1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments	- Without a policy defining village boundaries, it is likely that more growth may take place in villages without the necessary health care facilities or in areas without such facilities.	+ <b>A policy that defines settlement boundaries and restricts development in the countryside will help ensure access to a range of local services and facilities.</b>
	1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	~ Policy option is not relevant to this objective	~ <b>Policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
	1.4 Encourage healthy	~	~

Policy LP1: Settlement Hierarchy (Part B - Settlement Boundaries)				
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2
		choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments, community orchards and farmers' shops and markets	Policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>Policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>	2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	~	~
			Policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>Policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	~	~
			Policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>Policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
		2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	+/-	<b>+</b>
			This option is likely to result in provision of more housing in the rural areas which will help make more housing available. However, without defined village boundaries then the rural exception requirement to provide affordable housing will not be applied. Therefore this option is unlikely to provide housing that is suitable for everyone.	<b>This policy will allow limited development in small villages to meet needs. Although development of rural housing is restricted, the exception test in policy LP12 (Meeting Housing Need) and the requirements of Policy LP18 (development in the countryside), to which this policy refers, offers opportunities to meet the need for rural affordable housing</b>
	<b>3. Transport</b>	3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking,	-	<b>+</b>
			Development could be located in smaller villages with limited services and facilities, therefore increasing the need to travel by car.	<b>This policy will ensure that development is directed to existing settlements and more sustainable locations that contain a range of services and facilities.</b>



Policy LP1: Settlement Hierarchy (Part B - Settlement Boundaries)				
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2
		cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.		
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	-	+
			Development could be located in smaller villages with limited services and facilities, therefore increasing the need to travel by car.	<b>This policy will ensure that development is directed to existing settlements and more sustainable locations that contain a range of services and facilities.</b>
		4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	-	+
			Without a policy that defines settlement boundaries it is likely that development could take place at an inappropriate scale that could negatively impact on the character of smaller settlements.	<b>A policy that defines settlement boundaries and restricts development in the countryside will help to conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment.</b>
		4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character	-	+
			A policy that does not define settlement boundaries is likely to result in development that could take place at an inappropriate scale which could impact the character of the village and the loss of local distinctiveness.	<b>A policy that defines settlement boundaries and restricts development in the countryside will help to maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character.</b>
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	-	+
			A policy that does not define settlement boundaries is likely to result in development that could take place at an inappropriate scale which could impact the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	<b>A policy that defines settlement boundaries and restricts development in the countryside will help to retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape.</b>
		5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	~	~
			Policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>Policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
		5.2 Minimise and	~	~





#### 4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape



#### 5. Resilience to Climate Change and

Policy LP1: Settlement Hierarchy (Part B - Settlement Boundaries)				
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2
	<b>Flood Risk</b>	wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	Policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>Policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
	<b>6. Land Use and Wildlife</b>	6.1 Minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high-grade agricultural land	-	++
		6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances	A policy that does not define settlement boundaries is likely to result in more development on the edge of villages and on greenfield sites, which could impact negatively on conserving the best and most versatile agricultural land.	<b>A policy that defines settlement boundaries and restricts development in the countryside will minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high-grade agricultural land</b>
		6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	A policy that does not define settlement boundaries is likely to result in more development on the edge of villages and on greenfield sites, instead of directing growth towards existing settlements and the use of brownfield sites.	<b>A policy which defines settlement boundaries and restricts development in the countryside will help to utilise brownfield sites for re-development.</b>
		6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	A policy that does not define settlement boundaries is likely to result in more development on the edge of villages and on greenfield sites and lead to development which takes place in inappropriate locations and at an inappropriate scale which could impact on the surrounding landscape character and biodiversity.	<b>The preferred policy will restrict development in the wider countryside by defining the boundaries of built-up areas and directing development towards existing large settlements, thus helping to protect landscape character and biodiversity.</b>
			The Environment Act will require all new development to achieve a net gain in biodiversity.	<b>The Environment Act will require all new development to achieve a net gain in biodiversity.</b>
	<b>7. Water Resources</b>	7.1 Minimise water consumption and encourage re-use	~	~
			Policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>Policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>

Policy LP1: Settlement Hierarchy (Part B - Settlement Boundaries)				
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2
		7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	~	~
			Policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>Policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
	<b>8. Pollution and Waste</b>	8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)	~	~
			Policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>Policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	~	~
			Policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>Policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
		8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	~	~
			Policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>Policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
	<b>9. Sustainable Resources</b>	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	~	~
			Policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>Policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	~	~
			Policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>Policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>


## Part C - Frontage Infill Development

During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered to support the re-introduction of settlement boundaries:



Option 1: Settlement boundaries defined, no frontage infill policy (see also Part B Option 2)


Option 2: Settlement boundaries defined, with a policy which allows development outside of the boundary in exceptional circumstances and also defines infill frontage areas adjacent to the edge of some settlements to provide a more flexible approach.



**Option 3: Settlement boundaries defined, with a policy which allows development on land leading out of a settlement, but outside the defined boundary that could be suitable for residential frontage development in the settlement hinterland. This will help provide more flexibility.**

Policy LP1: Settlement Hierarchy (Part C: Frontage Infill Development)		Policy Options			
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	
	<b>1. Healthy Communities</b>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	~	~	~
			Policy option is not relevant to this objective	Policy is not relevant to this objective	<b>Policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
		1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments	+	+	-
			A policy that defines settlement boundaries and restricts development in the countryside will help ensure access to a range of local services and facilities.	A policy that identifies suitable frontage sites adjacent to the edge of the settlement will help ensure access to a range of local services and facilities.	<b>A policy that allows development outside the defined settlement boundaries is likely to result in development without access to a range of services and facilities.</b>
		1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	~	~	~
			Policy option is not relevant to this objective	Policy is not relevant to this objective	<b>Policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>






Policy LP1: Settlement Hierarchy (Part C: Frontage Infill Development)			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments, community orchards and farmers' shops and markets	~	~	~
			Policy option is not relevant to this objective	Policy is not relevant to this objective	<b>Policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
		2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	~	~	~
			Policy option is not relevant to this objective.	Policy is not relevant to this objective.	<b>Policy option is not relevant to this objective.</b>
		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	~	~	~
			Policy option is not relevant to this objective.	Policy is not relevant to this objective.	<b>Policy option is not relevant to this objective.</b>
	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>		+	+/-	+/-
		2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	In accordance with policy LP12 (Meeting Housing Need) and the requirements of Policy LP18 (development in the countryside), offers opportunities to meet the need for rural affordable housing.	This option is likely to result in provision of more housing in the rural areas which will help make more housing available. However, infill sites on the edge of settlements will not provide affordable housing. Therefore, this option is unlikely to provide housing that is suitable for everyone.	<b>This option is likely to result in provision of more housing in the rural areas which will help make more housing available. However, infill sites on the edge of settlements will not provide affordable housing. Therefore, this option is unlikely to provide housing that is suitable for everyone..</b>
	<b>3. Transport</b>	3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as	+	-/+	-
			This policy will ensure that development is directed to existing settlements and	Development located within the defined development infill areas will ensure that	<b>Development on infill sites leading out of a settlement, may result in development</b>

Policy LP1: Settlement Hierarchy (Part C: Frontage Infill Development)			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	more sustainable locations that contain a range of services and facilities.	development is directed to existing settlements and more sustainable locations that contain a range of services and facilities. However, some locations on the edge of settlements may be some distance from the village centre and local services and facilities.	<b>some distance from the centre of the settlement and the local services and facilities.</b>
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	~	~	~
			Policy option is not relevant to this objective.	Policy is not relevant to this objective.	<b>Policy option is not relevant to this objective.</b>
	<b>4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape</b>	4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	+	-	--
			A policy that defines settlement boundaries and restricts development in the countryside will help to conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment.	A policy that allows infill development on the edge of settlements within defined areas could impact on heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment.	<b>A policy that allows development outside the defined settlement boundaries is likely to result in more development on edge of villages and on greenfield sites which could impact negatively on heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment</b>
		4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character	+	-	--
			A policy that defines settlement boundaries and restricts development in the countryside will help to maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape	A policy that allows infill development on the edge of settlements within defined areas could impact on local distinctiveness of townscape character	<b>A policy that allows development outside the defined settlement boundaries is likely to result in more development on edge of villages and on greenfield</b>

Policy LP1: Settlement Hierarchy (Part C: Frontage Infill Development)			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
			character		sites which could impact negatively on the local distinctiveness of townscape character
			+	-	--
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	A policy that defines settlement boundaries and restricts development in the countryside will help to retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape.	A policy that allows infill development on the edge of settlements within defined areas could impact on the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	<b>A policy that allows development outside the defined settlement boundaries is likely to result in more development on edge of villages and on greenfield sites which could impact negatively on the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape.</b>
	<b>5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b>	5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	~	~	~
			Policy option is not relevant to this objective	Policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>Policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
		5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	~	~	~
			Policy option is not relevant to this objective	Policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>Policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
	<b>6. Land Use and Wildlife</b>	6.1 Minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	+	-	--
			A policy that defines settlement boundaries and restricts development in the countryside will minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	A policy that allows infill development on the edge of settlements within defined areas could impact negatively on conserving the best and most versatile agricultural land.	<b>A policy that allows development outside the defined settlement boundaries is likely to result in more development on edge of villages and on greenfield sites which could impact negatively on conserving the best and most versatile</b>

Policy LP1: Settlement Hierarchy (Part C: Frontage Infill Development)			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
					agricultural land.
			+	-	--
		6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances	A policy which defines settlement boundaries and restrict development in the countryside will help to utilise brownfield sites for re-development	A policy that allows infill development on the edge of settlement within defined areas	<b>A policy that allows development outside the defined settlement boundaries is likely to result in more development on edge of villages and on greenfield sites. instead of directing growth towards existing settlement and the use of brownfield sites.</b>
			+	-	--
		6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	The preferred policy will restrict development in the wider countryside by defining the boundaries of built-up areas and directing development towards existing large settlements, thus helping to protect landscape character and biodiversity	A policy that allows infill development on the edge of settlement within defined areas	<b>A policy that allows development outside the defined settlement boundaries is likely to result in more development on the edge of villages and on greenfield sites and lead to development which takes place in inappropriate locations and at an inappropriate scale which could impact on the surrounding landscape character and biodiversity.</b>
		6.4 Achieve net gains in	+	+	+

Policy LP1: Settlement Hierarchy (Part C: Frontage Infill Development)			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	The Environment Act will require all new development to achieve a net gain in biodiversity.	The Environment Act will require all new development to achieve a net gain in biodiversity.	<b>The Environment Act will require all new development to achieve a net gain in biodiversity.</b>
	<b>7. Water Resources</b>	7.1 Minimise water consumption and encourage re-use	~	~	~
			Policy option is not relevant to this objective	Policy is not relevant to this objective	<b>Policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
		7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	~	~	~
			Policy option is not relevant to this objective	Policy is not relevant to this objective	<b>Policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
	<b>8. Pollution and Waste</b>	8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)	~	~	~
			Policy option is not relevant to this objective	Policy is not relevant to this objective	<b>Policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	~	~	~
			Policy option is not relevant to this objective	Policy is not relevant to this objective	<b>Policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
		8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	~	~	~
			Policy option is not relevant to this objective	Policy is not relevant to this objective	<b>Policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
	<b>9. Sustainable Resources</b>	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	~	~	~
			Policy option is not relevant to this objective	Policy is not relevant to this objective	<b>Policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	~	~	~
			Policy option is not relevant to this objective	Policy is not relevant to this objective	<b>Policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>




## Policy LP2: Spatial Strategy for the Location of Residential Development

This policy is split into two parts to take into consideration the initial growth options consulted on at the Issues and Option Stage (October 2019) – Part A. Part B sets out the SA assessment of the alternative options considered for Policy LP2.


### Part A: Issues and Options initial Strategic Options


During the Issues & Options Report consultation (2019), six potential options for distributing growth were consulted on. This framework provides appraisal of those options against a range of sustainability objectives to identify their likely effects in the context of sustainable development and inform the formulation of 'Growth Options'.


- Option 1: Proportionate Settlement Growth
- **Option 2: Market Towns Led Growth**
- Option 3: Strategic Growth at one or more settlements
- Option 4: Freestanding New Settlements
- Option 5: Small Site Focussed
- Option 6: Corridor Growth



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 <b>1. Healthy Communities</b>	<p>1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.</p>	<p>+</p> <p>Health and wellbeing services and other facilities and infrastructure are generally located in the market towns.</p> <p>Since the majority of Fenland's population live in the market towns, the option directs growth mainly to the market towns. Therefore, most new development will have good access to health and wellbeing services and facilities.</p> <p>Increasing development in the market towns can minimise isolation and enhance accessibility for those who may have fewer travel choices, such as the elderly, young people, people living with disabilities or long-term health issues, or on low incomes.</p>	<p>++</p> <p><b>Health and wellbeing services and other facilities and infrastructure are generally located in the market towns. The option concentrates growth mainly to the market towns, thereby providing most new development in locations with best access to health and wellbeing services and facilities. Concentrating development in the market towns can minimise isolation and enhance accessibility for those who may have fewer travel choices, such as the elderly, young people, people living with disabilities or long-term health issues, or on low incomes.</b></p>	<p>++</p> <p>Through concentrating strategic-scale growth at one or more settlements, the option provides opportunity to design and coordinate the delivery of new health and well-being services and other facilities and infrastructure as an integrated part of the development.</p>	<p>++</p> <p>Through delivering growth as a new settlement, the option provides opportunity to design and coordinate the delivery of new health and well-being services and other facilities and infrastructure as an integrated part of the development / new community.</p>	<p>-</p> <p>Dispersing growth across the district may result in the majority of new development being located in areas with limited access to health and wellbeing services and other facilities and infrastructure. Directing growth to small sites may lack the critical mass and coordination necessary to enable the delivery of such new health and wellbeing services, facilities and other infrastructure.</p>	<p>+</p> <p>The option directs growth to corridors along major routes. Such routes include Fenland's market towns which are well-served by health and wellbeing services and other facilities and infrastructure, relative to the rural area. By directing growth to those corridors with good access to the market towns, the majority of new development is likely to benefit from good access to health and wellbeing services, facilities and other infrastructure.</p>	
	<p>1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments</p>	<p>+</p> <p>Existing services and other facilities and infrastructure are generally located in the market towns.</p> <p>Since the majority of Fenland's population reside in the market towns, the option directs growth mainly to the market towns. Therefore, most new development will have good access to existing services and facilities.</p> <p>Directing growth to market towns may utilise and support such existing services and facilities, and enable their continued viability or expansion through increased footfall and investment.</p>	<p>++</p> <p><b>Existing services and other facilities and infrastructure are generally located in the market towns. The option concentrates growth mainly to the market towns, thereby providing most new development in locations with good access to existing services and facilities. Concentrating development in the market towns may help to support such existing services and facilities, and enable their continued viability or expansion through increased footfall and investment.</b></p>	<p>++</p> <p>Through concentrating strategic-scale growth at one or more settlements, the option provides opportunity to design and coordinate the delivery of new services, facilities and infrastructure as an integrated part of the development.</p>	<p>++</p> <p>Through delivering growth as a new settlement, the option provides opportunity to design and coordinate the delivery of new services, facilities and other infrastructure as an integrated part of the development / new community.</p>	<p>-</p> <p>Dispersing growth across the district may result in the majority of new development being located in areas with limited access to services and other facilities and infrastructure. Directing growth to small sites may lack the critical mass and coordination necessary to enable the delivery of such new services, facilities and other infrastructure.</p>	<p>+</p> <p>The option directs growth to corridors along main transport routes. Such routes connect Fenland's market towns which are themselves the main locations providing services and other facilities and infrastructure. By directing growth to those corridors, development may utilise and support existing services and facilities, and enable their continued viability or expansion through increased footfall and investment.</p>	
	<p>1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high-quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and</p>	<p>+</p> <p>All new developments will be required to contribute to and make provision for open space and support the delivery of green infrastructure in accordance with other strategic policies in the plan. The Environment Act requires new development to deliver</p>	<p>++</p> <p><b>All new developments will be required to contribute to and make provision for open space and support the delivery of green infrastructure in accordance with other strategic policies in the plan. The Environment Act requires new</b></p>	<p>++</p> <p>All new developments will be required to contribute to and make provision for open space and support the delivery of green infrastructure in accordance with other strategic policies in the plan. The Environment Act requires new development to deliver</p>	<p>++</p> <p>All new developments will be required to contribute to and make provision for open space and support the delivery of green infrastructure in accordance with other strategic policies in the plan. The Environment Act requires new development to deliver</p>	<p>+</p> <p>All new developments will be required to contribute to and make provision for open space and support the delivery of green infrastructure in accordance with other strategic policies in the plan. The Environment Act requires new development to deliver</p>	<p>+</p> <p>All new developments will be required to contribute to and make provision for open space and support the delivery of green infrastructure in accordance with other strategic policies in the plan. The Environment Act requires new development to deliver</p>	



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		wild places	biodiversity net gain.	<b>development to deliver biodiversity net gain. Through concentrating strategic-scale growth at market towns, the option provides opportunity to design and coordinate the delivery of new open spaces as an integrated part of the development.</b>	biodiversity net gain. Through concentrating strategic-scale growth at one or more settlements, the option provides opportunity to design and coordinate the delivery of new open spaces as an integrated part of the development.	biodiversity net gain. Through concentrating strategic-scale growth at a new settlement, the option provides opportunity to design and coordinate the delivery of new open spaces as an integrated part of the development.	biodiversity net gain.	biodiversity net gain.
			+	++	++	++	+	+
		1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments, community orchards and farmers' shops and markets	All new developments will be required to contribute to and make provision for open space, including for food production/allotments, in accordance with other strategic policies in the plan.	<b>All new developments will be required to contribute to and make provision for open space, including for food production/allotments, in accordance with other strategic policies in the plan. Through concentrating strategic-scale growth at market towns, the option provides opportunity to design and coordinate local food production (such as orchards, allotments and markets) as an integrated part of the development.</b>	All new developments will be required to contribute to and make provision for open space, including for food production/allotments, in accordance with other strategic policies in the plan. Through concentrating strategic-scale growth at one or more settlements, the option provides opportunity to design and coordinate local food production (such as orchards, allotments and markets) as an integrated part of the development.	All new developments will be required to contribute to and make provision for open space, including for food production/allotments, in accordance with other strategic policies in the plan. Through concentrating strategic-scale growth at a new settlement, the option provides opportunity to design and coordinate local food production (such as orchards, allotments and markets) as an integrated part of the development.	All new developments will be required to contribute to and make provision for open space, including for food production/allotments, in accordance with other strategic policies in the plan.	All new developments will be required to contribute to and make provision for open space, including for food production/allotments, in accordance with other strategic policies in the plan.
	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>	2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	+	+	+	+	-	+
			The market towns provide the main locations for employment, education and training opportunities. The option directs the majority of growth in the market towns, and therefore provides new development with best access to such opportunities.	<b>The market towns provide the main locations for employment, education and training opportunities. The option concentrates the majority of growth in the market towns, and therefore provides new development with best access to such opportunities.</b>	Through concentrating strategic-scale growth at one or more settlements, the option provides opportunity to design and coordinate the delivery of new employment, training facilities and education infrastructure as an integrated part of the development.	Through concentrating strategic-scale growth at one or more settlements, the option provides opportunity to design and coordinate the delivery of new employment, training facilities and education infrastructure as an integrated part of the development.	Dispersing growth across the district may result in the majority of new development being located in areas with limited access to employment, training and education. Directing growth to small sites may lack the critical mass and coordination necessary to enable the delivery of new or expanded education infrastructure.	The option directs growth to corridors along main transport routes. Such routes connect Fenland's market towns which provide the main locations for employment, education and training. By directing growth to those corridors, may promote access to employment and learning.
		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	+	/	++	++	/	+
			All new development will be required to contribute to the delivery of infrastructure. The option directs most new development to the market towns, which are best served by infrastructure and facilities. This could ensure efficient use of existing services and infrastructure. By providing proportionate growth across all settlements could help provide footfall and	<b>All new development will be required to contribute to the delivery of infrastructure. The option concentrates new development to the market towns, which are best served by infrastructure and facilities. This could ensure efficient use of existing services and infrastructure and provide footfall and investment to maintain facilities and services in the</b>	All new development will be required to contribute to the delivery of infrastructure. Through concentrating strategic-scale growth at one or more settlements, the option provides opportunity to design and coordinate the delivery of new infrastructure as an integrated part of the development.	All new development will be required to contribute to the delivery of infrastructure. Through concentrating growth at one or more new settlements, the option provides opportunity to design and coordinate the delivery of new infrastructure as an integrated part of the development.	All new development will be required to contribute to the delivery of infrastructure. Dispersing growth could help provide footfall and investment to support facilities and services across the district. However, dispersing growth may fail to make efficient use of existing infrastructure. Directing growth to small sites may lack the critical mass and coordination necessary to	All new development will be required to contribute to the delivery of infrastructure. The option directs growth to corridors along existing main transport routes. This may make efficient use of existing infrastructure and direct investment to those main routes.

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			investment to support facilities and services across the district.	<b>market towns. However, concentrating growth in the market towns may lead to a lack of investment across the rural area.</b>			enable the delivery of new or expanded infrastructure.	
			+	/	/	/	/	+
		2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	The option directs growth proportionately across the district, thereby providing development across a wide range of locations.	<b>The option concentrates the majority of growth in the market towns. This may result in development in fewer locations thereby limiting choice in the market for land.</b>  “The supply of large numbers of new homes can often be best achieved through planning for larger scale development, such as new settlements or significant extensions to existing villages and towns.” (Para. 73, NPPF 2021). Therefore, larger scale sites, such as the strategic allocations and BLfGs identified by the Local Plan 2014 in the market towns, may enable the delivery of a large number of homes including the provision of affordable homes. However, such strategic sites have generally been slow to progress. Notably, the Local Plan Viability Assessment indicates that Wisbech (one of Fenland’s four market towns) has limited capacity to support affordable housing provision.	The option concentrates growth in one or more existing settlements. This may result in development in fewer locations thereby limiting choice in the market for land.  “The supply of large numbers of new homes can often be best achieved through planning for larger scale development, such as new settlements or significant extensions to existing villages and towns.” (Para. 73, NPPF 2021). Therefore, strategic-scale sites may enable the delivery of a large number of homes, including the provision of affordable homes. However, such strategic sites have generally been slow to progress.	The option concentrates growth in one or more new settlements. This may result in development in fewer locations thereby limiting choice in the market for land.  “The supply of large numbers of new homes can often be best achieved through planning for larger scale development, such as new settlements or significant extensions to existing villages and towns.” (Para. 73, NPPF 2021). Therefore, new settlements may enable the delivery of a large number of homes, including the provision of affordable homes. However, in Fenland strategic-scale development sites have generally been slow to progress.	Distributing growth across many smaller sites will provide homes across a wide range of locations.  Smaller sites may promote delivery and viability, but may reduce opportunities to deliver on-site provision of affordable housing associated with larger sites.	The option distributes growth along ‘growth corridors’, thereby providing development across a wide range of locations.
			+	++	++	++	--	?
	<b>3. Transport</b>	3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	The option distributes growth proportionately by settlement population. Since most of Fenland’s population live in market towns, the market towns would receive the greatest proportion of growth. The market towns are best served by transport infrastructure, such as highways, footways/cycleways and have greatest access to public transport, and offer employment, education, leisure	<b>The option concentrates growth in the market towns which are best served by transport infrastructure, such as highways, footways/cycleways and have greatest access to public transport. The market towns offer employment, education, leisure and shopping facilities, thereby reducing the need to travel.</b>	Through concentrating strategic growth at one or more settlements, the option provides opportunity to design a scheme to be walkable (reflecting good practice in the National Model Design Code) and to coordinate sustainable transport infrastructure as an integrated part of the development.	Through concentrating strategic growth at one or more new settlements, the option provides opportunity to design new communities which are walkable (reflecting good practice in the National Model Design Code), and to coordinate sustainable transport infrastructure as an integrated part of the development.	Dispersed, smaller sites are likely to be car-dependent on not likely to encourage sustainable transport modes. Smaller sites are unlikely to provide the critical mass and coordination required to provide investment in new sustainable transport infrastructure.	Distributing growth along existing transport corridors could encourage sustainable travel modes by providing the critical mass necessary to support public transport services along key routes, and/or could support provision of new walking and cycle infrastructure. Growth along rail corridors will be well-placed to utilise rail services. However, development along existing major road routes may


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			and shopping facilities, thereby reducing the need to travel. Development in the rural area is likely to be generally car-dependent. However, large and medium villages offer some local services and some public transport services.					result in car-dependency, due to the convenience driving may offer.	
			+	++	++	++	--	?	
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	The option distributes growth proportionately to settlement population. Since most of Fenland's population live in market towns, the market towns would receive the greatest proportion of growth. The market towns are best served by transport infrastructure, such as highways, footways/cycleways and have greatest access to public transport. Development in the rural area is likely to be generally car-dependent. However, large and medium villages offer some local services and some public transport services.	<b>The option concentrates growth in the market towns which are best served by transport infrastructure, such as highways, footways/cycleways and have greatest access to public transport.</b>	Through concentrating strategic growth at one or more settlements, the option provides opportunity to design a scheme to be walkable (reflecting good practice in the National Model Design Code) and to coordinate sustainable transport infrastructure as an integrated part of the development.	Through concentrating strategic growth at one or more new settlements, the option provides opportunity to design new communities which are walkable (reflecting good practice in the National Model Design Code), and to coordinate sustainable transport infrastructure as an integrated part of the development.	Dispersed, smaller sites are likely to be car-dependent on not likely to encourage sustainable transport modes. Smaller sites are unlikely to provide the critical mass and coordination required to provide investment in new sustainable transport infrastructure.	Distributing growth along existing transport corridors could encourage sustainable travel modes by providing the critical mass necessary to support public transport services along key routes, and/or could support provision of new walking and cycle infrastructure. Growth along rail corridors will be well-placed to utilise rail services. However, development along existing major road routes may result in car-dependency, due to the convenience driving may offer.	
			?	?	?	?	?	?	
	4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape	4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	Fenland's market towns and rural area enjoy a rich historic environment. For example, there are 10 conservation areas in Fenland, including at least one in each of the market towns. Effects on the historic environment will vary depending on the location of sites and the design of new development.	<b>Fenland's market towns and rural area enjoy a rich historic environment. For example, there are 10 conservation areas in Fenland, including at least one in each of the market towns. Effects on the historic environment will vary depending on the location of sites and the design of new development.</b>	Fenland's market towns and rural area enjoy a rich historic environment. For example, there are 10 conservation areas in Fenland, including at least one in each of the market towns. Effects on the historic environment will vary depending on the location of sites and the design of new development.	Fenland's market towns and rural area enjoy a rich historic environment. For example, there are 10 conservation areas in Fenland, including at least one in each of the market towns. Effects on the historic environment will vary depending on the location of sites and the design of new development.	Fenland's market towns and rural area enjoy a rich historic environment. For example, there are 10 conservation areas in Fenland, including at least one in each of the market towns. Effects on the historic environment will vary depending on the location of sites and the design of new development.	Fenland's market towns and rural area enjoy a rich historic environment. For example, there are 10 conservation areas in Fenland, including at least one in each of the market towns. Effects on the historic environment will vary depending on the location of sites and the design of new development.	
		4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
			The effects on the landscape will vary between sites and	<b>The effects on the landscape will vary between sites and</b>	The effects on the landscape will vary between sites and	The effects on the landscape will vary between sites and	The effects on the landscape will vary between sites and	The effects on the landscape will vary between sites and	The effects on the landscape will vary between sites and


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			locations. It is possible that the market towns may have a greater capacity to accommodate growth without harm to landscape character than the rural area. However, this is not certain and will depend on the characteristics of individual sites and locations and therefore requires more detailed assessment.	<b>locations. It is possible that the market towns may have a greater capacity to accommodate growth without harm to landscape character than the rural area. However, this is not certain and will depend on the characteristics of individual sites and locations and therefore requires more detailed assessment.</b>	locations. It is possible that the market towns may have a greater capacity to accommodate growth without harm to landscape character than the rural area. However, this is not certain and will depend on the characteristics of individual sites and locations and therefore requires more detailed assessment.	locations. It is possible that the market towns may have a greater capacity to accommodate growth without harm to landscape character than the rural area. However, this is not certain and will depend on the characteristics of individual sites and locations and therefore requires more detailed assessment.	locations. It is possible that the market towns may have a greater capacity to accommodate growth without harm to landscape character than the rural area. However, this is not certain and will depend on the characteristics of individual sites and locations and therefore requires more detailed assessment.	locations. It is possible that the market towns may have a greater capacity to accommodate growth without harm to landscape character than the rural area. However, this is not certain and will depend on the characteristics of individual sites and locations and therefore requires more detailed assessment.
	<b>5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b>	5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	?	?	?	?	?	?
			The greatest threat to Fenland from climate change is the area's vulnerability to flooding. Much of the open countryside and many settlements are affected by flood risk, including land in and around market towns. In identifying sites for new development, national policy requires a sequential approach be applied which prioritises sites of least flood risk. Therefore, it is uncertain if the option can be accommodated within areas of least flood risk, as this will be determined by the specific sites which are available for development.	<b>The greatest threat to Fenland from climate change is the area's vulnerability to flooding. Much of the open countryside and many settlements are affected by flood risk, including land in and around market towns. In identifying sites for new development, national policy requires a sequential approach be applied which prioritises sites of least flood risk. Therefore, it is uncertain if the option can be accommodated within areas of least flood risk, as this will be determined by the specific sites which are available for development.</b>	The greatest threat to Fenland from climate change is the area's vulnerability to flooding. Much of the open countryside and many settlements are affected by flood risk, including land in and around market towns. In identifying sites for new development, national policy requires a sequential approach be applied which prioritises sites of least flood risk. Therefore, it is uncertain if the option can be accommodated within areas of least flood risk, as this will be determined by the specific sites which are available for development.	The greatest threat to Fenland from climate change is the area's vulnerability to flooding. Much of the open countryside and many settlements are affected by flood risk, including land in and around market towns. In identifying sites for new development, national policy requires a sequential approach be applied which prioritises sites of least flood risk. Therefore, it is uncertain if the option can be accommodated within areas of least flood risk, as this will be determined by the specific sites which are available for development.	The greatest threat to Fenland from climate change is the area's vulnerability to flooding. Much of the open countryside and many settlements are affected by flood risk, including land in and around market towns. In identifying sites for new development, national policy requires a sequential approach be applied which prioritises sites of least flood risk. Therefore, it is uncertain if the option can be accommodated within areas of least flood risk, as this will be determined by the specific sites which are available for development.	The greatest threat to Fenland from climate change is the area's vulnerability to flooding. Much of the open countryside and many settlements are affected by flood risk, including land in and around market towns. In identifying sites for new development, national policy requires a sequential approach be applied which prioritises sites of least flood risk. Therefore, it is uncertain if the option can be accommodated within areas of least flood risk, as this will be determined by the specific sites which are available for development.
		5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	?	?	?	?	?	?
			Fenland is particularly vulnerable to flooding from a variety of sources. In identifying sites for new development, national policy requires a sequential approach be applied which prioritises sites of least flood risk. Therefore, it is uncertain if the option can be accommodated within areas of least flood risk, as this will be determined by the specific sites which are available for development.	<b>Fenland is particularly vulnerable to flooding from a variety of sources. In identifying sites for new development, national policy requires a sequential approach be applied which prioritises sites of least flood risk. Therefore, it is uncertain if the option can be accommodated within areas of least flood risk, as this will be determined by the specific sites which are available for development.</b>	Fenland is particularly vulnerable to flooding from a variety of sources. In identifying sites for new development, national policy requires a sequential approach be applied which prioritises sites of least flood risk. Therefore, it is uncertain if the option can be accommodated within areas of least flood risk, as this will be determined by the specific sites which are available for development.	Fenland is particularly vulnerable to flooding from a variety of sources. In identifying sites for new development, national policy requires a sequential approach be applied which prioritises sites of least flood risk. Therefore, it is uncertain if the option can be accommodated within areas of least flood risk, as this will be determined by the specific sites which are available for development.	Fenland is particularly vulnerable to flooding from a variety of sources. In identifying sites for new development, national policy requires a sequential approach be applied which prioritises sites of least flood risk. Therefore, it is uncertain if the option can be accommodated within areas of least flood risk, as this will be determined by the specific sites which are available for development.	Fenland is particularly vulnerable to flooding from a variety of sources. In identifying sites for new development, national policy requires a sequential approach be applied which prioritises sites of least flood risk. Therefore, it is uncertain if the option can be accommodated within areas of least flood risk, as this will be determined by the specific sites which are available for development.
	<b>6. Land Use and Wildlife</b>	6.1 Minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	?	?	?	?	?	?
			Fenland benefits from extensive high-quality agricultural land and the majority of the district's land area is in agricultural use. Fenland has relatively limited	<b>Fenland benefits from extensive high-quality agricultural land and the majority of the district's land area is in agricultural use.</b>	Fenland benefits from extensive high-quality agricultural land and the majority of the district's land area is in agricultural use. Fenland has relatively limited	Fenland benefits from extensive high-quality agricultural land and the majority of the district's land area is in agricultural use. Fenland has relatively limited	Fenland benefits from extensive high-quality agricultural land and the majority of the district's land area is in agricultural use. Fenland has relatively limited	Fenland benefits from extensive high-quality agricultural land and the majority of the district's land area is in agricultural use. Fenland has relatively limited

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			brownfield land resources, and therefore new development will likely utilise undeveloped land, including land presently in agricultural use. The extent to which the option minimises the loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land, will depend on the specific sites identified for development.	<b>Fenland has relatively limited brownfield land resources, and therefore new development will likely utilise undeveloped land, including land presently in agricultural use. The extent to which the option minimises the loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land, will depend on the specific sites identified for development.</b>	brownfield land resources, and therefore new development will likely utilise undeveloped land, including land presently in agricultural use. The extent to which the option minimises the loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land, will depend on the specific sites identified for development.	brownfield land resources, and therefore new development will likely utilise undeveloped land, including land presently in agricultural use. The extent to which the option minimises the loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land, will depend on the specific sites identified for development.	brownfield land resources, and therefore new development will likely utilise undeveloped land, including land presently in agricultural use. The extent to which the option minimises the loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land, will depend on the specific sites identified for development.	brownfield land resources, and therefore new development will likely utilise undeveloped land, including land presently in agricultural use. The extent to which the option minimises the loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land, will depend on the specific sites identified for development.
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		6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances	Fenland has relatively limited brownfield land resources. The extent to which the option utilises brownfield sites will depend on the specific sites identified for development.	<b>Fenland has relatively limited brownfield land resources. The extent to which the option utilises brownfield sites will depend on the specific sites identified for development.</b>	Fenland has relatively limited brownfield land resources. The extent to which the option utilises brownfield sites will depend on the specific sites identified for development.	Fenland has relatively limited brownfield land resources. The extent to which the option utilises brownfield sites will depend on the specific sites identified for development.	Fenland has relatively limited brownfield land resources. The extent to which the option utilises brownfield sites will depend on the specific sites identified for development.	Fenland has relatively limited brownfield land resources. The extent to which the option utilises brownfield sites will depend on the specific sites identified for development.
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		6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	There are numerous designated habitats within or in proximity of Fenland, and evidence of protected species across the district. Likely effects on species and habitats will generally vary depending on the specific sites which are identified for development. It is possible that the various options for the distribution of growth could have differing cumulative and in-combination effects on designated sites and biodiversity. Such effects are being explored through other evidence base documents including the Water Cycle Study and Habitats Regulation Assessment.	<b>There are numerous designated habitats within or in proximity of Fenland, and evidence of protected species across the district. Likely effects on species and habitats will generally vary depending on the specific sites which are identified for development. It is possible that the various options for the distribution of growth could have differing cumulative and in-combination effects on designated sites and biodiversity. Such effects are being explored through other evidence base documents including the Water Cycle Study and Habitats Regulation Assessment.</b>	There are numerous designated habitats within or in proximity of Fenland, and evidence of protected species across the district. Likely effects on species and habitats will generally vary depending on the specific sites which are identified for development. It is possible that the various options for the distribution of growth could have differing cumulative and in-combination effects on designated sites and biodiversity. Such effects are being explored through other evidence base documents including the Water Cycle Study and Habitats Regulation Assessment.	There are numerous designated habitats within or in proximity of Fenland, and evidence of protected species across the district. Likely effects on species and habitats will generally vary depending on the specific sites which are identified for development. It is possible that the various options for the distribution of growth could have differing cumulative and in-combination effects on designated sites and biodiversity. Such effects are being explored through other evidence base documents including the Water Cycle Study and Habitats Regulation Assessment.	There are numerous designated habitats within or in proximity of Fenland, and evidence of protected species across the district. Likely effects on species and habitats will generally vary depending on the specific sites which are identified for development. It is possible that the various options for the distribution of growth could have differing cumulative and in-combination effects on designated sites and biodiversity. Such effects are being explored through other evidence base documents including the Water Cycle Study and Habitats Regulation Assessment.	There are numerous designated habitats within or in proximity of Fenland, and evidence of protected species across the district. Likely effects on species and habitats will generally vary depending on the specific sites which are identified for development. It is possible that the various options for the distribution of growth could have differing cumulative and in-combination effects on designated sites and biodiversity. Such effects are being explored through other evidence base documents including the Water Cycle Study and Habitats Regulation Assessment.
		6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	+	+	+	+	+	+
			The Environment Act will require all new development to achieve a net gain in biodiversity.	<b>The Environment Act will require all new development to achieve a net gain in biodiversity.</b>	The Environment Act will require all new development to achieve a net gain in biodiversity.	The Environment Act will require all new development to achieve a net gain in biodiversity.	The Environment Act will require all new development to achieve a net gain in biodiversity.	The Environment Act will require all new development to achieve a net gain in biodiversity.
		7.1 Minimise water	~	~	~	~	~	~



7. Water


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	Resources	consumption and encourage re-use	Water consumption rates are set through building regulations and unlikely to be affected by the distribution of development.	<b>Water consumption rates are set through building regulations and unlikely to be affected by the distribution of development.</b>	Water consumption rates are set through building regulations and unlikely to be affected by the distribution of development.	Water consumption rates are set through building regulations and unlikely to be affected by the distribution of development.	Water consumption rates are set through building regulations and unlikely to be affected by the distribution of development.	Water consumption rates are set through building regulations and unlikely to be affected by the distribution of development.
		7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	?	?	?	?	?	?
			The Water Framework Directive (as transposed into UK law) legislates against the deterioration of water bodies. The effects of growth on the water environment in the context of WFD objectives are being assessed through the Water Cycle Study.	<b>The Water Framework Directive (as transposed into UK law) legislates against the deterioration of water bodies. The effects of growth on the water environment in the context of WFD objectives are being assessed through the Water Cycle Study.</b>	The Water Framework Directive (as transposed into UK law) legislates against the deterioration of water bodies. The effects of growth on the water environment in the context of WFD objectives are being assessed through the Water Cycle Study.	The Water Framework Directive (as transposed into UK law) legislates against the deterioration of water bodies. The effects of growth on the water environment in the context of WFD objectives are being assessed through the Water Cycle Study.	The Water Framework Directive (as transposed into UK law) legislates against the deterioration of water bodies. The effects of growth on the water environment in the context of WFD objectives are being assessed through the Water Cycle Study.	The Water Framework Directive (as transposed into UK law) legislates against the deterioration of water bodies. The effects of growth on the water environment in the context of WFD objectives are being assessed through the Water Cycle Study.
	8. Pollution and Waste	8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)	+	++	++	++	--	?
			The option distributes growth proportionately by settlement population. Since most of Fenland's population live in market towns, the market towns would receive the greatest proportion of growth. The market towns are best served by transport infrastructure, such as highways, footways/cycleways and have greatest access to public transport, and offer employment, education, leisure and shopping facilities, thereby reducing the need to travel and providing best opportunity to utilise sustainable transport modes – and therefore have the potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transport. Other sources of emissions and pollution from new development, such as energy consumption of new homes, are determined by building regulations.	<b>The option concentrates growth in the market towns which are best served by transport infrastructure, such as highways, footways/cycleways and have greatest access to public transport. The market towns offer employment, education, leisure and shopping facilities, thereby reducing the need to travel and therefore have the potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transport. Other sources of emissions and pollution from new development, such as energy consumption of new homes, are determined by building regulations.</b>	Through concentrating strategic growth at one or more settlements, the option provides opportunity to design a scheme to be walkable (reflecting good practice in the National Model Design Code) and to coordinate sustainable transport infrastructure as an integrated part of the development and therefore have the potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transport. Other sources of emissions and pollution from new development, such as energy consumption of new homes, are determined by building regulations.	Through concentrating strategic growth at one or more new settlements, the option provides opportunity to design new communities which are walkable (reflecting good practice in the National Model Design Code), and to coordinate sustainable transport infrastructure as an integrated part of the development and therefore have the potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transport. Other sources of emissions and pollution from new development, such as energy consumption of new homes, are determined by building regulations.	Dispersed, smaller sites are likely to be car-dependent on not likely to encourage sustainable transport modes. Smaller sites are unlikely to provide the critical mass and coordination required to provide investment in new sustainable transport infrastructure. The option is therefore unlikely to lead to a reduction in emissions. Other sources of emissions and pollution from new development, such as energy consumption of new homes, are determined by building regulations.	Distributing growth along existing transport corridors could encourage sustainable travel modes by providing the critical mass necessary to support public transport services along key routes, and/or could support provision of new walking and cycle infrastructure. Growth along rail corridors will be well-placed to utilise rail services. However, development along existing major road routes may result in car-dependency, due to the convenience driving may offer. Other sources of emissions and pollution from new development, such as energy consumption of new homes, are determined by building regulations.
		?	?	?	?	?	?	
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	FDC's Environmental Health team maintains records of potentially contaminated land. The risk of pollution from contaminated land will vary depending on the specific sites identified for development.	<b>FDC's Environmental Health team maintains records of potentially contaminated land. The risk of pollution from contaminated land will vary depending on the specific sites identified for development.</b>	FDC's Environmental Health team maintains records of potentially contaminated land. The risk of pollution from contaminated land will vary depending on the specific sites identified for development.	FDC's Environmental Health team maintains records of potentially contaminated land. The risk of pollution from contaminated land will vary depending on the specific sites identified for development.	FDC's Environmental Health team maintains records of potentially contaminated land. The risk of pollution from contaminated land will vary depending on the specific sites identified for development.	FDC's Environmental Health team maintains records of potentially contaminated land. The risk of pollution from contaminated land will vary depending on the specific sites identified for development.
	8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse	~	~	~	~	~	~	
		The distribution of growth is not likely to have measurable effects on opportunities for the	<b>The distribution of growth is not likely to have measurable effects on opportunities for</b>	The distribution of growth is not likely to have measurable effects on opportunities for the	The distribution of growth is not likely to have measurable effects on opportunities for the	The distribution of growth is not likely to have measurable effects on opportunities for the	The distribution of growth is not likely to have measurable effects on opportunities for the	

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		and recycling of waste	reduction, reuse and recycling of waste.	<b>the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste.</b>	reduction, reuse and recycling of waste.	reduction, reuse and recycling of waste.	reduction, reuse and recycling of waste.	reduction, reuse and recycling of waste.
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 <b>9. Sustainable Resources</b>		9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	The option distributes growth proportionately by settlement population. Since most of Fenland's population live in market towns, the market towns would receive the greatest proportion of growth. The market towns are best served by transport infrastructure, such as highways, footways/cycleways and have greatest access to public transport, and offer employment, education, leisure and shopping facilities, thereby reducing the need to travel and providing best opportunity to utilise sustainable transport modes – and therefore have the potential to reduce energy consumption associated with transport and travel. Energy consumption for new buildings is set through building regulations.	<b>The option concentrates growth in the market towns which are best served by transport infrastructure, such as highways, footways/cycleways and have greatest access to public transport. The market towns offer employment, education, leisure and shopping facilities, thereby reducing the need to travel and therefore have the potential to reduce energy consumption from transport. Energy consumption for new buildings is set through building regulations.</b>	Through concentrating strategic growth at one or more settlements, the option provides opportunity to design a scheme to be walkable (reflecting good practice in the National Model Design Code) and to coordinate sustainable transport infrastructure as an integrated part of the development and therefore have the potential to reduce energy consumption from transport. Energy consumption for new buildings is set through building regulations.	Through concentrating strategic growth at one or more new settlements, the option provides opportunity to design new communities which are walkable (reflecting good practice in the National Model Design Code), and to coordinate sustainable transport infrastructure as an integrated part of the development and therefore have the potential to reduce energy consumption from transport. Energy consumption for new buildings is set through building regulations.	Dispersed, smaller sites are likely to be car-dependent on not likely to encourage sustainable transport modes. Energy consumption for new buildings is set through building regulations.	Distributing growth along existing transport corridors could reduce energy consumption associated with private motor vehicles through encouraging sustainable travel modes by providing the critical mass necessary to support public transport services along key routes, and/or could support provision of new walking and cycle infrastructure. Growth along rail corridors will be well-placed to utilise rail services. However, directing development along existing major road routes may result in car-dependency, due to the convenience driving may offer. Energy consumption for new buildings is set through building regulations.
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	Fenland is rich in minerals resources associated with construction. The effects on such available local resources will depend on the specific sites identified, and will be influenced by policies in the Minerals & Waste Local Plan.	<b>Fenland is rich in minerals resources associated with construction. The effects on such available local resources will depend on the specific sites identified, and will be influenced by policies in the Minerals &amp; Waste Local Plan.</b>	Fenland is rich in minerals resources associated with construction. The effects on such available local resources will depend on the specific sites identified, and will be influenced by policies in the Minerals & Waste Local Plan.	Fenland is rich in minerals resources associated with construction. The effects on such available local resources will depend on the specific sites identified, and will be influenced by policies in the Minerals & Waste Local Plan.	Fenland is rich in minerals resources associated with construction. The effects on such available local resources will depend on the specific sites identified, and will be influenced by policies in the Minerals & Waste Local Plan.	Fenland is rich in minerals resources associated with construction. The effects on such available local resources will depend on the specific sites identified, and will be influenced by policies in the Minerals & Waste Local Plan.

## Part B: Policy LP2 Growth Options

During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for this policy:


- Growth Option 1: Sites with extant planning permission – i.e. Do nothing. A baseline showing sites with planning consent at 01 April 2021 for 5 or more new dwellings.
- Growth Option 2: Market town-led growth - Concentrates growth principally in the towns of Wisbech, March, Whittlesey and Chatteris. Limited growth in villages, allocating only the most suitable sites.
- **Growth Option 2A: Delivery & supply – Distribute growth to settlements with an aim to deliver ‘proportionate growth’, with omission of existing strategic sites which have demonstrated poor delivery in the past in favour of alternative sites.**
- Growth Option 3: More growth in villages - Allocates more sites in villages, and excludes sites of lesser suitability in market towns.
- Growth Option 4: Strategic growth of certain villages - As option 3, but proposes strategic growth at Wimblington and at Coates and Eastrea villages.

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SA Framework			GO1: Sites with extant planning permission (Do nothing)	GO2: Market town-led growth	GO2A: Delivery & supply	GO3: More growth in villages	GO4: Strategic growth of certain villages
	<b>1. Healthy Communities</b>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	~	++	+	+	++
			The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites. The option will therefore have no effect in respect of the objective.	Health and wellbeing services are generally located in the market towns (and some large villages). The option concentrates growth in the market towns, with limited growth in the rural area. Therefore, new development will have best possible access to health	<b>The option directs the majority of growth to the market towns, which are best served by facilities, and is therefore given a positive score.</b>  <b>However, the option directs a greater proportion of growth</b>	The option directs the majority of growth to the market towns, which are best served by facilities, and is therefore given a positive score.  However, the option directs a greater proportion of growth (than GO2) to the rural	Through concentrating strategic-scale growth at the villages of Eastrea, Coates and Wimblington, the option provides opportunity to design and coordinate the delivery of new health and well-being




				and wellbeing services.  Concentrating development in the market towns can minimise isolation and enhance accessibility for those who may have fewer travel choices, such as the elderly, young people, people living with disabilities or long-term health issues, or on low incomes.	<b>(than GO2) to the rural area. Settlements in the rural area have fewer services and are more dependent on private vehicle travel. This may limit opportunities for those experiencing isolation or deprivation, and lack access to a private motor vehicle.</b>	area. Settlements in the rural area have fewer services and are more dependent on private vehicle travel. This may limit opportunities for those experiencing isolation or deprivation, and lack access to a private motor vehicle.	services and other facilities and infrastructure as an integrated part of the development.
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		1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments	The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.	The option concentrates growth in Fenland's market towns which have best access to services and facilities. Market towns offer better cycling and walking infrastructure than the rural area and therefore provide a safe environment.  Concentrating development in the market towns may help to support such existing services and facilities, and enable their continued viability or expansion through increased footfall and investment.	<b>The option directs the majority of growth to the market towns which are best served by facilities.</b>  <b>However, the option directs a greater proportion of growth (than GO2) to the rural area which generally has more limited access to services and facilities. However, where services and facilities exist, growth could help support the vitality of such services and facilities in rural communities.</b>	The option directs the majority of growth to the market towns which are best served by facilities.  However, the option directs a greater proportion of growth (than GO2) to the rural area which generally has more limited access to services and facilities. However, where services and facilities exist, growth could help support the vitality of such services and facilities in rural communities.	Through concentrating at the villages of Eastrea, Coates and Wimblington, the option provides opportunity to design and coordinate the delivery of new services, facilities and infrastructure as an integrated part of the development.
		1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves	~	++	+	+	++
			The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.	All new developments will be required to contribute to and make provision for open space and support the delivery of green infrastructure in accordance with other	<b>All new developments will be required to contribute to and make provision for open space and support the delivery of green infrastructure in</b>	All new developments will be required to contribute to and make provision for open space and support the delivery of green infrastructure in accordance with other	All new developments will be required to contribute to and make provision for open space and support the delivery of green infrastructure in

		opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places		<p>strategic policies in the plan. The Environment Act requires new development to deliver biodiversity net gain.</p> <p>The option includes large and strategic-scale sites at market towns. Through concentrating growth at market towns, the option provides opportunity to design and coordinate the delivery of new open spaces as an integrated part of the development.</p>	<b>accordance with other strategic policies in the plan. The Environment Act requires new development to deliver biodiversity net gain.</b>	strategic policies in the plan. The Environment Act requires new development to deliver biodiversity net gain.	accordance with other strategic policies in the plan. The Environment Act requires new development to deliver biodiversity net gain. Through concentrating strategic-scale growth at one or more settlements, the option provides opportunity to design and coordinate the delivery of new open spaces as an integrated part of the development.
		1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments, community orchards and farmers' shops and markets	~	++	+	+	++
			The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.	<p>All new developments will be required to contribute to and make provision for open space, including for food production/allotments, in accordance with other strategic policies in the plan.</p> <p>The option includes large and strategic-scale sites at market towns. By concentrating growth at market towns, the option provides opportunity to design and coordinate local food production (such as orchards, allotments and markets) as an integrated part of the development.</p>	<b>All new developments will be required to contribute to and make provision for open space, including for food production/allotments, in accordance with other strategic policies in the plan.</b>	All new developments will be required to contribute to and make provision for open space, including for food production/allotments, in accordance with other strategic policies in the plan.	<p>All new developments will be required to contribute to and make provision for open space, including for food production/allotments, in accordance with other strategic policies in the plan.</p> <p>Through concentrating strategic-scale growth at the villages of Eastrea, Coates and Wimblington, the option provides opportunity to design and coordinate local food production (such</p>

							as orchards, allotments and markets) as an integrated part of the development.
			~	++	+	+	+
	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>	2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.	<p>The market towns provide the main locations for employment, education and training opportunities.</p> <p>The option includes large and strategic-scale sites at market towns, and therefore provides new development with best access to such opportunities.</p> <p>The employment options direct the majority of new employment development to the market towns. Future investment in education facilities (namely, secondary schools) is directed to existing facilities in the market towns.</p> <p>Following engagement with the Local Education Authority, the <i>Infrastructure Delivery Plan</i> identifies opportunities and requirements for investment, which will be required in both market towns and the rural area. Directing growth to market towns could help</p>	<p><b>The market towns provide the main locations for employment, education and training opportunities. The option directs the majority of growth in the market towns and therefore provides most new development with best access to such opportunities.</b></p> <p><b>However, the option includes a greater portion of sites in the rural area, where opportunities for employment, education and training are more limited.</b></p> <p><b>Following engagement with the Local Education Authority, the <i>Infrastructure Delivery Plan</i> identifies opportunities and requirements for investment, which will be required in both market towns and the</b></p>	<p>The market towns provide the main locations for employment, education and training opportunities. The option directs the majority of growth in the market towns and therefore provides most new development with best access to such opportunities.</p> <p>However, the option includes a greater portion of sites in the rural area, where opportunities for employment, education and training are more limited.</p> <p>Following engagement with the Local Education Authority, the <i>Infrastructure Delivery Plan</i> identifies opportunities and requirements for investment, which will be required in both market towns and the rural area. Growth in the rural area could play a role in</p>	Through concentrating strategic-scale growth at the villages of Eastrea, Coates and Wimblington, the option provides opportunity to include employment and coordinate the delivery of new education facilities within those developments. However, it is not likely that such jobs and training opportunities would meet the development's needs in full.

				coordinate delivery of the rural area could support the delivery of new or expanded primary schools.	<b>rural area. Growth in the rural area could play a role in supporting the vitality and viability of rural primary schools.</b>	supporting the vitality and viability of rural primary schools.	
			~	/	+	+	++
		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.	<p>All new development will be required to contribute to the delivery of infrastructure by other strategic policies in the Local Plan.</p> <p>The option concentrates new development at the market towns, which are best served by infrastructure and facilities. This could ensure efficient use of existing services and infrastructure and provide footfall and investment to maintain facilities and services in the market towns.</p> <p>However, concentrating growth in the market towns may lead to a lack of investment within rural communities.</p>	<p><b>All new development will be required to contribute to the delivery of infrastructure by other strategic policies in the Local Plan.</b></p> <p><b>The option directs most new development to the market towns, which are best served by infrastructure and facilities. This could ensure efficient use of existing services and infrastructure.</b></p> <p><b>By providing growth across most settlements could help provide footfall and investment to support the vitality and viability of facilities and services across many rural communities, which have in the past generally suffered a lack of investment. Providing opportunity for growth in more</b></p>	<p>All new development will be required to contribute to the delivery of infrastructure by other strategic policies in the Local Plan.</p> <p>The option directs most new development to the market towns, which are best served by infrastructure and facilities. This could ensure efficient use of existing services and infrastructure.</p> <p>By providing growth across most settlements could help provide footfall and investment to support the vitality and viability of facilities and services across the district, which have in the past generally suffered a lack of investment. Providing opportunity for growth in more settlements could provide choice and competition in the market for land.</p>	<p>All new development will be required to contribute to the delivery of infrastructure by other strategic policies in the Local Plan.</p> <p>Through concentrating strategic-scale growth at Eastrea, Coates and Wimblington, the option provides opportunity to design and coordinate the delivery of new infrastructure as an integrated part of the development.</p> <p>In other settlements (outside of Eastrea/ Coates and Wimblington) GO4 includes the same sites as GO3. By providing proportionate growth across most settlements could help provide footfall and investment to support the vitality and</p>

					<b>settlements could provide choice and competition in the market for land.</b>		viability of facilities and services across the district, which have in the past generally suffered a lack of investment.
			~	/	++	+	/
		2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.	<p>The option identifies available sites with sufficient capacity to meet the housing requirement with an appropriate buffer.</p> <p>The option concentrates the majority of growth in the market towns. This may result in development in fewer locations thereby limiting choice in the market for land.</p> <p>“The supply of large numbers of new homes can often be best achieved through planning for larger scale development, such as new settlements or significant extensions to existing villages and towns.” (Para. 73, NPPF 2021). Therefore, larger scale sites, such as those identified in market towns by this option, <i>may</i> enable the delivery of a large number of homes including the provision of affordable homes. However, strategic-scale sites in the district</p>	<p><b>The option identifies available sites with sufficient capacity to meet the housing requirement with an appropriate buffer.</b></p> <p><b>The option directs a greater proportion of growth (than GO2) to the rural area through allocating sites in most settlements in the district, thereby providing greater choice in sites.</b></p> <p><b>Greater provision of smaller sites may promote delivery and viability, but may reduce opportunities to deliver affordable housing associated with larger sites.</b></p> <p><b>“The supply of large numbers of new homes can often be best achieved through planning for larger scale development,</b></p>	<p>The option identifies available sites with sufficient capacity to meet the housing requirement with a significant buffer.</p> <p>The option directs a greater proportion of growth (than GO2) to the rural area, thereby providing greater choice in sites. Greater provision of smaller sites may promote delivery and viability, but may reduce opportunities to deliver affordable housing associated with larger sites.</p>	<p>The option concentrates growth in the villages of Eastrea, Coates and Wimblington at strategic-scale allocations.</p> <p>“The supply of large numbers of new homes can often be best achieved through planning for larger scale development, such as new settlements or significant extensions to existing villages and towns.” (Para. 73, NPPF 2021). The option supports this through the allocation of strategic scale sites. However, in Fenland strategic-scale development sites have generally been slow to progress.</p>

				<p>have generally been slow to progress. Notably, the Local Plan Viability Assessment indicates that Wisbech (one of Fenland's four market towns) has limited capacity to support affordable housing provision. The option responds to this by directing development to the other market towns.</p>	<p><b>such as new settlements or significant extensions to existing villages and towns.” (Para. 73, NPPF 2021). However, this has not been the case in Fenland, with strategic sites identified by the Local Plan 2014 having been slow to progress.</b></p> <p><b>The option directly responds to the issue of poor delivery by omitting sites which have exhibited a poor track record of delivery, in favour of new, alternative site allocations. It is expected that this approach will boost delivery of new homes.</b></p> <p><b>The option also directs growth away from Wisbech, reflecting the Viability Assessment's findings of poor viability north of the A47.</b></p>		
	<b>3. Transport</b>	3.1 Reduce the reliance	~	++	+	+	++

		on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.	The market towns provide main locations for employment, education, retail, services and facilities. They are best served by public transport, walking and cycling infrastructure. The option concentrates the majority of growth in the market towns, and therefore provides new development with best access by non-private motor vehicle means.	<b>The option directs the majority of growth to the market towns. However, the option directs a greater proportion of growth (than GO2) to the rural area.</b>  <b>The rural area general has limited access to public transport, and offers fewer services, facilities and employment. Therefore, new development in the rural area is likely to be car-dependent.</b>	The option directs the majority of growth to the market towns. However, the option directs a greater proportion of growth (than GO2) to the rural area.  The rural area general has limited access to public transport, and offers fewer services, facilities and employment. Therefore, new development in the rural area is likely to be car-dependent.	Through concentrating strategic growth at the villages of Eastrea, Coates and Wimblington the option provides opportunity to design a scheme to be walkable (reflecting good practice in the National Model Design Code) and to coordinate sustainable transport infrastructure as an integrated part of the development.
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		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.	The option concentrates growth in the market towns which are best served by transport infrastructure, such as highways, footways/cycleways and have greatest access to public transport.	<b>The option directs the majority of growth to the market towns. However, the option directs a greater proportion of growth (than GO2) to the rural area.</b>  <b>The rural area general has limited access to public transport and walking and cycling infrastructure. Development in the rural area is likely to be car-dependent, with limited access to a variety of transport modes and permeability.</b>	The option directs the majority of growth to the market towns. However, the option directs a greater proportion of growth (than GO2) to the rural area.  The rural area general has limited access to public transport and walking and cycling infrastructure. Development in the rural area is likely to be car-dependent, with limited access to a variety of transport modes and permeability.	Through concentrating strategic growth at the villages of Eastrea, Coates and Wimblington, the option provides opportunity to design a scheme to be walkable (reflecting good practice in the National Model Design Code) and to coordinate sustainable transport infrastructure as an integrated part of the development.
	<b>4. Heritage.</b>	4.1 Conserve and	~	~	~	~	-



Place Making and Landscape	where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.	The Local Plan will require new developments to deliver high quality design, in accordance with national and strategic policies, and conserve landscapes and townscapes.  In assessing the suitability of individual sites, effects on the historic environment were taken into consideration, with site-specific requirements set out in the corresponding site allocations policy.	<b>The Local Plan will require new developments to deliver high quality design, in accordance with national and strategic policies, and conserve landscapes and townscapes.</b>  <b>In assessing the suitability of individual sites, effects on the historic environment were taken into consideration, with site-specific requirements set out in the corresponding site allocations policy.</b>	The Local Plan will require new developments to deliver high quality design, in accordance with national and strategic policies, and conserve landscapes and townscapes.  In assessing the suitability of individual sites, effects on the historic environment were taken into consideration, with site-specific requirements set out in the corresponding site allocations policy.	Strategic expansion of the villages of Eastrea, Coates and Wimblington will likely significantly alter the character of those settlements, due to the scale of growth relative to the existing settlement.  Strategic-scale development has the potential to impact on heritage assets at those villages, such as listed buildings and other assets within the wider historic environment.
	4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character	~	+	+	+	+
	4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	~	~	~	~	-





## 5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk

				taken into consideration, with site-specific requirements set out in the corresponding site allocations policy.	<b>effects on the landscape/townscape were taken into consideration, with site-specific requirements set out in the corresponding site allocations policy.</b>	landscape/townscape were taken into consideration, with site-specific requirements set out in the corresponding site allocations policy.	character and landscape at those villages.
		5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	~	~	~	~	~
			The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.	<p>The greatest threat from climate change to Fenland is vulnerability to flooding. Extensive areas of Fenland are at risk from flooding. However, there remains available sites in existing settlements in areas at least risk from flooding. Therefore the extent to which new development is vulnerable to the effects of climate change, namely from flooding, depends on the characteristics of individual sites rather than the policy option to distribute growth. Each site submission has itself been subject to the SA process.</p> <p>In selecting site allocations, a sequential approach has been taken which prioritise sites of least flood risk. Site-specific flood risk issues have been assessed through the SFRA Level 1 and Level 2 assessment. The Exception Test will be applied where required by national policy. Where a site allocation requires FRA,</p>	<p><b>The greatest threat from climate change to Fenland is vulnerability to flooding. Extensive areas of Fenland are at risk from flooding. However, there remains available sites in existing settlements in areas at least risk from flooding. Therefore the extent to which new development is vulnerable to the effects of climate change, namely from flooding, depends on the characteristics of individual sites rather than the policy option to distribute growth. Each site submission has itself been subject to the SA process.</b></p> <p><b>In selecting site allocations, a sequential approach has been taken which prioritise sites of least flood risk. Site-specific</b></p>	<p>The greatest threat from climate change to Fenland is vulnerability to flooding. Extensive areas of Fenland are at risk from flooding. However, there remains available sites in existing settlements in areas at least risk from flooding. Therefore the extent to which new development is vulnerable to the effects of climate change, namely from flooding, depends on the characteristics of individual sites rather than the policy option to distribute growth. Each site submission has itself been subject to the SA process.</p> <p>In selecting site allocations, a sequential approach has been taken which prioritise sites of least flood risk. Site-specific flood risk issues have been assessed through the SFRA Level 1 and Level 2 assessment.</p>	<p>The greatest threat from climate change to Fenland is vulnerability to flooding. Extensive areas of Fenland are at risk from flooding. However, there remains available sites in existing settlements in areas at least risk from flooding. Therefore the extent to which new development is vulnerable to the effects of climate change, namely from flooding, depends on the characteristics of individual sites rather than the policy option to distribute growth. Each site submission has itself been subject to the SA process.</p> <p>In selecting site allocations, a sequential approach has been taken which prioritise sites of least flood risk. Site-specific</p>

				<p>this requirement is set in the corresponding site allocations policy. Strategic policy LP32 also sets requirements for new development to address flooding issues, with further guidance set out in the Cambs Flood and Water SPD.</p>	<p><b>flood risk issues have been assessed through the SFRA Level 1 and Level 2 assessment. The Exception Test will be applied where required by national policy. Where a site allocation requires FRA, this requirement is set in the corresponding site allocations policy. Strategic policy LP32 also sets requirements for new development to address flooding issues, with further guidance set out in the Cambs Flood and Water SPD.</b></p>	<p>The Exception Test will be applied where required by national policy. Where a site allocation requires FRA, this requirement is set in the corresponding site allocations policy. Strategic policy LP32 also sets requirements for new development to address flooding issues, with further guidance set out in the Cambs Flood and Water SPD.</p>	<p>flood risk issues have been assessed through the SFRA Level 1 and Level 2 assessment. The Exception Test will be applied where required by national policy. Where a site allocation requires FRA, this requirement is set in the corresponding site allocations policy. Strategic policy LP32 also sets requirements for new development to address flooding issues, with further guidance set out in the Cambs Flood and Water SPD.</p>
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		<p>5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources</p>	<p>The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.</p>	<p>The greatest threat from climate change to Fenland is vulnerability to flooding. Extensive areas of Fenland are at risk from flooding. However, there remains available sites in existing settlements in areas at least risk from flooding. Therefore the extent to which new development is vulnerable to the effects of climate change, namely from flooding, depends on the characteristics of individual sites rather than the policy option to</p>	<p><b>The greatest threat from climate change to Fenland is vulnerability to flooding. Extensive areas of Fenland are at risk from flooding. However, there remains available sites in existing settlements in areas at least risk from flooding. Therefore the extent to which new development is vulnerable to the effects of climate</b></p>	<p>The greatest threat from climate change to Fenland is vulnerability to flooding. Extensive areas of Fenland are at risk from flooding. However, there remains available sites in existing settlements in areas at least risk from flooding. Therefore the extent to which new development is vulnerable to the effects of climate change, namely from flooding, depends on the characteristics of</p>	<p>The greatest threat from climate change to Fenland is vulnerability to flooding. Extensive areas of Fenland are at risk from flooding. However, there remains available sites in existing settlements in areas at least risk from flooding. Therefore the extent to which new development is vulnerable to the effects of climate</p>

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	<b>6. Land Use</b>	6.1 Minimise the	~	-	-	-	-
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	<p><b>and Wildlife</b></p>	<p>irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land</p>	<p>The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.</p>	<p>Fenland has a limited supply of brownfield sites. To meet the area's development needs, the option involves the development of predominantly greenfield land.</p> <p>High quality agricultural land is widespread across the district, both in areas surrounding market towns and across the rural area. Agricultural land quality was taken into consideration in assessing the suitability of sites, with priority given to sites which are not high quality agricultural land.</p> <p>Therefore, to some extent loss of agricultural land is a 'site-specific' issue, varying between sites. However, due to the widespread nature of high quality agricultural land, it is clear that the cumulative effect of the option is an irreversible loss of undeveloped land, including high quality agricultural land.</p>	<p><b>Fenland has a limited supply of brownfield sites. To meet the area's development needs, the option involves the development of predominantly greenfield land.</b></p> <p><b>High quality agricultural land is widespread across the district, both in areas surrounding market towns and across the rural area. Agricultural land quality was taken into consideration in assessing the suitability of sites, with priority given to sites which are not high quality agricultural land.</b></p> <p><b>Therefore, to some extent loss of agricultural land is a 'site-specific' issue, varying between sites. However, due to the widespread nature of high quality agricultural land, it is clear that the cumulative effect of the option is an irreversible loss of undeveloped land, including high quality agricultural land.</b></p>	<p>Fenland has a limited supply of brownfield sites. To meet the area's development needs, the option involves the development of predominantly greenfield land.</p> <p>High quality agricultural land is widespread across the district, both in areas surrounding market towns and across the rural area. Agricultural land quality was taken into consideration in assessing the suitability of sites, with priority given to sites which are not high quality agricultural land.</p> <p>Therefore, to some extent loss of agricultural land is a 'site-specific' issue, varying between sites. However, due to the widespread nature of high quality agricultural land, it is clear that the cumulative effect of the option is an irreversible loss of undeveloped land, including high quality agricultural land.</p>	<p>A key characteristic of this option is the provision of strategic growth of the villages of Eastrea and Coates, and Wimblington. Each of those villages is surrounded by greenfield, high-quality agricultural land.</p> <p>It is therefore clear that the cumulative effect of the option is an irreversible loss of undeveloped land, including high quality agricultural land.</p>
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	6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances	The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.		Fenland generally has a limited supply of brownfield sites. Most brownfield land is located in the market towns. The option includes site allocations in market towns.	<b>Fenland generally has a limited supply of brownfield sites. Most brownfield land is located in the market towns. The option includes site allocations in market towns.</b>	Fenland generally has a limited supply of brownfield sites. Most brownfield land is located in the market towns. The option includes site allocations in market towns.	Fenland generally has a limited supply of brownfield sites. Most brownfield land is located in the market towns. The option includes site allocations in market towns.
	6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.	~	?	~	?	?
				There are numerous designated habitats within or in proximity of Fenland, and evidence of protected species across the district. New development can affect habitats in a range of ways, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Habitat loss/ fragmentation (including loss of functionally linked land) and effects on species away from European Sites</li> <li>Public access and disturbance: recreation and visitor pressure</li> <li>Disturbance: urbanisation effects</li> <li>Hydrological: Changes in water levels and flows</li> <li>Hydrological: Changes in water quality</li> <li>Air pollution</li> </ul> Spatial distribution of growth is highly significant	<b>There are numerous designated habitats within or in proximity of Fenland, and evidence of protected species across the district. New development can affect habitats in a range of ways, such as:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Habitat loss/ fragmentation (including loss of functionally linked land) and effects on species away from European Sites</b></li> <li><b>Public access and disturbance: recreation and visitor pressure</b></li> <li><b>Disturbance: urbanisation effects</b></li> <li><b>Hydrological: Changes in water levels and flows</b></li> <li><b>Hydrological:</b></li> </ul>	There are numerous designated habitats within or in proximity of Fenland, and evidence of protected species across the district. New development can affect habitats in a range of ways, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Habitat loss/ fragmentation (including loss of functionally linked land) and effects on species away from European Sites</li> <li>Public access and disturbance: recreation and visitor pressure</li> <li>Disturbance: urbanisation effects</li> <li>Hydrological: Changes in water levels and flows</li> <li>Hydrological: Changes in water quality</li> <li>Air pollution</li> </ul>	There are numerous designated habitats within or in proximity of Fenland, and evidence of protected species across the district. New development can affect habitats in a range of ways, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Habitat loss/ fragmentation (including loss of functionally linked land) and effects on species away from European Sites</li> <li>Public access and disturbance: recreation and visitor pressure</li> <li>Disturbance: urbanisation effects</li> <li>Hydrological: Changes in water levels and flows</li> <li>Hydrological:</li> </ul>

				<p>to the determining impacts designated habitats. For example, increased traffic movements within 200m of a designated habitat has the potential to affect air quality; development within 400m of a designated habitat can have urbanising effects; development within 8km of a designated habitat has the potential to increase recreational disturbance and visitor pressure; sites hydrologically connected to designated habitats risk harm to water quality.</p> <p>Due to the extensive, cumulative and potentially varied effects, further assessment of the option would be required through a HRA. The effects of the option are therefore uncertain.</p>	<p><b>Changes in water quality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Air pollution</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Spatial distribution of growth is highly significant to the determining impacts designated habitats. For example, increased traffic movements within 200m of a designated habitat has the potential to affect air quality; development within 400m of a designated habitat can have urbanising effects; development within 8km of a designated habitat has the potential to increase recreational disturbance and visitor pressure; sites hydrologically connected to designated habitats risk harm to water quality.</b></p> <p><b>The option has been subject to a HRA. The Appropriate Assessment was unable to rule adverse effects for certain sites. To mitigate those potential adverse effects, site-specific requirements were</b></p>	<p>Spatial distribution of growth is highly significant to the determining impacts designated habitats. For example, increased traffic movements within 200m of a designated habitat has the potential to affect air quality; development within 400m of a designated habitat can have urbanising effects; development within 8km of a designated habitat has the potential to increase recreational disturbance and visitor pressure; sites hydrologically connected to designated habitats risk harm to water quality.</p> <p>Due to the extensive, cumulative and potentially varied effects, further assessment of the option would be required through a HRA. The effects of the option are therefore uncertain.</p>	<p>Changes in water quality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Air pollution</b></li> </ul> <p>Spatial distribution of growth is highly significant to the determining impacts designated habitats. For example, increased traffic movements within 200m of a designated habitat has the potential to affect air quality; development within 400m of a designated habitat can have urbanising effects; development within 8km of a designated habitat has the potential to increase recreational disturbance and visitor pressure; sites hydrologically connected to designated habitats risk harm to water quality.</p> <p>Due to the extensive, cumulative and potentially varied effects, further assessment of the option would be required through a HRA. However, due to the concentration of growth at</p>
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					<b>incorporated into the corresponding site allocations policy. It is assumed that those requirements will mitigate potential adverse impacts and the option is therefore scored 'neutral'.</b>		Eastrea/Coates, it is not unreasonable to speculate that such growth would likely adversely impact upon the Nene Washes SPA/SAC/Ramsar.
		6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	~	++	++	++	++
			The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.	The Environment Act requires new development to deliver biodiversity net gain, with all registered sites to be tied to the habitat plan for a minimum of 30 years.	<b>The Environment Act requires new development to deliver biodiversity net gain, with all registered sites to be tied to the habitat plan for a minimum of 30 years.</b>	The Environment Act requires new development to deliver biodiversity net gain, with all registered sites to be tied to the habitat plan for a minimum of 30 years.	The Environment Act requires new development to deliver biodiversity net gain, with all registered sites to be tied to the habitat plan for a minimum of 30 years.
		7.1 Minimise water consumption and encourage re-use	~	~	~	~	~
			Water consumption rates are set through building regulations and unlikely to be affected by the distribution of development.	Water consumption rates are set through building regulations and unlikely to be affected by the distribution of development.	<b>Water consumption rates are set through building regulations and unlikely to be affected by the distribution of development.</b>	Water consumption rates are set through building regulations and unlikely to be affected by the distribution of development.	Water consumption rates are set through building regulations and unlikely to be affected by the distribution of development.
		7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	~	?	?	?	?
			The Water Framework Directive (as transposed into UK law) legislates against the deterioration of water bodies.	The Water Framework Directive (as transposed into UK law) legislates against the deterioration of water bodies.  A Water Cycle Study would be required to assess the impacts of the Growth Option on receiving water bodies.	<b>The Water Framework Directive (as transposed into UK law) legislates against the deterioration of water bodies.</b>  <b>The effects of the option on the water environment in the context of WFD objectives have been assessed through the</b>	The Water Framework Directive (as transposed into UK law) legislates against the deterioration of water bodies.  A Water Cycle Study would be required to assess the impacts of the Growth Option on receiving water bodies.	The Water Framework Directive (as transposed into UK law) legislates against the deterioration of water bodies.  A Water Cycle Study would be required to assess the impacts of the Growth Option on receiving water bodies.




## 7. Water Resources

					<p><b>Outline Water Cycle Study.</b></p> <p><b>The cumulative impact of the proposed new development is likely to cause water quality issues for all receiving waters. To avoid any deterioration in water body status associated with physico-chemical quality elements, mitigation measures may be needed to reduce offsite environmental impacts, i.e. within water bodies and associated protected areas.</b></p> <p><b>A Detailed WCS is recommended to assess the impact of specific growth areas on receiving WRCs, associated infrastructure and water quality in more detail. This should include a review with Anglian Water and the Environment Agency of the preferred site allocations and the potential cumulative impacts, particularly on water quality, in order to identify potential mitigation measures and plan</b></p>		
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					<b>positively for accommodating the planned growth in the emerging Local Plan.</b>		
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	<b>8. Pollution and Waste</b>	<p>8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)</p>	<p>The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.</p>	<p>The option concentrates growth in the market towns which are best served by transport infrastructure, such as highways, footways/cycleways and have greatest access to public transport.</p> <p>The market towns offer employment, education, leisure and shopping facilities, thereby reducing the need to travel and therefore have the potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transport.</p> <p>Other sources of emissions and pollution from new development, such as energy consumption of new homes, are determined by building regulations.</p>	<p><b>The option directs the majority of growth to the market towns. However, the option directs a greater proportion of growth (than GO2) to the rural area.</b></p> <p><b>The rural area general has limited access to public transport, and offers fewer services, facilities and employment. Therefore, new development in the rural area is likely to be car-dependent, with fewer opportunities to reduce emissions associated with travel, and may increase congestion.</b></p> <p><b>Other sources of emissions and pollution from new development, such as energy consumption of new homes, are determined by building regulations.</b></p>	<p>The option directs the majority of growth to the market towns. However, the option directs a greater proportion of growth (than GO2) to the rural area.</p> <p>The rural area general has limited access to public transport, and offers fewer services, facilities and employment. Therefore, new development in the rural area is likely to be car-dependent, with fewer opportunities to reduce emissions associated with travel, and may increase congestion.</p> <p>Other sources of emissions and pollution from new development, such as energy consumption of new homes, are determined by building regulations.</p>	<p>Through concentrating strategic growth at Eastrea/Coates and Wimblington, the option provides opportunity to design a scheme to be walkable (reflecting good practice in the National Model Design Code) and to coordinate sustainable transport infrastructure as an integrated part of the development and therefore have the potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transport.</p> <p>Other sources of emissions and pollution from new development, such as energy consumption of new homes, are determined by building regulations.</p>
		<p>8.2. Reduce the risk of</p>	~	~	~	~	~


		pollution to the environment from contaminated land	The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.	Land contamination was considered through the site assessment process. Priority was given to sites not likely to increase the risk of pollution.  The risk of pollution from contaminated land varies depending on the specific sites identified for development, rather than as a result of the spatial strategy.	<b>Land contamination was considered through the site assessment process. Priority was given to sites not likely to increase the risk of pollution.</b>  <b>The risk of pollution from contaminated land varies depending on the specific sites identified for development, rather than as a result of the spatial strategy.</b>	Land contamination was considered through the site assessment process. Priority was given to sites not likely to increase the risk of pollution.  The risk of pollution from contaminated land varies depending on the specific sites identified for development, rather than as a result of the spatial strategy.	Land contamination was considered through the site assessment process. Priority was given to sites not likely to increase the risk of pollution.  The risk of pollution from contaminated land varies depending on the specific sites identified for development, rather than as a result of the spatial strategy.
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		8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	The distribution of growth is not likely to have measurable effects on opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste.	The distribution of growth is not likely to have measurable effects on opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste.	<b>The distribution of growth is not likely to have measurable effects on opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste.</b>	The distribution of growth is not likely to have measurable effects on opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste.	The distribution of growth is not likely to have measurable effects on opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste.
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	<b>9. Sustainable Resources</b>	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.	The option concentrates growth in the market towns which are best served by transport infrastructure, such as highways, footways/cycleways and have greatest access to public transport. The market towns offer employment, education, leisure and shopping facilities, thereby reducing the need to travel and	<b>The option directs the majority of growth to the market towns, which are best served by transport infrastructure, such as highways, footways/cycleways and have greatest access to public transport, and offer employment, education, leisure and</b>	The option directs the majority of growth to the market towns, which are best served by transport infrastructure, such as highways, footways/cycleways and have greatest access to public transport, and offer employment, education, leisure and shopping facilities, thereby reducing the	Through concentrating strategic growth at one or more settlements, the option provides opportunity to design a scheme to be walkable (reflecting good practice in the National Model Design Code) and to coordinate sustainable


				<p>therefore have the potential to reduce energy consumption from transport.</p> <p>Energy consumption for new buildings is set through building regulations.</p>	<p><b>shopping facilities, thereby reducing the need to travel and providing best opportunity to utilise sustainable transport modes – and therefore have the potential to reduce energy consumption associated with transport and travel.</b></p> <p><b>However, a greater proportion of growth is distributed to the rural area (than GO2).</b></p> <p><b>Energy consumption for new buildings is set through building regulations.</b></p>	<p>need to travel and providing best opportunity to utilise sustainable transport modes – and therefore have the potential to reduce energy consumption associated with transport and travel.</p> <p>However, a greater proportion of growth is distributed to the rural area (than GO2).</p> <p>Energy consumption for new buildings is set through building regulations.</p>	<p>transport infrastructure as an integrated part of the development and therefore have the potential to reduce energy consumption from transport.</p> <p>Energy consumption for new buildings is set through building regulations.</p>
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		<p>9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use</p>	<p>The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.</p>	<p>Fenland is rich in minerals resources associated with construction. The effects on such available local resources will depend on the specific sites identified, and will be influenced by policies in the Minerals &amp; Waste Local Plan.</p>	<p><b>Fenland is rich in minerals resources associated with construction. The effects on such available local resources will depend on the specific sites identified, and will be influenced by policies in the Minerals &amp; Waste Local Plan.</b></p>	<p>Fenland is rich in minerals resources associated with construction. The effects on such available local resources will depend on the specific sites identified, and will be influenced by policies in the Minerals &amp; Waste Local Plan.</p>	<p>Fenland is rich in minerals resources associated with construction. The effects on such available local resources will depend on the specific sites identified, and will be influenced by policies in the Minerals &amp; Waste Local Plan.</p>

## Policy LP3: Spatial Strategy for the Location of Residential Development



During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for this policy:


- Employment Option 1: Extant planning permission - i.e. *Do nothing* - Baseline showing sites with planning permission for employment uses only.
- Employment Option 2: Market town-led - Sites determined to be suitable for employment development through site assessment process. Nb. In addition to those sites shown, it is proposed that existing industrial estates, business parks, employment clusters, etc. will be allocated to regularise these uses and safeguard these locations for future employment development.
- **Employment Option 2A: Delivery & supply** - Increase the supply of employment land to encourage growth, particularly across the rural area.

Policy LP3: Spatial Strategy for the Location of Employment Development			Policy Options		
SA Framework			EO1: Sites with extant permission (do Nothing)	EO2: Market Town Led	EO2A: Delivery and Supply
	<b>1. Healthy Communities</b>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	~	++	+
			The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites. The option will therefore have no effect in respect of the objective.	Health and wellbeing services are generally located in the market towns (and some large villages). The option concentrates growth in the market towns, with limited growth in the rural area. Therefore, new development will have best possible access to health and wellbeing services.  Concentrating employment development in the market towns can enhance accessibility for jobs for those who may have fewer travel choices, such as the elderly, young people, people living with disabilities or long-term health issues, or on low incomes.	<b>The option directs the majority of employment growth to the market towns, which are best served by facilities, and is therefore given a positive score.</b>  <b>However, the option directs a greater proportion of growth EO2 to the rural area. Settlements in the rural area have fewer services and are more dependent on private vehicle travel. This may limit opportunities for those experiencing isolation or deprivation, and lack access to a private motor vehicle.</b>

		1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments	~ The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.	++ The option concentrates growth in Fenland's market towns which have best access to services and facilities. Market towns offer better cycling and walking infrastructure than the rural area and therefore provide a safe environment.  Concentrating employment development in the market towns may help to support such existing services and facilities, and enable their continued viability or expansion through increased footfall and investment.	+ <b>The option directs the majority of employment growth to the market towns which are best served by facilities.</b>  <b>However, the option directs a greater proportion of growth (than EO2) to the rural area which generally has more limited access to services and facilities. However, where services and facilities exist, growth could help support the vitality of such services and facilities in rural communities.</b>
		1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	~ The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.	~ All new developments will be required to contribute to and make provision for open space and support the delivery of green infrastructure in accordance with other strategic policies in the plan. The	~ <b>All new developments will be required to contribute to and make provision for open space and support the delivery of green infrastructure in accordance with other strategic policies in the plan. The</b>
		1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments, community orchards and farmers' shops and markets	~ The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.	~ All new developments will be required to contribute to and make provision for open space, including for food production/allotments, in accordance with other strategic policies in the plan.	~ <b>All new developments will be required to contribute to and make provision for open space, including for food production/allotments, in accordance with other strategic policies in the plan.</b>
	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>	2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	~ The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.	++ The market towns provide the main locations for employment, education and training opportunities.  The option includes large and strategic-scale sites at market towns, and therefore provides new development with best access	+ <b>The market towns provide the main locations for employment, education and training opportunities. The option directs the majority of employment growth in the market towns and therefore provides most new development</b>


				to such opportunities.  The employment options direct the majority of new employment development to the market towns. Future investment in education facilities (namely, secondary schools) is directed to existing facilities in the market towns.	<b>with best access to such opportunities.</b>  <b>However, the option includes a greater portion of sites in the rural area (than EO2) where opportunities for employment, education and training are more limited.</b>
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		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.	All new development will be required to contribute to the delivery of infrastructure by other strategic policies in the Local Plan.  The option directs most new development to the market towns, which are best served by infrastructure and facilities. This could ensure efficient use of existing services and infrastructure.	<b>All new development will be required to contribute to the delivery of infrastructure by other strategic policies in the Local Plan.</b>  <b>The option directs most new development to the market towns, which are best served by infrastructure and facilities. This could ensure efficient use of existing services and infrastructure.</b>  <b>By providing growth across most settlements could help provide footfall and investment to support the vitality and viability of facilities and services across many rural communities, which have in the past generally suffered a lack of investment. Providing opportunity for growth in more settlements could provide choice and competition in the market for land.</b>
		2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	~	~	~
			The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.	The option identifies available sites with sufficient capacity to meet the employment requirement with a significant buffer.	<b>The option identifies available sites with sufficient capacity to meet the employment requirement with an appropriate buffer.</b>



	<b>3. Transport</b>	3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	~	++	+
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	~	++	+
	<b>4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape</b>	4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	~	~	~


				In assessing the suitability of individual sites, effects on the historic environment were taken into consideration, with site-specific requirements set out in the corresponding site allocations policy.	<b>townscapes.</b> <b>In assessing the suitability of individual sites, effects on the historic environment were taken into consideration, with site-specific requirements set out in the corresponding site allocations policy.</b>
		4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character	~	+	+
			The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.	National policy places great importance on good design. All new development will be required to achieve a high standard of design quality, reflecting the NPPF, National Model Design Code and Local Plan policies.	<b>National policy places great importance on good design. All new development will be required to achieve a high standard of design quality, reflecting the NPPF, National Model Design Code and Local Plan policies.</b>
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	~	~	~
			The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.	Other Local Plan policies require new developments to conserve landscapes and townscapes. In assessing the suitability of sites, effects on the landscape/townscape were taken into consideration, with site-specific requirements set out in the corresponding site allocations policy.	<b>Other Local Plan policies require new developments to conserve landscapes and townscapes. In assessing the suitability of sites, effects on the landscape/townscape were taken into consideration, with site-specific requirements set out in the corresponding site allocations policy.</b>
		5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	~	~	~
			The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.	The greatest threat from climate change to Fenland is vulnerability to flooding. Extensive areas of Fenland are at risk from flooding. However, there remains available sites in existing settlements in areas at least risk from flooding. Therefore the extent to which new development is vulnerable to the effects of climate change, namely from flooding, depends on the characteristics of individual sites rather than the policy option to distribute growth. Each site submission has itself been subject to the SA	<b>The greatest threat from climate change to Fenland is vulnerability to flooding. Extensive areas of Fenland are at risk from flooding. However, there remains available sites in existing settlements in areas at least risk from flooding. Therefore the extent to which new development is vulnerable to the effects of climate change, namely from flooding, depends on the characteristics of individual sites</b>
	<b>5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b>				



				<p>process.</p> <p>In selecting site allocations, a sequential approach has been taken which prioritise sites of least flood risk. Site-specific flood risk issues have been assessed through the SFRA Level 1 and Level 2 assessment. The Exception Test will be applied where required by national policy. Where a site allocation requires FRA, this requirement is set in the corresponding site allocations policy. Strategic policy LP32 also sets requirements for new development to address flooding issues, with further guidance set out in the Cambs Flood and Water SPD.</p>	<p><b>rather than the policy option to distribute growth. Each site submission has itself been subject to the SA process.</b></p> <p><b>In selecting site allocations, a sequential approach has been taken which prioritise sites of least flood risk. Site-specific flood risk issues have been assessed through the SFRA Level 1 and Level 2 assessment. The Exception Test will be applied where required by national policy. Where a site allocation requires FRA, this requirement is set in the corresponding site allocations policy. Strategic policy LP32 also sets requirements for new development to address flooding issues, with further guidance set out in the Cambs Flood and Water SPD.</b></p>
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		5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	<p>The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.</p>	<p>The greatest threat from climate change to Fenland is vulnerability to flooding. Extensive areas of Fenland are at risk from flooding. However, there remains available sites in existing settlements in areas at least risk from flooding. Therefore the extent to which new development is vulnerable to the effects of climate change, namely from flooding, depends on the characteristics of individual sites rather than the policy option to distribute growth. Each site submission has itself been subject to the SA process.</p> <p>In selecting site allocations, a sequential approach has been taken which prioritise</p>	<p><b>The greatest threat from climate change to Fenland is vulnerability to flooding. Extensive areas of Fenland are at risk from flooding. However, there remains available sites in existing settlements in areas at least risk from flooding. Therefore the extent to which new development is vulnerable to the effects of climate change, namely from flooding, depends on the characteristics of individual sites rather than the policy option to distribute growth. Each site submission has itself been subject to the SA process.</b></p>

				<p>sites of least flood risk. Site-specific flood risk issues have been assessed through the SFRA Level 1 and Level 2 assessment. The Exception Test will be applied where required by national policy. Where a site allocation requires FRA, this requirement is set in the corresponding site allocations policy. Strategic policy LP32 also sets requirements for new development to address flooding issues, with further guidance set out in the Cambs Flood and Water SPD.</p>	<p><b>In selecting site allocations, a sequential approach has been taken which prioritise sites of least flood risk. Site-specific flood risk issues have been assessed through the SFRA Level 1 and Level 2 assessment. The Exception Test will be applied where required by national policy. Where a site allocation requires FRA, this requirement is set in the corresponding site allocations policy. Strategic policy LP32 also sets requirements for new development to address flooding issues, with further guidance set out in the Cambs Flood and Water SPD.</b></p>
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	<p><b>6. Land Use and Wildlife</b></p>	<p>6.1 Minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land</p>	<p>The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.</p>	<p>Fenland has a limited supply of brownfield sites. To meet the area's development needs, the option involves the development of predominantly greenfield land.</p> <p>High quality agricultural land is widespread across the district, both in areas surrounding market towns and across the rural area. Agricultural land quality was taken into consideration in assessing the suitability of sites, with priority given to sites which are not high quality agricultural land.</p> <p>Therefore, to some extent loss of agricultural land is a 'site-specific' issue, varying between sites. However, due to the widespread nature of high quality agricultural land, it is clear that the cumulative effect of the option is an irreversible loss of undeveloped land, including high quality agricultural land.</p>	<p><b>Fenland has a limited supply of brownfield sites. To meet the area's development needs, the option involves the development of predominantly greenfield land.</b></p> <p><b>High quality agricultural land is widespread across the district, both in areas surrounding market towns and across the rural area. Agricultural land quality was taken into consideration in assessing the suitability of sites, with priority given to sites which are not high quality agricultural land.</b></p> <p><b>Therefore, to some extent loss of agricultural land is a 'site-specific' issue, varying between sites. However, due to the widespread nature of high quality agricultural land, it is clear that the cumulative</b></p>

					<b>effect of the option is an irreversible loss of undeveloped land, including high quality agricultural land.</b>
		6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances	The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.	Fenland generally has a limited supply of brownfield sites. Most brownfield land is located in the market towns. The option includes site allocations in market towns.	<b>Fenland generally has a limited supply of brownfield sites. Most brownfield land is located in the market towns. The option includes site allocations in market towns.</b>
		6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.	There are numerous designated habitats within or in proximity of Fenland, and evidence of protected species across the district. New development can affect habitats	<b>There are numerous designated habitats within or in proximity of Fenland, and evidence of protected species across the district. New development can affect habitats</b>
		6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.	The Environment Act requires new development to deliver biodiversity net gain, with all registered sites to be tied to the habitat plan for a minimum of 30 years.	<b>The Environment Act requires new development to deliver biodiversity net gain, with all registered sites to be tied to the habitat plan for a minimum of 30 years.</b>
	<b>7. Water Resources</b>	7.1 Minimise water consumption and encourage re-use	Water consumption rates are set through building regulations and unlikely to be affected by the distribution of development.	Water consumption rates are set through building regulations and unlikely to be affected by the distribution of development.	<b>Water consumption rates are set through building regulations and unlikely to be affected by the distribution of development.</b>
		7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	The Water Framework Directive (as transposed into UK law) legislates against the deterioration of water bodies.	The Water Framework Directive (as transposed into UK law) legislates against the deterioration of water bodies.	<b>The Water Framework Directive (as transposed into UK law) legislates against the deterioration of water bodies.</b>
	<b>8. Pollution and Waste</b>	8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour,	The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not	Land contamination was considered through the site assessment process. Priority was given to sites not likely to	<b>Land contamination was considered through the site assessment process. Priority was given to sites</b>


		vibration and light)	allocate new sites.	increase the risk of pollution.  The risk of pollution from contaminated land varies depending on the specific sites identified for development, rather than as a result of the spatial strategy.	<b>not likely to increase the risk of pollution.</b>  <b>The risk of pollution from contaminated land varies depending on the specific sites identified for development, rather than as a result of the spatial strategy.</b>
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		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.	Land contamination was considered through the site assessment process. Priority was given to sites not likely to increase the risk of pollution.  The risk of pollution from contaminated land varies depending on the specific sites identified for development, rather than as a result of the spatial strategy.	<b>Land contamination was considered through the site assessment process. Priority was given to sites not likely to increase the risk of pollution.</b>  <b>The risk of pollution from contaminated land varies depending on the specific sites identified for development, rather than as a result of the spatial strategy.</b>
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		8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	The distribution of growth is not likely to have measurable effects on opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste.	The distribution of employment growth is not likely to have measurable effects on opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste.	<b>The distribution of employment growth is not likely to have measurable effects on opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste.</b>
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	<b>9. Sustainable Resources</b>	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.	The option concentrates employment growth in the market towns which are best served by transport infrastructure, such as highways, footways/cycleways and have greatest access to public transport. The market towns offer employment, education, leisure and shopping facilities, thereby reducing the need to travel and therefore	<b>The option directs the majority of employment growth to the market towns, which are best served by transport infrastructure, such as highways, footways/cycleways and have greatest access to public transport, and offer employment, education, leisure and shopping</b>


				<p>have the potential to reduce energy consumption from transport. Energy consumption for new buildings is set through building regulations.</p>	<p><b>facilities, thereby reducing the need to travel and providing best opportunity to utilise sustainable transport modes – and therefore have the potential to reduce energy consumption associated with transport and travel.</b></p> <p><b>Energy consumption for new buildings is set through building regulations.</b></p>
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		<p>9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use</p>	<p>The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.</p>	<p>Fenland is rich in minerals resources associated with construction. The effects on such available local resources will depend on the specific sites identified, and will be influenced by policies in the Minerals &amp; Waste Local Plan.</p>	<p><b>Fenland is rich in minerals resources associated with construction. The effects on such available local resources will depend on the specific sites identified, and will be influenced by policies in the Minerals &amp; Waste Local Plan.</b></p>

## Policy LP4: Securing Fenland’s Future

During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for this policy:

- **Option 1: Overarching policy establishing sustainable development and climate change principles.**
- Option 2: Retain ‘A Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development’ policy from current 2014 Local Plan.
- Option 3: No policy: rely on National policy and guidance.

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SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	<b>1. Healthy Communities</b>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has a negligible effect upon this objective: embedding the social objective of sustainable development into local policy may have some positive impact, though positive outcomes are more likely and certain in combination with other relevant Local Plan policies.</b>	This policy option has a negligible effect upon this objective: embedding the social objective of sustainable development into local policy may have some positive impact, though positive outcomes are more likely and certain in combination with other relevant Local Plan policies.	This policy option has a negligible effect upon this objective.
		1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has a negligible effect upon this objective: embedding the social objective of sustainable development into local policy may have some positive impact, though positive outcomes are more likely and certain in combination with other relevant Local Plan</b>	This policy option has a negligible effect upon this objective: embedding the social objective of sustainable development into local policy may have some positive impact, though positive outcomes are more likely and certain in combination with other relevant Local Plan policies.	This policy option has a negligible effect upon this objective.


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SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
			policies.		
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		1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	<b>This policy option has a negligible effect upon this objective: embedding the social objective of sustainable development into local policy may have some positive impact, though positive outcomes are more likely and certain in combination with other relevant Local Plan policies.</b>	This policy option has a negligible effect upon this objective: embedding the social objective of sustainable development into local policy may have some positive impact, though positive outcomes are more likely and certain in combination with other relevant Local Plan policies.	This policy option has a negligible effect upon this objective.
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		1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments, community orchards and farmers' shops and markets	<b>This policy option has no effect upon this objective.</b>	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.
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	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>	2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	<b>This policy option has a negligible effect upon this objective: embedding the economic objective of sustainable development into local policy may have some positive impact, though positive outcomes are more likely and certain in combination with other relevant Local Plan</b>	This policy option has a negligible effect upon this objective: embedding the economic objective of sustainable development into local policy may have some positive impact, though positive outcomes are more likely and certain in combination with other relevant Local Plan policies.	This policy option has a negligible effect upon this objective.


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SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		policies.		
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	2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	<b>This policy option has a negligible effect upon this objective: embedding the economic objective of sustainable development into local policy may have some positive impact, though positive outcomes are more likely and certain in combination with other relevant Local Plan policies.</b>	This policy option has a negligible effect upon this objective: embedding the economic objective of sustainable development into local policy may have some positive impact, though positive outcomes are more likely and certain in combination with other relevant Local Plan policies.	This policy option has a negligible effect upon this objective.
	2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	~	~	~
		<b>This policy option has no effect upon this objective.</b>	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.
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	3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	<b>Embeds sustainable development principles into local policy: likely to have a positive impact upon directing development to more sustainable locations and thus enabling reduced use of private vehicles.</b>  <b>The impact of this policy alone may be limited, hence mixed score.</b>	Embeds sustainable development principles into local policy: likely to have a positive impact upon directing development to more sustainable locations and thus enabling reduced use of private vehicles.  The impact of this policy alone may be limited, hence mixed score.	Policy option will have neutral effect on this objective.
	3.2 Seek to ensure that all	~ / +	~ / +	~




### 3. Transport






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SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	<p><b>Embeds sustainable development principles into local policy: likely to have a positive impact upon directing development to more sustainable locations and thus enabling reduced use of private vehicles.</b></p> <p>The impact of this policy alone may be limited, hence mixed score.</p>	<p>Embeds sustainable development principles into local policy: likely to have a positive impact upon directing development to more sustainable locations and thus enabling reduced use of private vehicles.</p> <p>The impact of this policy alone may be limited, hence mixed score.</p>	Policy option will have neutral effect on this objective.
 <p><b>4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape</b></p>		4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	~	~	~
			<p><b>This policy option has a negligible effect upon this objective: embedding the environmental objective of sustainable development into local policy may have some positive impact, though positive outcomes are more likely and certain in combination with other relevant Local Plan policies.</b></p>	<p>This policy option has a negligible effect upon this objective: embedding the environmental objective of sustainable development into local policy may have some positive impact, though positive outcomes are more likely and certain in combination with other relevant Local Plan policies.</p>	<p>This policy option has a negligible effect upon this objective.</p>
		4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of	~	~	~
			<p><b>This policy option has a negligible effect upon this objective: embedding the environmental objective of sustainable development into local policy may have some positive impact,</b></p>	<p>This policy option has a negligible effect upon this objective: embedding the environmental objective of sustainable development into local policy may have some positive impact, though</p>	<p>This policy option has a negligible effect upon this objective.</p>

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SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		townscape character	<b>though positive outcomes are more likely and certain in combination with other relevant Local Plan policies.</b>	positive outcomes are more likely and certain in combination with other relevant Local Plan policies.	
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	<p style="text-align: center;">~ / +</p> <p><b>Delivery of sustainable development that meets the NPPFs sustainability objectives will ensure that development that occurs is well designed and in accessible locations: this will help retain Fenland's landscape.</b></p> <p><b>The impact of this policy alone may be limited, hence mixed score.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">~ / +</p> <p>Delivery of sustainable development that meets the NPPFs sustainability objectives will ensure that development that occurs is well designed and in accessible locations: this will help retain Fenland's landscape.</p> <p>The impact of this policy alone may be limited, hence mixed score.</p>	~
 <p><b>5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b></p>	5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	+	<p><b>Policy requires minimisation, mitigation and adaptation in relation to climate change: policy supports increase in renewable energy generation, improvements in energy efficiency, and reductions in emissions.</b></p> <p><b>Score is not significant positive, as this policy alone is not likely to</b></p>	<p>This policy option will have a negligible effect upon this objective. While the delivery of the environmental sustainability objective will have positive outcomes in relation to limiting or reducing vulnerability to climate change, this policy approach alone is not likely to deliver positive outcomes: positive outcomes are likely in combination with other Local Plan policies.</p>	~
					This policy option has no effect upon this objective.

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			<p><b>deliver significant outcomes: significant outcomes are likely in combination with the Local Plan policies listed in the policy.</b></p>		
		5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>+</b></p> <p><b>Positive policy approach to sustainable development climate change minimisation, adaptation and mitigation will assist in ensuring vulnerable land uses are directed to areas at lowest risk of flooding. Mixed score as this policy alone is not likely to deliver positive outcomes: positive outcomes are likely and more certain in combination with other Local Plan policies.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p>This policy option will have a negligible effect upon this objective. While the delivery of the environmental sustainability objective will have positive outcomes in relation to this SA objective, this policy approach alone is not likely to deliver positive outcomes: positive outcomes are likely in combination with other Local Plan policies.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p>This policy option has no effect upon this objective.</p>
	<b>6. Land Use and Wildlife</b>	6.1 Minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	<p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p><b>This policy option has a negligible effect upon this objective: embedding the sustainable development objectives into local policy may have some positive impact, though positive outcomes are more likely and certain in combination</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p>This policy option has a negligible effect upon this objective: embedding the sustainable development objectives into local policy may have some positive impact, though positive outcomes are more likely and certain in combination</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p>This policy option has no effect upon this objective.</p>

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SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
			with other relevant Local Plan policies.	with other relevant Local Plan policies.	
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		6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances	<b>This policy option has a negligible effect upon this objective: embedding the sustainable development objectives into local policy may have some positive impact, though positive outcomes are more likely and certain in combination with other relevant Local Plan policies.</b>	This policy option has a negligible effect upon this objective: embedding the sustainable development objectives into local policy may have some positive impact, though positive outcomes are more likely and certain in combination with other relevant Local Plan policies.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.
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		6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	<b>Policy embeds sustainable development principles into Local policy. The environmental sustainability objective is likely to have positive effects in relation to the protection and/or enhancement of habitats and species. Mixed score as this policy alone is not likely to deliver positive outcomes: positive outcomes are likely in combination with other Local Plan policies.</b>	Policy embeds sustainable development principles into Local policy. The environmental sustainability objective is likely to have positive effects in relation to the protection and/or enhancement of habitats and species. Mixed score as this policy alone is not likely to deliver positive outcomes: positive outcomes are likely in combination with other Local Plan policies.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.
		6.4 Achieve net gains in	~ / +	~ / +	~

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SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	<b>Policy embeds sustainable development principles into Local policy. The environmental sustainability objective is likely to have positive effects in relation to the protection and/or enhancement of habitats and species. Mixed score as this policy alone is not likely to deliver positive outcomes: positive outcomes are likely in combination with other Local Plan policies.</b>	Policy embeds sustainable development principles into Local policy. The environmental sustainability objective is likely to have positive effects in relation to the protection and/or enhancement of habitats and species. Mixed score as this policy alone is not likely to deliver positive outcomes: positive outcomes are likely in combination with other Local Plan policies.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.
	<b>7. Water Resources</b>	7.1 Minimise water consumption and encourage re-use	~ / + <b>Adaptation measures may minimise water consumption. Mixed score as extent to which policy will deliver positive benefits on its own is uncertain: positive outcomes more likely and certain in combination with other Local Plan policies.</b>	~ This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	~ This policy option has no effect upon this objective.
		7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	~ <b>This policy option has no effect upon this objective.</b>	~ This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	~ This policy option has no effect upon this objective.
		8.1 Reduce emissions of	+	~	~
	<b>8. Pollution</b>	8.1 Reduce emissions of	+	~	~


Policy LP4: Securing Fenland's Future			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	<b>and Waste</b>	greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)	<p><b>Policy requires minimisation, mitigation and adaptation in relation to climate change: policy supports increase in renewable energy generation, improvements in energy efficiency, and reductions in emissions.</b></p> <p><b>Score is not significant positive, as this policy alone is not likely to deliver significant outcomes: significant outcomes are likely in combination with the Local Plan policies listed in the policy.</b></p>	This policy option has a negligible effect upon this objective.	This policy option has a negligible effect upon this objective.
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	~	~	~
		8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	~	~	~
	 <b>9. Sustainable Resources</b>	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	+	~	~
			<p><b>Policy requires minimisation, mitigation and adaptation in relation to climate change: policy</b></p>	This policy option has a negligible effect upon this objective.	This policy option has a negligible effect upon this objective.

Policy LP4: Securing Fenland's Future			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
			<p>supports increase in renewable energy generation, improvements in energy efficiency, and reductions in emissions.</p> <p>Score is not significant positive, as this policy alone is not likely to deliver significant outcomes: significant outcomes are likely in combination with the Local Plan policies listed in the policy.</p>		
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has no effect upon this objective.</b>	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.


## Policy LP5: Health and Wellbeing


During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for this policy:




- **Option 1: To have a policy with the expectation that development will promote, support and enhance physical and mental health and wellbeing.**
- Option 2: To have a policy on health and wellbeing, including the requirement for Health Impact Assessment (HIA) for developments of 100 dwellings or more.
- Option 3: No policy specifically relating to health and wellbeing, instead relay on other Local Plan policies and national policy.



Policy LP5: Health and Wellbeing			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	<b>1. Healthy Communities</b>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	++	++	~
		<b>The proposed policy includes the requirement to ensure that housing reflects the changes that occur over a lifetime, so people are not excluded by design as they grow older and frailer or as their circumstances change, resulting in significant positive effects</b>	A health and wellbeing policy will score significant positive effects for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income. Larger schemes will be specifically assessed against health requirements.	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
		1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments	++	++	~
		<b>The proposed policy sets the requirement for developer contributions towards new or enhanced health facilities from developers, it also includes opportunities for employment in accessible locations. Resulting in significant positive effects in terms of improving the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities</b>	A health and wellbeing policy will score significant positive effects Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities. Larger schemes will be specifically assessed against health requirements.	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	




Policy LP5: Health and Wellbeing			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	+	+	~
			<b>The proposed policy includes requirements for the provision of open space and green infrastructure resulting in positive effects.</b>	A health and wellbeing policy will result in positive effects Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible. Larger schemes will be specifically assessed against health requirements.	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments, community orchards and farmers' shops and markets	+	+/?	~
			<b>The proposed policy includes requirements acknowledging and providing or protecting as appropriate, the role of allotments, farm shops and farmers markets in providing access to healthy, affordable and locally produced food. This scores a positive effects on encouraging healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food</b>	A health and wellbeing policy could include requirements Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food, but the effects are unknow.	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	+	+	~
	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>		<b>The proposed policy scores positive effects by helping people gain access to a range of employment opportunities as the policy includes requirements about creating opportunities for</b>	A health and wellbeing policy could include requirements to help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities. Larger schemes will be specifically assessed against health	This policy option has no impact upon this objective

Policy LP5: Health and Wellbeing			Policy Options			
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	
			<b>employment in accessible locations</b>	requirements.		
		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	~	~	~	
			<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
	2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations		+	~	~	
			<b>The proposed policy includes requirements to creating sufficient homes, in the right location, and of the right mix to meet people's needs</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
	<b>3. Transport</b>	3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.		+	~	
				<b>The proposed policy includes requirements providing and maintaining effective, sustainable and safe transport networks to ensure access to all essential services, and Provision of walking and cycling infrastructure. This scores positive effects</b>	A health and wellbeing policy could include requirements. Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes. Larger schemes will be specifically assessed against health requirements.	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability		+	+	~
				<b>The proposed policy includes requirements for the provision of walking and cycling infrastructure</b>	A health and wellbeing policy could include requirements to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide	This policy option has no impact upon this objective

Policy LP5: Health and Wellbeing			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
				permeability. Larger schemes will be specifically assessed against health requirements.	
	<b>4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape</b>	4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character	~	~	~
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	<b>5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b>	5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	+	~	~
			The proposed policy includes requirements for building homes which are easy to warm and safe from flooding, this results in positive effects for limiting climate change.	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	<b>6. Land Use</b>	6.1 Minimise the irreversible	~	~	~

Policy LP5: Health and Wellbeing			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	<b>and Wildlife</b>	loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
			~	~	~
		6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
			~	~	~
		6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	~	~	~	
		<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
	<b>7. Water Resources</b>	7.1 Minimise water consumption and encourage re-use	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
			~	~	~
		7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	<b>8. Pollution and Waste</b>	8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective

Policy LP5: Health and Wellbeing			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	<b>9. Sustainable Resources</b>	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective

## Policy LP6: Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Infrastructure

During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for this policy:

- Option 1: Policy supporting principle of renewable and low carbon energy development and setting policy considerations for all proposals. Policy sets additional considerations specific to solar proposals and wind proposals. Policy does not allocate sites/ identify broad areas for wind turbine development or support domestic / non- commercial wind turbine development that requires planning permission across the district. Policy includes considerations for wider energy infrastructure, decommissioning and safeguarding.
- Option 2: Policy supporting principle of renewable and low carbon energy development and setting policy considerations for all proposals. Policy sets additional considerations specific to solar proposals and wind proposals. Policy does allocate sites/ identify broad areas for wind turbine development and supports domestic / non-commercial wind turbine development that requires planning permission across the district. Policy includes considerations for wider energy infrastructure, decommissioning and safeguarding.**
- Option 3: Policy supporting principle of renewable and low carbon energy development and setting policy considerations for all proposals. Policy does not set additional considerations specific to solar proposals and wind proposals. Policy does not allocate sites/ identify broad areas for wind turbine development or support domestic / non-commercial wind turbine development that requires planning permission across the district. Policy includes considerations for wider energy infrastructure, decommissioning and safeguarding.
- Option 4: Policy supporting principle of renewable and low carbon energy development and setting policy considerations for all proposals. Policy does not set additional considerations specific to solar proposals and wind proposals. Policy does allocate sites/ identify broad areas for wind turbine development and supports domestic / non-commercial wind turbine development that requires planning permission across the district. Policy includes considerations for wider energy infrastructure, decommissioning and safeguarding.
- Option 5: No local policy, rely on national policy


### Note:

There are several variables for this policy. To streamline the assessment process, there are two elements that we have made consistent across the first four policy options, namely:

- *'Policy supporting principle of renewable and low carbon energy development and setting policy considerations for all proposals'*: the alternative would be to not include 'Part A' (as presented in the Draft Local Plan) in the policy. This option was discounted because national policy clearly requires that the planning system

‘support renewable and low carbon energy and associated infrastructure’ (NPPF para 152). Furthermore, the policy considerations set out in the wider Local Plan are not specific to renewable and low carbon energy infrastructure, and do not reflect the specific considerations of such developments.

- *‘Policy includes considerations for wider energy infrastructure, decommissioning and safeguarding’*: this is consistent across the policy options as it is felt that these are important considerations for all developments involving renewable and low carbon energy generation infrastructure. The alternative would be to not include these requirements in the Local Plan policy: however, this option has been discounted because:
  - There are no other policies/ criteria within the Local Plan that address wider energy infrastructure, nor does national policy set any policy in relation to this.
  - There are no other policies/ criteria within the Local Plan that address site restoration, nor does national policy set any policy in relation to site restoration following decommissioning of renewable or low carbon energy infrastructure.
  - There are no other policies/ criteria within the Local Plan that address safeguarding of such infrastructure, nor does any explicit national policy exist in relation to this matter.
  - Therefore, in relation to the above, specific local level policy is the only mechanism to obtain preferable outcomes in relation to each of these matters.

Policy LP6: Renewable and Low Carbon Infrastructure			Policy Options				
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
	<b>1. Healthy Communities</b>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	~	~	~	~	~
			This policy has no effect upon this objective	<b>This policy has no effect upon this objective</b>	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective
		1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and	~	~	~	~	~
			This policy has no effect upon this objective	<b>This policy has no effect upon this objective</b>	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective


Policy LP6: Renewable and Low Carbon Infrastructure		Policy Options				
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
	ensure all groups thrive in safe environments					
	1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	~	~	~	~	~
		This policy has no effect upon this objective	<b>This policy has no effect upon this objective</b>	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective
	1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments, community orchards and	~	~	~	~	~
		This policy has no effect upon this objective	<b>This policy has no effect upon this objective</b>	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective




Policy LP6: Renewable and Low Carbon Infrastructure			Policy Options				
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
		farmers' shops and markets					
		2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	~	~	~	~	~
			This policy has no effect upon this objective	<b>This policy has no effect upon this objective</b>	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective
			~ / +	~ / + / ++	~ / +	~ / + / ++	~
		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	Positive policy approach to renewable energy development could significantly increase the number of such developments taking place, and such growth could encourage investment and diversify the local economy. Lack of sites/ support for wind turbines could limit economic benefits in relation to wind turbines.	<b>Positive policy approach to renewable energy development could significantly increase the number of such developments taking place, and such growth could encourage investment and diversify the local economy.</b>  <b>Mixed score as no certainty that such development will take place, and likewise, no certainty that any</b>	Positive policy approach to renewable energy development could significantly increase the number of such developments taking place, and such growth could encourage investment and diversify the local economy. Lack of sites/ support for wind turbines could limit economic benefits in relation to wind turbines.	Positive policy approach to renewable energy development could significantly increase the number of such developments taking place, and such growth could encourage investment and diversify the local economy.  Mixed score as no certainty that such development will take place, and likewise, no certainty that any	This policy has no effect upon this objective



**2. Jobs, Education and Housing**

Policy LP6: Renewable and Low Carbon Infrastructure			Policy Options				
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
			Mixed score as no certainty that such development will take place, and likewise, no certainty that any such development will result in benefits to the local economy.	<b>such development will result in benefits to the local economy.</b>	Mixed score as no certainty that such development will take place, and likewise, no certainty that any such development will result in benefits to the local economy.	such development will result in benefits to the local economy.	
		2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	~	~	~	~	~
			This policy has no effect upon this objective	<b>This policy has no effect upon this objective</b>	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective
	<b>3. Transport</b>	3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	~	~	~	~	~
			This policy has no effect upon this objective	<b>This policy has no effect upon this objective</b>	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new	~	~	~	~	~
			This policy has no	<b>This policy has no</b>	This policy has no	This policy has no	This policy has no

Policy LP6: Renewable and Low Carbon Infrastructure			Policy Options				
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
		developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	effect upon this objective	<b>effect upon this objective</b>	effect upon this objective	effect upon this objective	effect upon this objective
			++	++	++	++	+ / -
	<b>4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape</b>	4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	Policy approach includes a requirement for impacts (direct, indirect, individual and cumulative) upon townscape and historic assets to be, or to be made, acceptable. The Local Plan Historic Environment policy, as well as national policy would also apply.	<b>Policy includes a requirement for impacts (direct, indirect, individual and cumulative) upon townscape and historic assets to be, or to be made, acceptable. The Local Plan Historic Environment policy, as well as national policy would also apply.</b>	Policy approach includes a requirement for impacts (direct, indirect, individual and cumulative) upon townscape and historic assets to be, or to be made, acceptable. The Local Plan Historic Environment policy, as well as national policy would also apply.	Policy approach includes a requirement for impacts (direct, indirect, individual and cumulative) upon townscape and historic assets to be, or to be made, acceptable. The Local Plan Historic Environment policy, as well as national policy would also apply.	National policy and guidance sets out principles for decision making, including recognition of heritage assets as an irreplaceable resource which should be conserved in a manner appropriate to their significance. However, national policy states that it is for Local Plans to set out a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment. The


Policy LP6: Renewable and Low Carbon Infrastructure			Policy Options				
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
							Local Plan's Historic Environment policy would apply to all relevant applications, however, there is a risk that a lack of clarity in relation to individual, cumulative, direct and indirect impacts could lead to inappropriate development and potentially negative effects against this objective.
		4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity	~	~	~	~	~
			This policy has no effect upon this objective	<b>This policy has no effect upon this objective</b>	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective

Policy LP6: Renewable and Low Carbon Infrastructure			Policy Options				
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
		and local distinctiveness of townscape character					
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	++	++	++	++	+
			Policy approach includes a requirement for impacts (direct, indirect, individual and cumulative) upon landscape character, visual amenity and townscape to be, or to be made, acceptable. Significant positive effect also results from decommissioning element of policy, which seeks the restoration of sites to original condition following a facility becoming non - operational.	<b>Policy approach includes a requirement for impacts (direct, indirect, individual and cumulative) upon landscape character, visual amenity and townscape to be, or to be made, acceptable. Significant positive effect also results from decommissioning element of policy, which seeks the restoration of sites to original condition following a facility becoming non - operational.</b>	Policy approach includes a requirement for impacts (direct, indirect, individual and cumulative) upon landscape character, visual amenity and townscape to be, or to be made, acceptable. Significant positive effect also results from decommissioning element of policy, which seeks the restoration of sites to original condition following a facility becoming non - operational.	Policy approach includes a requirement for impacts (direct, indirect, individual and cumulative) upon landscape character, visual amenity and townscape to be, or to be made, acceptable. Significant positive effect also results from decommissioning element of policy, which seeks the restoration of sites to original condition following a facility becoming non - operational.	National policy (para 174) affords protection to the natural environment and valued landscapes.
5.		5.1 Limit or reduce	+ / ++	++	+ / ++	++	- / + / ?



Policy LP6: Renewable and Low Carbon Infrastructure		Policy Options				
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
<b>Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b>	vulnerability to the effects of climate change	The positive policy approach to renewable energy development supports shift away from reliance on fossil fuels, minimisation of greenhouse gas emissions and encourages the production of renewable forms of energy. Positive benefits are expected in relation to this objective, though lack of wind turbine sites/ areas may mean that effects are not as significant as they could be.  Safeguarding existing/ approved renewable energy infrastructure, in terms of its technical	<b>The positive policy approach to renewable energy development supports shift away from reliance on fossil fuels, minimisation of greenhouse gas emissions and encourages the production of renewable forms of energy. Therefore major positive benefits are expected on this objective.</b>  <b>Safeguarding existing/ approved renewable energy infrastructure, in terms of its technical performance, potential for optimisation and</b>	The positive policy approach to renewable energy development supports shift away from reliance on fossil fuels, minimisation of greenhouse gas emissions and encourages the production of renewable forms of energy. Positive benefits are expected in relation to this objective, though lack of wind turbine sites/ areas may mean that effects are not as significant as they could be.  Safeguarding existing/ approved renewable energy infrastructure, in terms of its technical	The positive policy approach to renewable energy development supports shift away from reliance on fossil fuels, minimisation of greenhouse gas emissions and encourages the production of renewable forms of energy. Therefore major positive benefits are expected on this objective.  Safeguarding existing/ approved renewable energy infrastructure, in terms of its technical performance, potential for optimisation and availability of resource, supports reduced reliance	A policy approach whereby there is no specific local policy on wind turbine development, and specifically no identification of sites/ broad areas suitable/ potentially suitable for wind turbine development means that no wind turbine development (requiring planning permission) can take place ( <i>unless sites are allocated via a neighbourhood plan, and currently here are no neighbourhood plans in Fenland that do so</i> ). This will result in continued reliance on fossil fuels.


Policy LP6: Renewable and Low Carbon Infrastructure			Policy Options				
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
			<p>performance, potential for optimisation and availability of resource supports reduced reliance on fossil fuels and increases potential for increased production of renewable energy. This will minimise future vulnerability and resilience given that fossil fuels are finite. Major positive effects are therefore expected on this objective.</p>	<p><b>availability of resource supports reduced reliance on fossil fuels and increases potential for increased production of renewable energy. This will minimise future vulnerability and resilience given that fossil fuels are finite. Major positive effects are therefore expected on this objective.</b></p>	<p>performance, potential for optimisation and availability of resource, supports reduced reliance on fossil fuels and increases potential for increased production of renewable energy. This will minimise future vulnerability and resilience given that fossil fuels are finite. Major positive effects are therefore expected on this objective.</p>	<p>on fossil fuels and increases potential for increased production of renewable energy. This will minimise future vulnerability and resilience given that fossil fuels are finite. Major positive effects are therefore expected on this objective.</p>	<p>However, policy approach would not preclude the development of other forms of renewable energy technology, hence mixed impacts.</p> <p>In relation to the safeguarding of existing assets, the effects of this policy option are uncertain and potentially negative: should development be permitted that adversely affects existing renewable energy infrastructure, then the result could be increased vulnerability as renewable energy generation operations are not maximised and</p>


Policy LP6: Renewable and Low Carbon Infrastructure			Policy Options				
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
							reliance on fossil fuels continues.
		5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	+	+	+	+	~
			Policy approach includes specific criteria to ensure that the impacts (direct, indirect, individual, and cumulative) of a proposal on areas at risk of flooding are or can be made acceptable.	<b>Policy approach includes specific criteria to ensure that the impacts (direct, indirect, individual, and cumulative) of a proposal on areas at risk of flooding are or can be made acceptable.</b>	Policy approach includes specific criteria to ensure that the impacts (direct, indirect, individual, and cumulative) of a proposal on areas at risk of flooding are or can be made acceptable.	Policy approach includes specific criteria to ensure that the impacts (direct, indirect, individual, and cumulative) of a proposal on areas at risk of flooding are or can be made acceptable.	The NPPF (para 152) requires that the planning system take ‘full account of flood risk’ and para 159 provides that inappropriate development in areas at risk of flooding should be avoided by directing development away from areas at highest risk.
		6.1 Minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	++	++	+	+	+
	<b>6. Land Use and Wildlife</b>		Additional policy criteria in relation to solar development seeks to protect the best and most versatile agricultural land. This will help to minimise the loss of agricultural land	<b>Additional policy criteria in relation to solar development seeks to protect the best and most versatile agricultural land. This will help to minimise the loss of agricultural</b>	Local Plan policy Development in the Countryside would apply and afford protection to the best and most versatile agricultural land.  Criteria in relation to	Local Plan policy Development in the Countryside would apply and afford protection to the best and most versatile agricultural land.  Criteria in relation to	NPPF para 174 requires the recognition of the benefits of the best and most versatile agricultural land.




Policy LP6: Renewable and Low Carbon Infrastructure		Policy Options				
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
		to development and therefore permanent, direct major positive effects are likely on this objective.  Criteria in relation to decommissioning would see land restored, thus minimising irreversible loss of land.	<b>land to development and therefore permanent, direct major positive effects are likely on this objective.</b>  <b>Criteria in relation to decommissioning would see land restored, thus minimising irreversible loss of land.</b>	decommissioning would see land restored, thus minimising irreversible loss of land.	decommissioning would see land restored, thus minimising irreversible loss of land.	
	6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances	~	~	~	~	~
		This policy has no effect upon this objective	<b>This policy has no effect upon this objective</b>	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective
	6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and	+ / ++	+ / ++	+ / ++	+ / ++	+
		Policy approach includes a requirement for impacts (direct, indirect, individual and cumulative) of development upon biodiversity and geodiversity to be,	<b>Policy approach includes a requirement for impacts (direct, indirect, individual and cumulative) of development upon biodiversity</b>	Policy approach includes a requirement for impacts (direct, indirect, individual and cumulative) of development upon biodiversity and geodiversity to be,	Policy approach includes a requirement for impacts (direct, indirect, individual and cumulative) of development upon biodiversity and geodiversity to be,	National policy requires protection and enhancement of biodiversity and natural environment (NPPF paras 8, 174, 185)

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SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
	on protected species	or to be made, acceptable. Mixed minor positive major positive effects are predicted, as the policy is not requiring net gain, rather the protection of existing biodiversity and geodiversity. However, in making the impacts of a proposal acceptable, there is potential for some net gain.	<b>and geodiversity to be, or to be made, acceptable. Mixed minor positive major positive effects are predicted, as the policy is not requiring net gain, rather the protection of existing biodiversity and geodiversity. However, in making the impacts of a proposal acceptable, there is potential for some net gain.</b>	or to be made, acceptable. Mixed minor positive major positive effects are predicted, as the policy is not requiring net gain, rather the protection of existing biodiversity and geodiversity. However, in making the impacts of a proposal acceptable, there is potential for some net gain.	or to be made, acceptable. Mixed minor positive major positive effects are predicted, as the policy is not requiring net gain, rather the protection of existing biodiversity and geodiversity. However, in making the impacts of a proposal acceptable, there is potential for some net gain.	
	6.4 Achieve net	Decommissioning element of policy requires consideration of biodiversity net gain so would also result in positive impact.	<b>Decommissioning element of policy requires consideration of biodiversity net gain so would also result in positive impact.</b>	Decommissioning element of policy requires consideration of biodiversity net gain so would also result in positive impact.	Decommissioning element of policy requires consideration of biodiversity net gain so would also result in positive impact.	
		~ / + / ?	~ / + / ?	~ / + / ?	~ / + / ?	~ / + / ?

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SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5	
	gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	<p>Policy approach does not require net gain so no impact likely to result directly from policy, though national policy would apply. Mixed score as national policy does not set any specific expectations, so extent of net gain unknown.</p> <p>Decommissioning element of policy requires consideration of biodiversity net gain so could also result in positive impact.</p>	<p><b>Policy approach does not require net gain so no impact likely to result directly from policy, though national policy would apply. Mixed score as national policy does not set any specific expectations, so extent of net gain unknown.</b></p> <p><b>Decommissioning element of policy requires consideration of biodiversity net gain so could also result in positive impact.</b></p>	<p>Policy approach does not require net gain so no impact likely to result directly from policy, though national policy would apply. Mixed score as national policy does not set any specific expectations, so extent of net gain unknown.</p> <p>Decommissioning element of policy requires consideration of biodiversity net gain so could also result in positive impact.</p>	<p>Policy approach does not require net gain so no impact likely to result directly from policy, though national policy would apply. Mixed score as national policy does not set any specific expectations, so extent of net gain unknown.</p> <p>Decommissioning element of policy requires consideration of biodiversity net gain so could also result in positive impact.</p>	<p>NPPF requires planning decisions to contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by providing net gains for biodiversity (para 174). Mixed score as national policy does not set any specific expectations, so extent of net gain unknown.</p>	
	<b>7. Water Resources</b>	7.1 Minimise water consumption and encourage re-use	~	~	~	~	~
		7.2 Avoid	~	~	~	~	~

Policy LP6: Renewable and Low Carbon Infrastructure			Policy Options				
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
		deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	This policy has no effect upon this objective	<b>This policy has no effect upon this objective</b>	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective
	<b>8. Pollution and Waste</b>	8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)	~ / + / ++	~ / ++	~ / + / ++	~ / ++	+
			The positive policy approach to renewable and low carbon energy development could significantly increase the number of such developments taking place, resulting in reduced reliance on fossil fuels, lower carbon emissions, and cleaner air. As such, major positive benefits may occur in relation to this objective throughout the plan period, however the lack	<b>The positive policy approach to renewable and low carbon energy development could significantly increase the number of such developments taking place, resulting in reduced reliance on fossil fuels, lower carbon emissions, and cleaner air. As such, major positive benefits are expected in relation to this objective throughout the plan period.</b>	The positive policy approach to renewable and low carbon energy development could significantly increase the number of such developments taking place, resulting in reduced reliance on fossil fuels, lower carbon emissions, and cleaner air. As such, major positive benefits may occur in relation to this objective throughout the plan period, however the lack	The positive policy approach to renewable and low carbon energy development could significantly increase the number of such developments taking place, resulting in reduced reliance on fossil fuels, lower carbon emissions, and cleaner air. As such, major positive benefits are expected in relation to this objective throughout the plan period.	A policy approach whereby there is no specific local policy on wind turbine development, and specifically no identification of sites/ broad areas suitable/ potentially suitable for wind turbine development, means that no wind turbine development (requiring planning permission) can take place <i>unless sites are allocated via a neighbourhood plan, and currently</i>

Policy LP6: Renewable and Low Carbon Infrastructure			Policy Options				
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
			<p>of sites/ areas identified for wind turbine development may limit the benefits, hence mixed score.</p> <p>Mixed score as no certainty that such development will take place.</p>	<p><b>Mixed score as no certainty that such development will take place.</b></p>	<p>of sites/ areas identified for wind turbine development may limit the benefits, hence mixed score.</p> <p>Mixed score as no certainty that such development will take place.</p>	<p>Mixed score as no certainty that such development will take place.</p>	<p><i>here are no neighbourhood plans in Fenland that do so).</i> However, policy approach would not preclude the development of other forms of renewable energy technology, hence mixed score: there is potential for significant positive effects as there could, under national policy, be significant development of various renewable and low carbon infrastructure other than wind turbines that could significantly reduce carbon emissions.</p>
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated	~	~	~	~	~
			This policy has no effect upon this objective	<b>This policy has no effect upon this objective</b>	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective

Policy LP6: Renewable and Low Carbon Infrastructure		Policy Options				
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
	land					
	8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	~	~	~	~	~
		This policy has no effect upon this objective	<b>This policy has no effect upon this objective</b>	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective
	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	~ / + / ++	~ / ++	~ / + / ++	~ / ++	- / + / ++ / ?
	<b>9. Sustainable Resources</b>	<p>Positive approach to renewable energy will encourage and enable the development of such infrastructure and increase the supply and use of renewable and low carbon energy sources.</p> <p>Positive benefits are expected in relation to this objective, though lack of wind turbine sites/ areas may mean that effects are not as significant as they</p>	<p><b>Positive approach to renewable energy will encourage and enable the development of such infrastructure and increase the supply and use of renewable and low carbon energy sources.</b></p> <p><b>Safeguarding existing/ approved renewable energy infrastructure, in terms of its technical performance,</b></p>	<p>Positive approach to renewable energy will encourage and enable the development of such infrastructure and increase the supply and use of renewable and low carbon energy sources.</p> <p>Positive benefits are expected in relation to this objective, though lack of wind turbine sites/ areas may mean that effects are not as significant as they</p>	<p>Positive approach to renewable energy will encourage and enable the development of such infrastructure and increase the supply and use of renewable and low carbon energy sources.</p> <p>Safeguarding existing/ approved renewable energy infrastructure, in terms of its technical performance, potential for optimisation and</p>	<p>National policy is supportive of renewable and low carbon energy development yet restricts the development of wind turbines: while positive outcomes are likely, the effects may not be significant.</p> <p>Without local policy protecting existing / approved infrastructure there is risk of negative impact when the material</p>

Policy LP6: Renewable and Low Carbon Infrastructure			Policy Options				
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
			could be.  Safeguarding existing/ approved renewable energy infrastructure, in terms of its technical performance, potential for optimisation and availability of resource, supports reduced reliance on fossil fuels and increases the potential for increased production of renewable energy.  Mixed score as no certainty that such development will take place.	<b>potential for optimisation and availability of resource, supports reduced reliance on fossil fuels and increases the potential for increased production of renewable energy.</b>  <b>Mixed score as no certainty that such development will take place.</b>	could be.  Safeguarding existing/ approved renewable energy infrastructure, in terms of its technical performance, potential for optimisation and availability of resource, supports reduced reliance on fossil fuels and increases the potential for increased production of renewable energy.  Mixed score as no certainty that such development will take place.	availability of resource, supports reduced reliance on fossil fuels and increases the potential for increased production of renewable energy.  Mixed score as no certainty that such development will take place.	considerations of a proposal are considered.
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a	~	~	~	~	~
			This policy has no effect upon this objective.	<b>This policy has no effect upon this objective.</b>	This policy has no effect upon this objective.	This policy has no effect upon this objective.	This policy has no effect upon this objective.


Policy LP6: Renewable and Low Carbon Infrastructure			Policy Options				
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
		sustainable form and allow for re-use					






## Policy LP7: Design



During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for this policy:


- Option 1: No design policy and rely on national policy, the National Design Guide and local design code or policies in made Neighbourhood Plans
- **Option 2: A strategic design policy setting out overall principles for design, supported by the national design guide and local design code or policies in made Neighbourhood Plans**
- Option 3: A detailed design policy setting out specific requirements for different areas of the district


Policy LP7: Design		Policy Options			
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	
	<b>1. Healthy Communities</b>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	? It is unclear what effect relying on national policy and the National Design Guide design codes will have on providing for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	+ <b>Part J of the proposed policy ensures that buildings are durable, flexible and adaptable over their planned lifespan, taking into account potential future social, economic, technological and environmental needs, through the structure, layout and design of buildings and place. This will have a positive effect providing for an ageing population and redressing inequalities.</b>	?/~ It is unclear what effect if any an area specific detailed design policy will have on providing for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.
		1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments	~ This policy option is not relevant to this objective	+	? It is unclear what effect an area specific and detailed design policy will have on improving the quality range and accessibility of services and facilities.
		1.3 Create and enhance	?	+/-	?


Policy LP7: Design		Policy Options			
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	
		multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	It is unclear what effect national policy and the National Design Guide will have on creating and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places.	<b>Part F of the proposed Policy includes requirements to ensure access to public open space for all and maximising opportunities to delivery trees, biodiversity and green infrastructure.</b>	It is unclear what effect an area specific and detailed design policy will have on creating and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places.
		1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments, community orchards and farmers' shops and markets	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>	2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
	<b>3. Transport</b>	3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and	+	+	?
			National policy and	<b>Part D of the proposed</b>	It is unclear what effect an

Policy LP7: Design			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	requirements of the National Design Guide include requirements to reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes	<b>policy includes requirements that reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.</b>	area specific and detailed design policy will have on reducing the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes
			?	+	?
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	It is unclear what effect national policy and the National Design Guide will have on ensuring that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes	<b>Part D of the proposed policy includes requirements to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability</b>	It is unclear what effect an area specific and detailed design policy will have on ensuring that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability
	<b>4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape</b>	4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	National policy will ensure that historic assets are conserved and enhanced.	<b>Parts A and B of the proposed policy will have a positive effect on conserving and enhancing heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment</b>	A detailed design policy for an area could have a significant effect on conserving and enhancing heritage assets.
		4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character	~	Relying on national policy and the National Design Guide will have limited effect enhancing local distinctiveness.	<b>Parts A and B of the proposed policy will have a positive effect on creating places, spaces and buildings that contribute to high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and</b>

Policy LP7: Design			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
				<b>local distinctiveness of townscape character</b>	creating places, spaces and buildings that contribute to high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character
			-/+	<b>+</b>	<b>++</b>
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	Without a specific design policy for Fenland there are possible negative effects to retaining the distinctive character of Fenland. However, if design codes are prepared for different areas, this could result in positive effects.	<b>Parts A and B of the proposed policy will have a positive effect on conserving and enhancing heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment</b>	A detailed design policy can include specific design criteria for different areas/settlements, taking into account the local distinctiveness. This approach will have a significant positive effect conserving and enhancing heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment
			+/?	<b>+</b>	<b>?</b>
	<b>5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b>	5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	Through national policy there could be some positive effects, but overall, the effects on climate change are unclear	<b>Part E of the proposed policy includes requirements to Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change</b>	It is unclear what effects a specific design policy could have on limiting climate change.
		5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
	<b>6. Land Use and Wildlife</b>		<b>~</b>	<b>+/~</b>	<b>~</b>
		6.1 Minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>Part C of the proposed policy includes requirements to make efficient use of land</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective

Policy LP7: Design			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances	~	+/~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>Part C of the proposed policy includes requirements to make efficient use of land</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	~	+	~
		This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>Part E of the proposed policy includes requirements that could help to minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	
		6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	~	+	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>Part E of the proposed policy includes requirements that could help achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
	<b>7. Water Resources</b>	7.1 Minimise water consumption and encourage re-use	~	++	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>Part H of the proposed policy includes requirements to meet high water efficiency standards of 110 litres per person per day. This will have a significant positive effect Minimising water</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective

Policy LP7: Design			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
				consumption and encouraging re-use	
		7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
			~	++	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>Part H of the proposed policy includes requirements to make the best use of site orientation, building form, layout, landscaping and materials to maximise natural light and heat, whilst avoiding internal overheating by providing passive cooling and ventilation. It also includes requirements to meet the higher water efficiency standards of 110 litres per person per day. This will have a positive effect in helping to reduce emissions and greenhouse gasses. Part G includes requirements to not result in adverse noise and vibration taking into account surrounding uses nor result in adverse impacts upon air quality from odour, fumes, smoke,</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
	<b>8. Pollution and Waste</b>	8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)			

Policy LP7: Design			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
				<b>dust and other sources</b>	
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
	<b>9. Sustainable Resources</b>	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	~	<b>++</b>	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>Part H of the proposed policy includes requirements to make the best use of site orientation, building form, layout, landscaping and materials to maximise natural light and heat, whilst avoiding internal overheating by providing passive cooling and ventilation. This will have a significant positive to reduce energy consumption.</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	~	<b>+</b>	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>Part I of the proposed policy includes the requirement to minimise the need for resources both in construction and operation of buildings and be easily adaptable to avoid unnecessary waste. This will have a positive effect the use of sustainable building</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective

Policy LP7: Design			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
				materials	







## Policy LP8: Amenity Provision



During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for this policy:




Option 1: No policy about amenity provision, rely on general design policy (LP7) and national policy

**Option 2: A policy that sets out provision for amenity standards**

Policy LP8: Amenity Provision			Policy Options	
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2
	<b>1. Healthy Communities</b>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	?	+
			It is unclear what effect relying on general design policies and national policy would have on creating and enhancing open spaces and green spaces.	<b>The preferred policy avoids the loss of public green space and adequate provision of private open space or communal areas for flats. This could have a positive effect on creating and enhancing open space.</b>
		1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments,	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>

Policy LP8: Amenity Provision			Policy Options	
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2
		community orchards and farmers' shops and markets		
	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>	2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
	<b>3. Transport</b>	3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
	<b>4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape</b>	4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are	~	+/?
		This policy option has no impact upon this	<b>The preferred policy includes requirements</b>	

Policy LP8: Amenity Provision			Policy Options	
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2
		attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character	objective	to ensure adequate amenity for living and storage needs
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
	<b>5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b>	5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
	<b>6. Land Use and Wildlife</b>	6.1 Minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>

Policy LP8: Amenity Provision			Policy Options	
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2
		protected species		
		6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
	<b>7. Water Resources</b>	7.1 Minimise water consumption and encourage re-use	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
	<b>8. Pollution and Waste</b>	8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)	~	+/?
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
	<b>9. Sustainable Resources</b>	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>


Policy LP8: Amenity Provision			Policy Options	
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>




## Policy LP9: Residential Annexes



During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for this policy:

Option 1: No Policy rely on national policy




**Option 2: Have a specific policy relating to residential annexes**

Policy LP9: Residential Annexes			Policy Options	
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2
	<b>1. Healthy Communities</b>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	~	+
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy relates to a specific type of residential provision, that can help enable older people to remain independent for longer, and therefore results in a minor positive effect</b>	
		1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments	~	~
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
		1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	~	~
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
		1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments, community orchards and	~	~
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	

Policy LP9: Residential Annexes			Policy Options	
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2
	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>	farmers' shops and markets		
		2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	~	~
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
	<b>3. Transport</b>	3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
	<b>4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape</b>	4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed,	~	+
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option sets out clear criteria in relation to size and design of any</b>

Policy LP9: Residential Annexes			Policy Options	
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2
		contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character		<b>proposed development. This should result in minor positive effects</b>
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
	<b>5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b>	5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
	<b>6. Land Use and Wildlife</b>		~	+
		6.1 Minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option contains clear wording restricting annex developed in the countryside to existing buildings, or an extension of the original building only, this should result in minor positive effects</b>
			~	~
		6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
			~	~
		6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>



Policy LP9: Residential Annexes			Policy Options	
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2
		6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
	<b>7. Water Resources</b>	7.1 Minimise water consumption and encourage re-use	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
	<b>8. Pollution and Waste</b>	8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
	<b>9. Sustainable Resources</b>	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>




## Policy LP10: Shop Frontages, Security Shutters and Canopies




During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for this policy:




Option 1: Have no detailed policy, rely on design policy and NPPF




**Option 2: A policy that sets out broad principles for design of shop frontages and canopies**

Option 3: Have a more detailed design policy including requirements for listed buildings and conservation areas

Policy LP10: Shop Frontages, Security Shutters and Canopies		Policy Options		
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
 <p><b>1. Healthy Communities</b></p>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	~	~	~
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments	~	~	~
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	~	~	~
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by maintaining and enhancing	~	~	~
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective

Policy LP10: Shop Frontages, Security Shutters and Canopies			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		the provision of allotments, community orchards and farmers' shops and markets			
	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>	2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	<b>3. Transport</b>	3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	<b>4. Heritage, Place Making and</b>	4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	?	+	++
			The effects of this policy option are not clear	This policy option will have a positive effect on conserving and where appropriate, enhancing heritage assets,	Having a more detailed policy will have a significantly positive effect on conserving and where appropriate,

Policy LP10: Shop Frontages, Security Shutters and Canopies		Policy Options		
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	<b>Landscape</b>  4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high-quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character  4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape		their setting and the wider historic environment by controlling shop front design	enhancing heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment by controlling shop front design
		?	+	++
		The effects of this policy option are not clear	This policy option will have a positive effect on the creation of high-quality built environments and protecting / enhancing heritage assets by controlling shop front design	Having a more detailed policy will have a significantly positive effect on the creation of high-quality built environments and protecting / enhancing heritage assets by controlling shop front design
		~	~	~
	<b>5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b>  5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change  5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	~	~	~
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		~	~	~
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	<b>6. Land Use and Wildlife</b>  6.1 Minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high-grade agricultural land  6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances	~	~	~
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		~	~	~
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective

Policy LP10: Shop Frontages, Security Shutters and Canopies			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	<b>7. Water Resources</b>	7.1 Minimise water consumption and encourage re-use	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	<b>8. Pollution and Waste</b>	8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	<b>9.</b>	9.1 Reduce energy	~	~	~

Policy LP10: Shop Frontages, Security Shutters and Canopies		Policy Options			
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	
	<b>Sustainable Resources</b>	consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	~	~	~
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	


## Policy LP11: Community Safety

During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for this policy:




### Option 1: A policy setting out criteria to create safe environments and prevent crime



Option 2: Issue is covered by design policy, no additional criteria required




Option 3: No policy instead rely on NPPF

Policy LP11: Community Safety		Policy Options		
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
 <p><b>1. Healthy Communities</b></p>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	~ <b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments	++ <b>The proposed policy sets out requirements to create safe environments and to prevent crime.</b>	+	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	~ <b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	~	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments,	~ <b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	~	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective



Policy LP11: Community Safety			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		community orchards and farmers' shops and markets			
	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>	2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	<b>3. Transport</b>	3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	++	+	~
			<b>The proposed policy includes requirements to maintain and enhance permeability and connectivity of a site to aid surveillance and security.</b>	The design policy includes requirements to improve permeability which could result in minor positive effects.	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	<b>4. Heritage, Place Making and</b>	4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective

Policy LP11: Community Safety			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	<b>Landscape</b>	4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character	~ <b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	~ <b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	<b>5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b>	5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	~ <b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	~ <b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	<b>6. Land Use and Wildlife</b>	6.1 Minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	~ <b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances	~ <b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on	~ <b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective

Policy LP11: Community Safety			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		protected species			
		6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	<b>7. Water Resources</b>	7.1 Minimise water consumption and encourage re-use	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	<b>8. Pollution and Waste</b>	8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	<b>9. Sustainable Resources</b>	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has no</b>	This policy option has no	This policy option has no

Policy LP11: Community Safety			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	<b>impact upon this objective</b>	impact upon this objective	impact upon this objective



## Policy LP12: Meeting Housing Needs

This policy covers two main policy areas: the provision of affordable housing and housing standards/access stanadrds. The alternative options considered for this policy have been split into two parts for SA purposes only and are appraised below.


### Part A: Affordable Housing


During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for landscape.



Option 1: A policy that sets a single percentage for affordable housing across the district

**Option 2: A policy that sets different thresholds for affordable housing in the north and the south of the district, with NPPF requirement of at least 10% to deliver homes available for affordable home ownership in the north**




Option 3: Do not require any set percentage and rely on negotiation on a site-by site basis



Policy LP1: Meeting Housing Needs - Part A: Affordable Housing			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	<b>1. Healthy Communities</b>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	+	+	+
		1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive	~	~	~
			The provision of affordable housing should result in minor positive effects against this objective, particularly where housing meets the needs of the homeless and overcrowded households as access to a good quality home is a direct determinant of health and well being	<b>The provision of affordable housing should result in minor positive effects against this objective, particularly where housing meets the needs of the homeless and overcrowded households as access to a good quality home is a direct determinant of health and well being</b>	The provision of affordable housing should result in minor positive effects against this objective, particularly where housing meets the needs of the homeless and overcrowded households as access to a good quality home is a direct determinant of health and well being
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective

Policy LP1: Meeting Housing Needs - Part A: Affordable Housing		Policy Options			
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	
		in safe environments			
		1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments, community orchards and farmers' shops and markets	~	~	~
	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>	2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	++	+	+/?
			Access to appropriate good quality housing is a direct determinant of health and wellbeing. Therefore, providing homes which are affordable across the plan	<b>Access to appropriate good quality housing is a direct determinant of health and wellbeing. Therefore, providing homes which are</b>	Access to appropriate good quality housing is a direct determinant of health and wellbeing resulting in a minor positive impact over the plan period, increasing from the

Policy LP1: Meeting Housing Needs - Part A: Affordable Housing			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
			area will make a beneficial contribution to this objective.	<b>affordable across the plan area will make a beneficial contribution to this objective. Minor positive impacts are likely as only one type of affordable housing would be provided within the North of the district.</b>	medium term as the policy is implemented. However, with no requirement for provision, there is no guarantee that any, or enough, will be provided.
	<b>3. Transport</b>	3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
	<b>4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape</b>	4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		4.3 Retain the distinctive	~	~	~



Policy LP1: Meeting Housing Needs - Part A: Affordable Housing			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		character of Fenland's landscape	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
	<b>5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b>	5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	~	~	~
		5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
			~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
	<b>6. Land Use and Wildlife</b>	6.1 Minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
	<b>7. Water</b>	7.1 Minimise water	~	~	~

Policy LP1: Meeting Housing Needs - Part A: Affordable Housing			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	<b>Resources</b>	consumption and encourage re-use	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	~	~	~
	<b>8. Pollution and Waste</b>	8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)	~	~	~
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
	<b>9. Sustainable Resources</b>	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	~	~	~
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective

## Part B: Housing Standards Higher Access

During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for this policy.

**Option 1: All schemes for new dwellings at least 25% of the dwellings must meet building regulations M4(2), any scheme that provides 10 or more affordable rented units 10% of affordable rented dwellings should meet building regulations M4(3)(a) (wheelchair adaptable dwellings) subject to viability.**


Option 2: No policy setting out housing standard requirements; let the market decide.

Option 3: A policy that sets a lower M4(2) requirement (i.e. a % below all dwellings).


Option 4: A policy that sets a lower threshold for M4(3)(2)(a).


Option 5: A policy that sets a higher threshold for M4(3)(2)(a).


Option 6: A policy that sets a higher % requirement for M4(3)(2)(a).



Policy LP2: Meeting Housing Needs - Part B: Housing Standards Higher Access			Policy Options					
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5	Option 6
	<b>1. Healthy Communities</b>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	+	?	-	+	-	+
			<b>Housing quality is a direct determinant of health and wellbeing. This policy may have a minor positive effect on this objective, as higher access standards may help people to stay in their homes for longer. The provision of affordable</b>	Without setting out local policy requirements in relation to housing standards, the nature of effects against this objective is uncertain.	This option would set a lower requirement for accessible and adaptable dwellings. This could result in minor negative effects on this objective, as there is a risk that housing will not meet need and people will have to remain in unsuitable accommodation, which could	Housing quality is a direct determinant of health and wellbeing. A policy that includes a lower threshold to deliver wheelchair accessible dwellings, could help those currently living in unsuitable accommodation to move into accommodation	This option would set a higher threshold for the delivery of wheelchair accessible dwellings. This could result in minor negative effects on this objective, as there is a risk that housing will not meet need and wheelchair users will have to remain in unsuitable	Housing quality is a direct determinant of health and wellbeing. A higher % requirement for delivering wheelchair accessible dwellings could have a minor positive effect on this objective as it would help those currently living in unsuitable

Policy LP2: Meeting Housing Needs - Part B: Housing Standards Higher Access			Policy Options					
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5	Option 6
			housing and accommodation for vulnerable people should reduce the number of people living in unsuitable accommodation		have an adverse effect on their health and well being	designed to meet their specific needs. This would have a positive effect on both physical and mental health	accommodation, which could have an adverse effect on their health and well-being.	accommodation to move into accommodation designed to meet their specific needs. This would have a positive effect on both physical and mental health
		1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments	~	~	~	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and	~	~	~	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective


Policy LP2: Meeting Housing Needs - Part B: Housing Standards Higher Access			Policy Options					
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5	Option 6
		improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places						
		1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments, community orchards and farmers' shops and markets	~	~	~	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>	2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	~	~	~	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency,	~	~	~	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective



Policy LP2: Meeting Housing Needs - Part B: Housing Standards Higher Access			Policy Options					
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5	Option 6
		competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy						
		2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	++	-/?	-	+	-	+
			<b>The preferred policy is expected to deliver significant positive effects in relation to this objective, should therefore increase the number of accessible and adaptable dwellings and therefore ensure sufficient choice is available in the housing market for people with particular needs.</b>	Without an explicit local housing standard requirement the number of accessible homes delivered by the market is likely to be limited.	This option is likely to result in the delivery of fewer houses that are accessible and adaptable.	Setting a lower threshold to deliver wheelchair accessible dwellings could lead to the delivery of more housing that is suitable for wheelchair users.	Setting a higher threshold for wheelchair accessible dwellings could lead to the delivery of fewer houses that are suitable for wheelchair users.	A higher % requirement for wheelchair accessible dwellings could lead to the delivery of more housing that is suitable for wheelchair users.
		3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more	~	~	~	~	~	~
	<b>3. Transport</b>		<b>This policy option is not relevant to this</b>	This policy option is not relevant to	This policy option is not relevant to this	This policy option is not relevant to this	This policy option is not relevant to this	This policy option is not relevant to this

Policy LP2: Meeting Housing Needs - Part B: Housing Standards Higher Access			Policy Options					
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5	Option 6
		sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	<b>objective</b>	this objective	objective	objective	objective	objective
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	~	~	~	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
 <b>4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape</b>		4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	~	~	~	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and	~	~	~	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective

Policy LP2: Meeting Housing Needs - Part B: Housing Standards Higher Access			Policy Options					
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5	Option 6
		enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character						
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	~	~	~	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
	<b>5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b>	5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	~	~	~	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	~	~	~	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
	<b>6. Land Use and Wildlife</b>	6.1 Minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	~	~	~	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate	~	~	~	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective



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SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5	Option 6
		circumstances						
		6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	~	~	~	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	~	~	~	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
 <b>7. Water Resources</b>		7.1 Minimise water consumption and encourage re-use	~	~	~	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		7.2 Avoid	~	~	~	~	~	~

Policy LP2: Meeting Housing Needs - Part B: Housing Standards Higher Access			Policy Options					
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5	Option 6
		deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
	<b>8. Pollution and Waste</b>	8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)	~	~	~	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	~	~	~	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	~	~	~	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
	<b>9. Sustainable Resources</b>	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the	~	~	~	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option is not relevant to this</b>	This policy option is not relevant to	This policy option is not relevant to this	This policy option is not relevant to this	This policy option is not relevant to this	This policy option is not relevant to this


Policy LP2: Meeting Housing Needs - Part B: Housing Standards Higher Access			Policy Options					
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5	Option 6
		use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	<b>objective</b>	this objective	objective	objective	objective	objective
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	~	~	~	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective



## Policy LP13: Custom Build and Self Build




During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for this policy:



Option 1: Have no policy on Custom Build and Self Build and rely on the guidance in the NPPF



**Option 2: Have a policy on Custom Build and Self Build which is specific to the local context**

Policy LP13: Custom Build and Self Build			Policy Options	
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2
	<b>1. Healthy Communities</b>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	+	+
			The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by providing dwellings which are tailor made for the specific needs of individuals	<b>The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by providing dwellings which are tailor made for the specific needs of individuals</b>
		1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments	?	?
			It is unclear what effect this option would have on this objective	<b>It is unclear what effect this option would have on this objective</b>
		1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	~	~
	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>		
1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by maintaining and enhancing	~	~		
	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>		

Policy LP13: Custom Build and Self Build			Policy Options			
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2		
		the provision of allotments, community orchards and farmers' shops and markets				
 <b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>		2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	+	+		
			The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by providing employment and training for works connected with custom build and self-build homes		<b>The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by providing employment and training for works connected with custom build and self-build homes</b>	
		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	+	+		
			The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on investment in and improvements to the local economy by providing a range of house types and contributing to the overall attractiveness of the district as a place to live, work and invest	<b>The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on investment in and improvements to the local economy by providing a range of house types and contributing to the overall attractiveness of the district as a place to live, work and invest</b>		
		2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	+	++		
			The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on helping provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	<b>The proposed policy option should have a significantly positive effect on helping provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations</b>		
 <b>3. Transport</b>		3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public	~	~		
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>		

Policy LP13: Custom Build and Self Build			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	
		transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.			
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
	<b>4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape</b>	4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
		4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character	?	+	
			It is unclear what effect this option would have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by providing buildings that are attractive and well designed</b>	
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
	<b>5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b>	5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
		5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
	<b>6. Land Use</b>	6.1 Minimise the irreversible	~	~	

Policy LP13: Custom Build and Self Build		Policy Options		
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	
	loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
	6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances	+	+	
		The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by providing re-development opportunities for custom and self-build homes	<b>The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by providing re-development opportunities for custom and self-build homes</b>	
	6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	~	~	
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	+	+		
	7.1 Minimise water consumption and encourage re-use	~	~	
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	~	~		
	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>		

Policy LP13: Custom Build and Self Build			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	
	<b>8. Pollution and Waste</b>	8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	~	~	
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>		
	8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	~	~		
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>		
	<b>9. Sustainable Resources</b>	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	~	~	
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>		




## Policy LP14: Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople



During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for this policy:



Option 1: Have no specific policy, instead rely on national policy and other Local Plan policies




Option 2: Have a criteria-based policy only (as in the adopted Local Plan)


**Option 3: The preferred policy (combination of criteria-based policy and allocations)**

Policy LP14: Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople		Policy Options			
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	
	<b>1. Healthy Communities</b>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	~	+	+
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This option will likely assist in addressing inequalities	<b>This option will likely assist in addressing inequalities</b>
		1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments	~	+	+
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This option will likely lead to improved access to health and education facilities, greenspace and leisure activities and provide safe environments	<b>This option will likely lead to improved access to health and education facilities, greenspace and leisure activities and provide safe environments</b>
		1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>

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SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	
		maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments, community orchards and farmers' shops and markets			
	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>	2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	-	+	+
			By not having a specific policy this could lead to a reduced access to education facilities	This option will improve access to education facilities by locating sites appropriately	<b>This option will improve access to education facilities by locating sites appropriately</b>
		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
	2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	~	+	++	
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	Having a criteria-based policy will likely lead to improved provision of appropriate housing	<b>This option will likely lead to significantly improved provision of appropriate housing as it allocates sites</b>	
	<b>3. Transport</b>	3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	?	+	++
			It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on encouraging sustainable modes of travel	This option will encourage more sustainable transport modes and contribute to highway safety by locating sites appropriately	<b>This option will encourage more sustainable transport modes and contribute to highway safety by locating sites appropriately including through allocated sites</b>
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	?	+	++
			It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on encouraging access by a variety of transport modes	This option will encourage access by a variety of transport modes by locating sites appropriately	<b>This option will encourage access by a variety of transport modes by locating sites appropriately including</b>

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SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	<b>4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape</b>	4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	~	~	through allocated sites
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	?	+	++
			It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on this objective	This option will assist in retaining the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	<b>This option will assist in retaining the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape including through allocated sites</b>
	<b>5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b>	5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	?	+	++
			It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on limiting or reducing vulnerability to the effects of climate change	This option will assist in limiting or reducing vulnerability to the effects of climate change by locating sites appropriately	<b>This option will assist in limiting or reducing vulnerability to the effects of climate change by locating sites appropriately including through allocated sites</b>
		5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	?	+	++
			It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on this objective	This option will assist in minimising / removing the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	<b>This option will assist in minimising / removing the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources including through allocated sites</b>

Policy LP14: Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople		Policy Options			
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	
	<b>6. Land Use and Wildlife</b>	6.1 Minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective	~ <b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective	~ <b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective	~ <b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective	~ <b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
	<b>7. Water Resources</b>	7.1 Minimise water consumption and encourage re-use	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective	~ <b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective	~ <b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
	<b>8. Pollution and Waste</b>	8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour,	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective	~ <b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>


Policy LP14: Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		vibration and light)			
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
	<b>9. Sustainable Resources</b>	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>



## Policy LP15: Employment



During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for employment.

Option 1: No policy but instead rely on guidance in the NPPF

**Option 2: A policy which seeks to retain existing employment sites and provide new employment sites to significantly increase the number of businesses, jobs and opportunities**

Policy LP15: Employment		Policy Options				
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2			
	<b>1. Healthy Communities</b>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	+	+		
			The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by providing for a greater range of job opportunities, income and an ageing population		<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by providing for a greater range of job opportunities and income</b>	
		1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments	+	+		
			The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by helping improve the range and quality of facilities and services		<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by helping improve the range and quality of facilities and services</b>	
		1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	~	~		
	This policy option has no impact upon this objective		<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>			
	1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by	+	+			
		The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by providing		<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by providing</b>		

Policy LP15: Employment			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	
		maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments, community orchards and farmers' shops and markets	employment opportunities in farmers' shops and markets	<b>employment opportunities in farmers' shops and markets</b>	
	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>		+	++	
		2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by encouraging a range of employment opportunities	<b>The proposed option will have a significantly positive effect on this objective by providing a range of employment opportunities and locations</b>	
		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	+	+	
		The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by supporting investment in people, places and infrastructure	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by supporting investment in people, places and infrastructure</b>		
	2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	+	+		
	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by providing employment and training opportunities	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by providing employment and training opportunities</b>			
	<b>3. Transport</b>		?	-	
		3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective	<b>The proposed option may have a negative impact on this objective by allowing growth in areas which will not be the most sustainable in transport terms</b>	
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be	?	-	
	It is unclear what effect	<b>The proposed option may</b>			

Policy LP15: Employment			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	
		accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	having this policy option will have on this objective	<b>have a negative impact on this objective by encouraging growth in areas which will not be the most sustainable in transport terms</b>	
 <b>4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape</b>		4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	+	+	
			The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by providing employment and training opportunities for conserving and enhancing heritage assets	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by providing employment and training opportunities for conserving and enhancing heritage assets</b>	
		4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character	+	+	
			The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by providing employment and training opportunities for creating places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, and contribute to a high-quality public realm	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by providing employment and training opportunities for creating places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, and contribute to a high-quality public realm</b>	
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	?	?	
			It is unclear what effect having this policy option will have on this objective	<b>It is unclear what effect having this policy option will have on this objective</b>	
 <b>5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b>		5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	?	-	
			It is unclear what effect having this policy option will have on this objective	<b>The proposed option may have a negative impact on this objective by allowing growth in areas which may not be the most</b>	





Policy LP15: Employment			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	
				sustainable	
		5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	~	?	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective</b>	
		6.1 Minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	?	?	
			It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective	<b>It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective</b>	
		6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances	+	+	
			The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by encouraging the use of previously developed land	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by encouraging redevelopment in existing employment areas</b>	
		6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
		6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	+	+	
			New development should have a positive impact on this objective by increasing BNG	<b>New development should have a positive impact on this objective by increasing BNG</b>	
		7.1 Minimise water	~	~	



## 6. Land Use and Wildlife



## 7. Water

Policy LP15: Employment			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	
	<b>Resources</b>	consumption and encourage re-use	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
		7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	~	~	
	<b>8. Pollution and Waste</b>	8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)	?	-	
			It is unclear what effect having this policy option will have on this objective	<b>The proposed option may have a negative impact on this objective by allowing developments in unsustainable locations thereby continuing a reliance on private motor vehicles and petrol consumption</b>	
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
	8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	~	~		
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>		
	<b>9. Sustainable Resources</b>	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	?	-	
			It is unclear what effect having this policy option will have on this objective	<b>The proposed option may have a negative impact on this objective by allowing developments in unsustainable locations thereby continuing a reliance on private motor vehicles and petrol consumption</b>	
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials	+	+	
		The proposed option will	<b>The proposed option will</b>		


Policy LP15: Employment			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	
		and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	have a positive effect on this objective by supporting local businesses and employment	<b>have a positive effect on this objective by supporting local businesses and employment</b>	



## Policy LP16: Town Centres



During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for town centres.

Option 1: No policy but instead rely on guidance in the NPPF

**Option 2: A policy which seeks to ensure that the town centre first message predominates in a sequential approach and a stricter threshold than the NPPF for new retail proposals is provided**

Policy LP16: Town Centres		Policy Options				
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2			
	<b>1. Healthy Communities</b>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	+	+		
			The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by having a strong town centre first message thereby helping address inequalities		<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by having strong a town centre first message thereby helping address inequalities</b>	
		1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments	+	++		
			The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by having a strong town centre first message thereby helping the accessibility of services and facilities		<b>The proposed option will have a significantly positive effect on this objective by having a strong town centre first message thereby helping the accessibility of services and facilities</b>	
		1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	~	~		
	This policy option has no impact upon this objective		<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>			
1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by	+	+				
	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by having a strong		<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by having a</b>			

Policy LP16: Town Centres			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	
		maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments, community orchards and farmers' shops and markets	town centre first message thereby creating opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food	<b>strong town centre first message thereby creating opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food</b>	
	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>	2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	+	+	
		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	+	+	
		2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	+	?	
		3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	+	+	
	<b>3. Transport</b>	3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of	+	+	
			The proposed option will have a positive effect on this	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on</b>	

Policy LP16: Town Centres			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	
		transport modes and provide permeability	objective by having a strong town centre first message where a variety of transport modes are more likely	<b>this objective by having a strong town centre first message where a variety of transport modes are more likely</b>	
	<b>4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape</b>	4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	+	+	
			The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by having a strong town centre first message where improvements can benefit a range of heritage assets	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by having a strong town centre first message where improvements can benefit a range of heritage assets</b>	
		4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character	+	+	
			The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by having a strong town centre first message where creating a high-quality public realm will enhance this aim	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by having a strong town centre first message where creating a high-quality public realm will enhance this aim</b>	
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
	<b>5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b>	5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	+	+	
			The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by having a strong town centre first message where access by a variety of transport modes is more likely and reliance on private cars is reduced	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by having a strong town centre first message where access by a variety of transport modes is more likely and reliance on private cars is reduced</b>	



Policy LP16: Town Centres			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	
		5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
		6.1 Minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
		6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances	+	+	
			The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by having a strong town centre first message where the re-development of sites may be most appropriate	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by having a strong town centre first message where the re-development of sites may be most appropriate</b>	
		6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
		6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
		7.1 Minimise water	~	~	



## 6. Land Use and Wildlife



## 7. Water

Policy LP16: Town Centres			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	
	<b>Resources</b>	consumption and encourage re-use	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
		7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	~	~	
	<b>8. Pollution and Waste</b>	8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)	~	~	
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
		8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
			~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
	<b>9. Sustainable Resources</b>	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	+	+	
			The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by prioritising town centres accessible by a range of transport modes thereby providing a reduction in the reliance on private cars and petrol consumption	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by prioritising town centres accessible by a range of transport modes thereby providing a reduction in the reliance on private cars and petrol consumption</b>	
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	~	~	
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>		






## Policy LP17: Culture, Leisure, Tourism and Community Facilities



During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for landscape.




Option 1: No policy but instead rely on guidance in the NPPF



Option 2: A policy which seeks to ensure that existing facilities are enhanced, and new facilities provided


**Option 3: A policy which seeks to ensure that existing facilities are enhanced, and new facilities provided having regard to an Infrastructure Development Plan (IDP)**

Policy LP17: Culture, Leisure, Tourism and Community Facilities		Policy Options			
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	
	<b>1. Healthy Communities</b>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	?	+	++
			It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on this objective	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by helping address inequalities	<b>The proposed option will have a significantly positive effect on this objective by helping address inequalities</b>
		1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments	+	+	++
			The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by improving the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by improving the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities	<b>The proposed option will have a significantly positive effect on this objective by improving the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities</b>
		1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	?	+	+
	It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on this objective	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by helping create and enhance multifunctional open space	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by helping create and enhance multifunctional open space</b>		
	1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally	?	+	+	
		It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on</b>	

Policy LP17: Culture, Leisure, Tourism and Community Facilities			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		produced food by maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments, community orchards and farmers' shops and markets	this objective	objective helping enhance the provision of allotments and community orchards	<b>this objective helping enhance the provision of allotments and community orchards</b>
	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>	2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	?	+	+
		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	+	+	++
		2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	+	+	+
			The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by ensuring new homes have access to a range of community facilities	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by ensuring new homes have access to a range of community facilities	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by ensuring new homes have access to a range of community facilities</b>
	<b>3. Transport</b>	3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	+	+	+
			The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by providing for walking and cycling facilities	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by providing for walking and cycling facilities	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by providing for walking and cycling facilities</b>
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide	+	+	+
		The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by seeking to	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by seeking to	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by seeking</b>	

Policy LP17: Culture, Leisure, Tourism and Community Facilities			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		permeability	locate new facilities accessible by a variety of transport modes	locate new facilities accessible by a variety of transport modes	<b>to locate new facilities accessible by a variety of transport modes</b>
	<b>4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape</b>	4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	?	?	?
			It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on this objective	It is unclear what effect having this policy option will have on this objective	<b>It is unclear what effect having this policy option will have on this objective</b>
		4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character	?	?	?
			It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on this objective	It is unclear what effect having this policy option will have on this objective	<b>It is unclear what effect having this policy option will have on this objective</b>
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
	<b>5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b>	5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	?	?	?
			It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on this objective	It is unclear what effect having this policy option will have on this objective	<b>It is unclear what effect having this policy option will have on this objective</b>
		5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	?	+	+
			It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on this objective	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by seeking to locate new facilities in appropriate locations	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by seeking to locate new facilities in appropriate locations</b>
	<b>6. Land Use and Wildlife</b>	6.1 Minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>

Policy LP17: Culture, Leisure, Tourism and Community Facilities			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
	<b>7. Water Resources</b>	7.1 Minimise water consumption and encourage re-use	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
	<b>8. Pollution and Waste</b>	8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>


Policy LP17: Culture, Leisure, Tourism and Community Facilities			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
	<b>9. Sustainable Resources</b>	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>




## Policy LP18: Development in the Countryside

During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for development in the countryside.



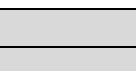
Option 1: No policy but instead rely on guidance in the NPPF

**Option 2: A policy which provides clarity on the circumstances where development in the countryside will be acceptable**


Policy LP18: Development in the Countryside		Policy Options			
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2		
	<b>1. Healthy Communities</b>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	?	?	
			It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective	<b>It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective</b>	
		1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments	?	?	
			It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective	<b>It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective</b>	
		1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	~	~	
	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>			
1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments, community orchards and	?	?			
	It is unclear what effect having this policy option will have on this objective	<b>It is unclear what effect having this policy option will have on this objective</b>			

Policy LP18: Development in the Countryside			Policy Options	
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2
	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>	farmers' shops and markets		
			+	+
		2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by encouraging a range of employment opportunities including in countryside locations	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by providing a range of employment opportunities in countryside locations</b>
		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by supporting investment in people, places and infrastructure	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by supporting investment in people, places and infrastructure</b>
		-	-	
		2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	This policy option may have a negative impact on this objective by encouraging development in unsustainable locations	<b>This policy option may have a negative impact on this objective by encouraging development in unsustainable locations</b>
	<b>3. Transport</b>	3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	-	-
			This policy option will have a negative impact on this objective by encouraging development in unsustainable locations	<b>This policy option will have a negative impact on this objective by encouraging development in unsustainable locations</b>
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	-	-
			This policy option will have a negative impact on this objective by encouraging development in unsustainable locations	<b>This policy option will have a negative impact on this objective by encouraging development in unsustainable locations</b>
	<b>4. Heritage,</b>	4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance	?	+
			It is unclear what effect	<b>The proposed option will</b>



Policy LP18: Development in the Countryside		Policy Options		
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	
 <b>Place Making and Landscape</b>	heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	having this policy option will have on this objective	<b>have a positive effect on this objective by taking heritage qualities into account</b>	
	4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character	~	~	
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
	4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	?	+	
		It is unclear what effect having this policy option will have on this objective	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by taking the open nature of the countryside into account</b>	
 <b>5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b>	5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	-	-	
		The proposed option will have a negative impact on this objective by allowing development in areas which are not the most sustainable	<b>The proposed option will have a negative impact on this objective by allowing development in areas which are not the most sustainable</b>	
	5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	~	~	
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
 <b>6. Land Use and Wildlife</b>	6.1 Minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	+	+	
		The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by protecting where possible high grade	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by protecting where possible</b>	

Policy LP18: Development in the Countryside			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	
			agricultural land	high grade agricultural land	
			+	+	
		6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by allowing the re-development of existing sites	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by allowing the re-development of existing sites</b>	
			~	~	
		6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
			+	+	
		6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	New development should have a positive impact on this objective by increasing BNG	<b>New development should have a positive impact on this objective by increasing BNG</b>	
			~	~	
		7.1 Minimise water consumption and encourage re-use	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
			~	~	
		7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
			-	-	
		8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour,	The proposed option may have a negative impact on this objective by allowing	<b>The proposed option may have a negative impact on this objective by allowing</b>	

Policy LP18: Development in the Countryside			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	
		vibration and light)	developments in unsustainable locations thereby continuing a reliance on private cars and petrol consumption	<b>developments in unsustainable locations thereby continuing a reliance on private cars and petrol consumption</b>	
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	~	~	
		8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	~	~	
			-	-	
	<b>9. Sustainable Resources</b>	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	The proposed option may have a negative impact on this objective by allowing developments in unsustainable locations thereby continuing a reliance on private cars and petrol consumption	<b>The proposed option may have a negative impact on this objective by allowing developments in unsustainable locations thereby continuing a reliance on private cars and petrol consumption</b>	
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	


## Policy LP19: Strategic Infrastructure




During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for strategic infrastructure.


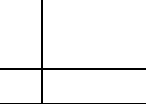
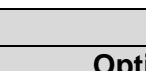
Option 1: Have no policy but instead rely on guidance in the NPPF



Option 2: A policy which seeks to ensure that new developments deliver infrastructure on site and its immediate vicinity


**Option 3: A policy which seeks to ensure that new developments deliver associated infrastructure in a timely manner with reference to an Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP)**

Policy LP19: Strategic Infrastructure		Policy Options		
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
 <p><b>1. Healthy Communities</b></p>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	?	?	+
		It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on this objective	It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by helping address inequalities</b>
	1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments	-	-	+
		It is likely this option will have a negative effect on this objective	It is likely this option will have a negative effect on this objective	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by improving the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities</b>
	1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	?	?	+
		It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on this objective	It is unclear what effect having this option will have on this objective	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by helping create and enhance multifunctional open space</b>
	1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by maintaining and enhancing	?	?	+
		It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on this objective	It is unclear what effect having this option will have on this objective	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective helping enhance the provision of</b>

Policy LP19: Strategic Infrastructure			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		the provision of allotments, community orchards and farmers' shops and markets			allotments and community orchards
	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>		?	?	+
		2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on this objective	It is unclear what effect this option will have on this objective	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by providing infrastructure to access these opportunities</b>
		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	-	+	++
			It is likely this option will have a negative effect on this objective	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by supporting investment in people and places	<b>The proposed option will have a significantly positive effect on this objective by providing infrastructure investment in relevant places</b>
		2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	?	+	+
			It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on this objective	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by providing decent homes in appropriate locations	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by providing decent homes in appropriate locations</b>
	<b>3. Transport</b>	3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	?	+	++
			It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on this objective	The proposed option will have some positive effect on this objective but limited to a site and its immediate vicinity	<b>The proposed option will have a significantly positive effect on this objective by providing walking, cycling and public transport facilities away from the site</b>
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	?	?	++
			It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on this objective	It is unclear what this option will have on this objective	<b>The proposed option will have a significantly positive effect on this objective by providing for a range of transport modes</b>
	<b>4. Heritage.</b>	4.1 Conserve and where	~	~	~

Policy LP19: Strategic Infrastructure		Policy Options		
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
 <b>Place Making and Landscape</b>	appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
	4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character	?	+	+
	4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	~	~	~
 <b>5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b>	5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	-	?	+
	5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	?	?	+
	6.1 Minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	~	~	~
 <b>6. Land Use and Wildlife</b>	6.2 Utilise brownfield sites	~	~	~

Policy LP19: Strategic Infrastructure			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		for re-development in appropriate circumstances	This option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	~	~	~
		6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	~	~	~
			This option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
	<b>7. Water Resources</b>	7.1 Minimise water consumption and encourage re-use	~	~	~
			This option has no impact upon this objective	This option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	?	?	+
		8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)	?	?	+
			It is unclear what effect this option will have on this objective	It is unclear what effect this option will have on this objective	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by providing for infrastructure that will enhance water quality</b>
	<b>8. Pollution and Waste</b>	8.2. Reduce the risk of	~	~	~
			It is unclear what effect this option will have on this objective	It is unclear what effect this option will have on this objective	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by providing for infrastructure that will help reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants</b>

Policy LP19: Strategic Infrastructure			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		pollution to the environment from contaminated land	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	?	?	+
			It is unclear what effect this option will have on this objective	It is unclear what effect this option will have on this objective	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on by providing for any infrastructure that will help realise this objective</b>
		9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	?	?	+
			It is unclear what effect this option will have on this objective	It is unclear what effect this option will have on this objective	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by encouraging the provision of infrastructure that increases the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources</b>
	<b>9. Sustainable Resources</b>	9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>




## Policy LP20: Accessibility and Transport




During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for accessibility and transport:



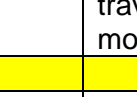
Option 1: No policy but instead rely on guidance in the NPPF



**Option 2: A policy which prioritises the safety and convenience of users of the highway network, improves walking and cycling and provides for accessible development whilst having regard to the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP)**


Option 3: A more prescriptive policy which seeks to prioritise locating development in accessible public transport locations including near bus routes and provides for a wide choice of active travel infrastructure whilst having regard to the IDP

Policy LP20: Accessibility and Transport		Policy Options			
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	
	<b>1. Healthy Communities</b>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	+	+	+
			The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by helping address inequalities	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by helping address inequalities</b>	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by helping address inequalities
		1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments	+	+	++
			The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by improving the accessibility of services and facilities	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by improving the accessibility of services and facilities</b>	The proposed option will have a significantly positive effect on this objective by improving the accessibility of services and facilities
		1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	+	+	+
	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by ensuring multifunctional open space is accessible by walking and cycling	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by ensuring multifunctional open space is accessible by walking and cycling</b>	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by ensuring multifunctional open space is accessible by walking and cycling		
1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by	~	~	~		
	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective		

Policy LP20: Accessibility and Transport			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments, community orchards and farmers' shops and markets			
	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>		+	+	++
		2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective.	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective.</b>	The proposed option will have a significantly positive effect on this objective by prioritising public transport and active travel over the use of private motor vehicles
		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	+	+	+
			The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by supporting investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by supporting investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure</b>	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by supporting investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure
		2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	+	+	+
			The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective</b>	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective
	<b>3. Transport</b>	3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	+	?	++
			The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective	<b>It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective</b>	The proposed option will have a significantly positive effect on this objective by prioritising public transport and active travel over the use of private motor vehicles
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	+	+	++
			The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective</b>	The proposed option will have a significantly positive effect on this objective
	<b>4. Heritage.</b>	4.1 Conserve and where	?	?	?

Policy LP20: Accessibility and Transport		Policy Options		
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
 <b>Place Making and Landscape</b>	appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on this objective	<b>It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective</b>	It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective
	4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character	?	?	+
	4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	~	~	~
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
 <b>5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b>	5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	+	?	+
		The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective	<b>It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective</b>	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by prioritising public transport and active travel over the use of private motor vehicles
	5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	~	~	~
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
 <b>6. Land Use and Wildlife</b>	6.1 Minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	~	~	~
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	6.2 Utilise brownfield sites	~	~	~

Policy LP20: Accessibility and Transport			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		for re-development in appropriate circumstances	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	~	~	~
		6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	<b>7. Water Resources</b>	7.1 Minimise water consumption and encourage re-use	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	<b>8. Pollution and Waste</b>	8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)	+	?	++
			The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective	<b>It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective</b>	The proposed option will have a significantly positive effect on this objective by prioritising public transport and active travel over the use of private motor vehicles
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		8.3 Support and enhance	~	~	~


Policy LP20: Accessibility and Transport			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	<b>9. Sustainable Resources</b>	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	+	?	+
			The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective	<b>It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective</b>	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by prioritising public transport and active travel over the use of private motor vehicles
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	?	?	?
			It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective	<b>It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective</b>	It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective



## Policy LP21: Public Rights of Way



During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for this policy:

**Option 1: Have a policy which seeks to protect and enhance the public rights of way and permissive path network**



Option 2: Have no policy which seeks to protect and enhance the public rights of way and permissive path network



Policy LP21: Public Rights of Way		Policy Options			
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2		
	<b>1. Healthy Communities</b>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	<b>+</b> <b>The proposed policy should have a positive effect on health and well-being by increasing access to greenspace and leisure activities</b>	<b>?</b> It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on this objective	
		1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments	<b>+</b> <b>The proposed policy should have a positive effect on improving the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities by increasing access to greenspace and leisure activities</b>	<b>?</b> It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on this objective	
		1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	<b>++</b> <b>The proposed policy should have a significantly positive effect on increasing access to greenspace and leisure activities and allow people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places</b>	<b>-</b> It is likely that having no policy would have a negative impact on this objective	
		1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by	<b>~</b> <b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	<b>~</b> This policy option has no impact upon this objective	

Policy LP21: Public Rights of Way			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	
		maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments, community orchards and farmers' shops and markets			
	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>	2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	~	~	
		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	+	?	
		2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	~	~	
	<b>3. Transport</b>	3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	+	?	
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	+	-	

Policy LP21: Public Rights of Way			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	
	<b>4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape</b>	4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	<b>provide permeability</b> + <b>The proposed policy should have a positive effect on conserving and enhancing heritage assets and their settings</b>	? It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on this objective	
		4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character	+ <b>The proposed policy should have a positive effect on creating attractive places, contributing to a high-quality public realm and maintaining and enhancing diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character</b>	? It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on this objective	
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	+ <b>The proposed policy should have a positive effect on retaining the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape by allowing greater access to the countryside</b>	? It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on this objective	
		5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	+ <b>The proposed policy should have a positive effect on this objective by ensuring that people have a choice of travel modes which include active travel</b>	- It is likely that having no policy would have a negative impact on this objective	
	<b>5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b>	5.2 Minimise and wherever	~	~	



Policy LP21: Public Rights of Way			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	
		possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
	<b>6. Land Use and Wildlife</b>	6.1 Minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	~	~	
			<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
		6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances	~	~	
			<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
		6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	~	~	
	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective			
		6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	~	~	
			<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
	<b>7. Water Resources</b>	7.1 Minimise water consumption and encourage re-use	~	~	
			<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
		7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	~	~	
			<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	

Policy LP21: Public Rights of Way			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	
	<b>8. Pollution and Waste</b>	8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)	~ <b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	~ <b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
		8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	~ <b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
	<b>9. Sustainable Resources</b>	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	~ <b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	~ <b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective	


## Policy LP22: Parking Provision



During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for parking provision.



Option 1: No parking policy, and no car parking standards



Option 2: A policy that sets out parking requirements and car parking standards


**Option 3: A policy that sets out parking requirements and car parking standards including Electric Vehicle charging points for new residential development**

Policy LP3: Parking Provision			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	<b>1. Healthy Communities</b>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	~	+	+
		1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments	~	~	~
		1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This option will not impact directly on the SA objective. However, well designed parking can reduce obstructions to movement, especially for those walking or cycling, the elderly and disabled, and thus improve accessibility to services and other, social, facilities and opportunities for healthy lifestyles and informal social interaction for all.	<b>This option will not impact directly on the SA objective. However, well designed parking can reduce obstructions to movement, especially for those walking or cycling, the elderly and disabled, and thus improve accessibility to services and other, social, facilities and opportunities for healthy lifestyles and informal social interaction for all</b>
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>

Policy LP3: Parking Provision			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places			
		1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments, community orchards and farmers' shops and markets	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>	2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
		2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
	<b>3. Transport</b>	3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>

Policy LP3: Parking Provision			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
	<b>4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape</b>	4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
		4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character	-	+	+
			No car parking policy could result in a negative impact on design on an area. Well-designed car parking will contribute to the quality of the public realm through being well laid out and using high quality materials in keeping with the area. Well-designed car parking may also reduce on road parking that can detract from the quality of the area.	The preferred policy will have a minor positive impact on this SA objective. Well-designed car parking will contribute to the quality of the public realm through being well laid out and using high quality materials in keeping with the area. Well-designed car parking may also reduce on road parking that can detract from the quality of the area.	<b>The preferred policy will have a minor positive impact on this SA objective. Well- designed car parking will contribute to the quality of the public realm through being well laid out and using high quality materials in keeping with the area. Well-designed car parking may also reduce on road parking that can detract from the quality of the area.</b>
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	~	~	~
	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>		
	<b>5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b>	5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	~	~	~
			This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
		5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all	~	~	~
		This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>	

Policy LP3: Parking Provision			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		sources			
	<b>6. Land Use and Wildlife</b>	6.1 Minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	~ This policy option is not relevant to this objective	~ This policy option is not relevant to this objective	~ <b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
		6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances	~ This policy option is not relevant to this objective	~ This policy option is not relevant to this objective	~ <b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
		6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	~ This policy option is not relevant to this objective	~ This policy option is not relevant to this objective	~ <b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
		6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	~ This policy option is not relevant to this objective	~ This policy option is not relevant to this objective	~ <b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
		7.1 Minimise water consumption and encourage re-use	~ This policy option is not relevant to this objective	~ This policy option is not relevant to this objective	~ <b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
	<b>7. Water Resources</b>	7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	~ This policy option is not relevant to this objective	~ This policy option is not relevant to this objective	~ <b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
		<b>8. Pollution</b>	8.1 Reduce emissions of	~	~


Policy LP3: Parking Provision			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	<b>and Waste</b>	greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>The policy promotes electric car usage by requiring electric charging points within new developments and new parking provision. Helping to reduce emissions.</b>
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	~	~	~
		8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
		8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	~	~	~
	<b>9. Sustainable Resources</b>	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	~	~	~
		9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	~	~	~
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	<b>This policy option is not relevant to this objective</b>

## Policy LP23: Historic Environment



During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for this policy:



Option 1: Have no policy on the Historic Environment and rely on the guidance in the NPPF



**Option 2: Have a policy on the Historic Environment which is specific to the local Fenland context**



Policy LP23: Historic Environment		Policy Options			
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2		
	<b>1. Healthy Communities</b>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	?	?	
			It is unclear what effect this option would have on this objective	<b>It is unclear what effect this option would have on this objective</b>	
		1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments	?	?	
			It is unclear what effect this option would have on this objective	<b>It is unclear what effect this option would have on this objective</b>	
		1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	+	+	
	The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on contributing to the green infrastructure network and natural environment	<b>The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on contributing to the green infrastructure network and natural environment</b>			
1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments, community orchards and	~	~			
	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>			



Policy LP23: Historic Environment			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	
		farmers' shops and markets			
	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>	2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	+	+	
			The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by providing employment and training for investigation and works connected with heritage assets	<b>The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by providing employment and training for investigation and works connected with heritage assets</b>	
		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	+	+	
			The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on investment in and improvements to the local economy by retaining and improving heritage assets and contributing to the overall attractiveness of the district as a place to live, work and invest	<b>The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on investment in and improvements to the local economy by retaining and improving heritage assets and contributing to the overall attractiveness of the district as a place to live, work and invest</b>	
		2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
	<b>3. Transport</b>	3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	

Policy LP23: Historic Environment			Policy Options			
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2		
		transport modes and provide permeability				
	<b>4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape</b>	4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	+	++		
			The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on conserving and enhancing heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment in particular circumstances		<b>The proposed policy option should have a significantly positive effect on conserving and enhancing heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment in particular circumstances</b>	
		4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character	+	++		
			The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by contributing to a high-quality public realm		<b>The proposed policy option should have a significantly positive effect on this objective by contributing to a high-quality public realm</b>	
	<b>4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape</b>		?	+		
		It is unclear what effect this option would have on this objective		<b>The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by helping protect the setting of heritage assets</b>		
	<b>5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b>	5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	+	+		
			The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by retaining buildings with their embodied energy rather than allowing opportunities for re-development		<b>The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by retaining buildings with their embodied energy rather than allowing opportunities for re-development</b>	
		5.2 Minimise and wherever	~	~		

Policy LP23: Historic Environment			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	
		possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
	<b>6. Land Use and Wildlife</b>	6.1 Minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
		6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
		6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	+	+	<b>The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by protecting trees and retaining natural areas around heritage assets</b>
	6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	+	+	<b>The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by retaining and providing habitats for biodiversity including protected species</b>	
	<b>7. Water Resources</b>	7.1 Minimise water consumption and encourage re-use	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
		7.2 Avoid deterioration and	~	~	


Policy LP23: Historic Environment			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	
		seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
	<b>8. Pollution and Waste</b>	8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
		8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
	<b>9. Sustainable Resources</b>	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
			+	+	
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by seeking to use sustainable and locally sourced materials in appropriate circumstances	<b>The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by seeking to use sustainable and locally sourced materials in appropriate circumstances</b>	




## Policy LP24: Natural Environment




During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for this policy:


Option 1: Have no policy on the Natural Environment and rely on the guidance in the NPPF

**Option 2: Have a policy on the Natural Environment which is specific to the Fenland context**



Policy LP24: Natural Environment		Policy Options			
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2		
	<b>1. Healthy Communities</b>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	?	?	
			It is unclear what effect this option would have on this objective	<b>It is unclear what effect this option would have on this objective</b>	
		1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments	?	+	
			It is unclear what effect this option would have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy will have a positive effect on improving the quality, range and accessibility of leisure opportunities</b>	
		1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	+	+	
	The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on providing opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	<b>The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on providing opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places</b>			
1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments, community orchards and	?	?			
	It is unclear what effect this option would have on this objective	<b>It is unclear what effect this option would have on this objective</b>			

Policy LP24: Natural Environment			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	
	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>	farmers' shops and markets			
		2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	+	+	
		The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on investment in and improvements to the local economy by improving the overall attractiveness of the district as a place to live, work and invest	<b>The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on investment in and improvements to the local economy by improving the overall attractiveness of the district as a place to live, work and invest</b>		
		2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
	<b>3. Transport</b>	3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
	<b>4. Heritage, Place Making and</b>	4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	+	++	
			The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on conserving and enhancing heritage assets,	<b>The proposed policy option should have a significant positive effect on conserving and</b>	

Policy LP24: Natural Environment		Policy Options			
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2		
	<b>Landscape</b>		their setting and the wider historic environment in particular circumstances	<b>enhancing heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment in particular circumstances</b>	
		4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character	+	++	
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	+	++	
	<b>5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b>	5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	+	+	
		5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	~	~	
		6.1 Minimise the irreversible	~	~	
	<b>6. Land Use</b>				

Policy LP24: Natural Environment		Policy Options			
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2		
	<b>and Wildlife</b>	loss of undeveloped land, particularly high-grade agricultural land	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
		6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances	?	?	
		6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	+	++	
			The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by improving and providing nature sites and assisting protected species	<b>The proposed policy option should have a significant positive effect on this objective by improving and providing nature sites and assisting protected species</b>	
		6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	+	++	
		The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by preserving and enhancing an ecological network that provides opportunities for net gains in biodiversity	<b>The proposed policy option should have a significantly positive effect on this objective by preserving and enhancing an ecological network that provides opportunities for net gains in biodiversity</b>		
	<b>7. Water Resources</b>	7.1 Minimise water consumption and encourage re-use	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
		7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	+	++	
		The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by assisting in enhancing water quality in rivers and other water bodies	<b>The proposed policy option should have a significantly positive effect on this objective by assisting in enhancing water quality in rivers and</b>		



Policy LP24: Natural Environment			Policy Options			
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2		
				other water bodies		
	<b>8. Pollution and Waste</b>	8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)	+	+		
			The proposed policy should have a positive effect on this objective by helping reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants	<b>The proposed policy should have a positive effect on this objective by helping reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants</b>		
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	~	~		
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>			
		8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	~	~		
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>			
	<b>9. Sustainable Resources</b>	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	~	~		
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>		
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	~	~		
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>			


## Policy LP25: Biodiversity Net Gain




During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for this policy:



Option 1: Have no policy for Biodiversity Net Gain

**Option 2: Have a policy which seeks a minimum 10% Biodiversity Net Gain**


Option 3: Have a policy which seeks to potentially double Biodiversity Net Gain above 10% where viability and circumstances permit

Policy LP25: Biodiversity Net Gain		Policy Options			
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	
	<b>1. Healthy Communities</b>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments	?	+	++
			It is unclear what effect the having no policy will have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy should have a positive effect on improving the quality and range of leisure opportunities and community activities</b>	The proposed policy should have a positive effect on improving the quality and range of leisure opportunities and community activities
		1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	-	+	++
	Having no policy will not assist in creating and enhancing multifunctional open space and improving opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	<b>The proposed policy should have a positive effect on creating and enhancing multifunctional open space and improving opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places</b>	The proposed policy should have a significant positive effect on creating and enhancing multifunctional open space and improving opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places		
	1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments,	?	+	+	
		It is unclear what effect the having no policy will have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy should have a positive effect on maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments and community</b>	The proposed policy should have a positive effect on maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments and community orchards	

Policy LP25: Biodiversity Net Gain			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		community orchards and farmers' shops and markets		<b>orchards</b>	
	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>	2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	?	+	+
			It is unclear what effect the having no policy will have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy should have a positive effect on investment in and improvements to the local economy</b>	The proposed policy should have a positive effect on investment in and improvements to the local economy
		2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	~	~	~
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
	<b>3. Transport</b>	3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	<b>4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape</b>	4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are	-	+	++
		Having no policy will not	<b>The proposed policy</b>	The proposed policy should	

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		attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character	assist in realising this objective	<b>should have a positive effect on creating places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character</b>	have a significantly positive effect on creating places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	?	+	++
			It is unclear what effect the having no policy will have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy should have a positive effect on this objective by making more land available for nature</b>	The proposed policy should have a significantly positive effect on this objective by making more land available for nature
	<b>5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b>	5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	-	+	++
			Having no policy will not assist in realising this objective	<b>The proposed policy should have a positive effect on this objective by increasing the amount and types of biodiversity</b>	The proposed policy should have a significantly positive effect on this objective by increasing the amount and types of biodiversity
		5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	<b>6. Land Use and Wildlife</b>	6.1 Minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	?	+	++
			It is unclear what effect the having no policy will have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy should have a positive effect on this objective by utilising more undeveloped land for nature</b>	The proposed policy should have a significantly positive effect on this objective by utilising more undeveloped land for nature
		6.2 Utilise brownfield sites	?	?	?

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SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		for re-development in appropriate circumstances	It is unclear what effect the having no policy will have on this objective	<b>It is unclear what effect the having policy option will have on this objective</b>	It is unclear what effect the policy option will have on this objective
		6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	?	+	++
			It is unclear what effect the having no policy will have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy should have a positive effect on this objective by improving and providing nature sites and assisting protected species</b>	The proposed policy should have a significantly positive effect on this objective by improving and providing nature sites and assisting protected species
		6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	?	++	++
			It is unclear what effect the having no policy will have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy should have a significantly positive effect on this objective by creating and enhancing an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change</b>	The proposed policy should have a significantly positive effect on this objective by creating and enhancing an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change
		7.1 Minimise water consumption and encourage re-use	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	?	+	++
			It is unclear what effect the having no policy will have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy should have a positive effect on this objective by assisting in enhancing water quality in rivers and other water bodies</b>	The proposed policy should have a significantly positive effect on this objective by assisting in enhancing water quality in rivers and other water bodies
		8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour,	?	+	++
			It is unclear what effect the having no policy will have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy should have a positive effect on this objective by helping reduce emissions</b>	The proposed policy should have a significantly positive effect on this objective by helping reduce emissions of

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SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		vibration and light)		<b>of greenhouse gases and other pollutants</b>	greenhouse gasses and other pollutants
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	~	~	~
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	~	~	~
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	<b>9. Sustainable Resources</b>	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	~	~	~
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	~	~	~
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective

## Policy LP26: Carbon Sinks and Carbon Sequestration


During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for this policy:


**Option 1: A policy requiring the proportionate evaluation of the impact of a proposal on peat soils/carbon sinks, and setting out criteria that must be met in order for planning permission to be granted. Policy also supports proposals that demonstrate meaningful carbon sequestration through nature-based solutions and deliver net gain in carbon sequestration.**

Option 2: Policy requiring the proportionate evaluation of a proposal's impact on peat soils/carbon sinks, and setting out criteria that must be met in order for planning permission to be granted.



Option 3: Policy supporting proposals that demonstrate meaningful carbon sequestration through nature-based solutions and that deliver net gain in carbon sequestration.


Option 4: No policy, rely on national planning policy and guidance.


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SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
	<b>1. Healthy Communities</b>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	~	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has no effect upon this objective.</b>	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.
		1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe	~	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has no effect upon this objective.</b>	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.

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SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	
	environments					
	1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	+	+	+/?	~	
		<b>Potential for positive impacts as preservation or enhancement of peat soils/ carbon sinks may consequently result in benefits to wildlife.</b>	Potential for positive impacts as preservation or enhancement of peat soils/ carbon sinks may consequently result in benefits to wildlife.	Potential for positive impacts through nature-based solutions which may consequently result in benefits to wildlife.  There is uncertainty due to the policy offering 'material weight in favour', as opposed to setting specific requirements.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	
	1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments, community orchards and farmers' shops and markets	~	~	~	~	
		<b>This policy option has no effect upon this objective.</b>	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	
	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>	2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	~	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has no effect upon this objective.</b>	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.
		2.2 Support investment in people, places,	~	~	~	~
		<b>This policy option has</b>	This policy option has no	This policy option has no	This policy option has no	




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SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
		communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	<b>no effect upon this objective.</b>	effect upon this objective.	effect upon this objective.	effect upon this objective.
		2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	~	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has no effect upon this objective.</b>	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.
	<b>3. Transport</b>	3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	~	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has no effect upon this objective.</b>	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	~	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has no effect upon this objective.</b>	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.
	<b>4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape</b>	4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting	~	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has no effect upon this objective.</b>	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.


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SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
		and the wider historic environment				
		4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character	~	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has no effect upon this objective.</b>	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	+	+	+/?	~ / +
			<b>Policy approach will result in the protection and/ or enhancement of landscape character via protection and enhancement of peat soils / carbon sinks.</b>	Policy approach will result in the protection and/ or enhancement of landscape character via protection and enhancement of peat soils / carbon sinks.	Policy approach may deliver nature-based solutions that will enhance the landscape character. Though there is uncertainty due to the policy offering 'material weight in favour', as opposed to setting specific requirements.	Paragraph 211 d) seeks to prevent peat extraction from new sites or extensions to existing sites, which will assist in retaining the character of the landscape to some degree.
		5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	+ / ++	+	+/?	- / --
	<b>5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b>		<b>Through the protection of peat soils and carbon sinks, this policy approach will prevent the release of carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change. This</b>	Through the protection of peat soils and carbon sinks, this policy approach will prevent the release of carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change. This will have a	A positive policy approach towards net gain in nature-based carbon sequestration will reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide and assist in reducing the effects of climate change.	Vague national policy could result in unnecessary and unmanaged release of carbon.


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SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
			<p>will have a positive impact on minimising greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>A positive policy approach towards net gain in nature based carbon sequestration may also reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide and assist in reducing the effects of climate change.</p>	<p>positive impact on minimising greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>Policy effects not likely to be as significant as policy option 1, as policy approach does not include carbon sequestration considerations.</p>	<p>Policy effects not likely to be as significant as policy option 1, as policy approach does not include specific considerations relating to the preservation and enhancement of peat soils and carbon sinks.</p> <p>There is also uncertainty due to the policy offering 'material weight in favour', as oppose to setting specific requirements.</p>	
			+	+	~	~
		5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	<p>The policy approach protects peat soils from development. This is expected to have a minor positive impact on this objective, as peatland, in its natural state, helps to minimise the risk of flooding by absorbing water and slowing the rate of water which flows into rivers.</p>	<p>The policy approach protects peat soils from development. This is expected to have a minor positive impact on this objective, as peatland, in its natural state, helps to minimise the risk of flooding by absorbing water and slowing the rate of water which flows into rivers.</p>	<p>This policy option has no effect upon this objective.</p>	<p>This policy option has no effect upon this objective.</p>
			+	+	~	~ / +
	6. Land Use	6.1 Minimise the	+	+	~	~ / +

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SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	
	<b>and Wildlife</b>	irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	<b>The policy approach seeks to protect peat soils from development in the first instance.</b>	The policy approach seeks to protect peat soils from development in the first instance.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	Paragraph 211 d) seeks to prevent peat extraction from new sites or extensions to existing sites, which will minimise the loss of undeveloped land.
	6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances	~	~	~	~	~
		<b>This policy option has no effect upon this objective.</b>	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.
		+/?	+/?	+/?	+	+
	6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	<b>This policy approach is expected to result in permanent, positive impacts on this objective through the presumption in favour of preservation of peat and other carbon sinks in-situ. Peat soils provide many ecosystem services (the diverse benefits that are derived from the natural environment), supporting important habitats such as fen meadow and wet woodland. However, there is some uncertainty as to the extent of positive</b>	This policy approach is expected to result in permanent, positive impacts on this objective through the presumption in favour of preservation of peat and other carbon sinks in-situ. Peat soils provide many ecosystem services (the diverse benefits that are derived from the natural environment), supporting important habitats such as fen meadow and wet woodland. However, there is some uncertainty as to the extent of positive effects, as there is exception criteria which would allow development to take place in certain	Nature based solutions likely to result in permanent, positive impacts on this objective.  Though there is uncertainty due to the policy offering 'material weight in favour', as opposed to setting specific requirements.	National policy seeks to protect and enhance the natural environment (paras 174 to 188).  Therefore minor positive impacts are likely.	

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SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
			effects, as there is exception criteria which would allow development to take place in certain cases.	cases.		
			+/?	+/?	+/?	+
		6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	<b>This policy approach is expected to result in permanent, positive impacts on this objective through the presumption in favour of preservation of peat and other carbon sinks in-situ. Peat soils provide many ecosystem services (the diverse benefits that are derived from the natural environment), supporting important habitats such as fen meadow and wet woodland. However, there is some uncertainty as to the extent of positive effects, as there is exception criteria which would allow development to take place in certain cases.</b>	This policy approach is expected to result in permanent, positive impacts on this objective through the presumption in favour of preservation of peat and other carbon sinks in-situ. Peat soils provide many ecosystem services (the diverse benefits that are derived from the natural environment), supporting important habitats such as fen meadow and wet woodland. However, there is some uncertainty as to the extent of positive effects, as there is exception criteria which would allow development to take place in certain cases.	Nature based solutions likely to result in permanent, positive impacts on this objective.  Though there is uncertainty due to the policy offering 'material weight in favour', as opposed to setting specific requirements.	National policy seeks to protect and enhance the natural environment (paras 174 to 188).  Therefore minor positive impacts are likely.
	<b>7. Water</b>	7.1 Minimise water	+/-/?	+/-/?	+/?	~

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SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
	<b>Resources</b>	<p>consumption and encourage re-use</p> <p><b>The impacts of this policy approach on this objective are expected to be mixed minor positive minor negative uncertain.</b></p> <p><b>Peat soils are an important part of our natural capital. Healthy peat soils support vegetation which has water regulating properties, improving the quality of water that reaches rivers. Their protection from development will help to maintain water quality.</b></p> <p><b>However, conversely, the management of peat soils may require a significant amount of water. However, the nature of this impact may not be negative if water can be used sustainably (e.g. use of rainwater harvesting).</b></p>	<p>The impacts of this policy approach on this objective are expected to be mixed minor positive minor negative uncertain.</p> <p>Peat soils are an important part of our natural capital. Healthy peat soils support vegetation which has water regulating properties, improving the quality of water that reaches rivers. Their protection from development will help to maintain water quality.</p> <p>However, conversely, the management of peat soils may require a significant amount of water. However, the nature of this impact may not be negative if water can be used sustainably (e.g. use of rainwater harvesting).</p>	<p>This policy option may result in positive impact, depending on the nature-based solution used.</p> <p>Though there is uncertainty due to the policy offering 'material weight in favour', as opposed to setting specific requirements.</p>	<p>This policy option has no effect upon this objective.</p>
	7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	~	~	~	~
		<p><b>This policy option has no effect upon this objective.</b></p>	<p>This policy option has no effect upon this objective.</p>	<p>This policy option has no effect upon this objective.</p>	<p>This policy option has no effect upon this objective.</p>

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SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
			+ / ++	+ / ++	+ / ?	- / - / ?
	<b>8. Pollution and Waste</b>	8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)	<b>This policy option, through the protection of peat soil from development, could help prevent the release of significant amounts of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere as peat soil is an important natural carbon store.</b>	This policy option, through the protection of peat soil from development, could help prevent the release of significant amounts of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere as peat soil is an important natural carbon store.	A positive policy approach towards net gain in nature based carbon sequestration may result in 'cleaner' air through the delivery of nature-based solutions that absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.	National policy includes little in relation to peat management: it includes policy in relation to extraction of peat from new and existing sites (paras 210 and 211), and requires that planning policy 'recognise' that undeveloped land can perform as carbon storage (para 120).
			<b>The carbon sequestration element of the policy may result in 'cleaner' air through the delivery of nature-based solutions that absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.</b>	Minor positive effects are predicted, increasing to major positive from the medium term.	There is uncertainty due to the policy offering 'material weight in favour', as opposed to setting specific requirements.	Lack of clear, defined national policy could result in unnecessary and unmanaged release of carbon.
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	~	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has no effect upon this objective.</b>	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.
		8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	~	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has no effect upon this objective.</b>	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.

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SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
	<b>9. Sustainable Resources</b>	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	~	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has no effect upon this objective.</b>	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	~	~	~	~
			<b>This policy option has no effect upon this objective.</b>	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.




## Policy LP27: Trees and Planting




During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for this policy:


Option 1: Have no policy on trees and planting



**Option 2: Have a policy which seeks to protect and provide additional trees and planting in most new developments where appropriate**



Option 3: Have a more prescriptive policy which seeks to protect all trees and provide additional trees and planting in all new developments

Policy LP27: Trees and Planting		Policy Options		
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
 <b>1. Healthy Communities</b>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	?	+	+
		It is unclear what effect the having no policy will have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on redressing inequalities related to health and well being</b>	The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on redressing inequalities related to health and well being
	1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments	?	+	++
		It is unclear what effect the having no policy will have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on improving the quality of leisure opportunities and community activities</b>	This policy option should have a significantly positive effect on improving the quality of leisure opportunities and community activities
	1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	-	+	++
		Having no policy will not assist in creating and enhancing multifunctional open space and improving opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	<b>The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on creating and enhancing multifunctional open space and improving opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places</b>	This policy option should have a significant positive effect on creating and enhancing multifunctional open space and improving opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places
	1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by	?	+	+
		It is unclear what effect the having no policy will have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on</b>	This policy option should have a positive effect on maintaining and enhancing

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SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments, community orchards and farmers' shops and markets		<b>maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments and community orchards</b>	the provision of allotments and community orchards
	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>	2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	?	+	+
			It is unclear what effect the having no policy will have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on investment in and improvements to the local economy by improving the attractiveness of the district as a place to invest</b>	The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on investment in and improvements to the local economy by improving the attractiveness of the district as a place to invest
		2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	~	~	~
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
	<b>3. Transport</b>	3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	?	+	+
			It is unclear what effect the having no policy will have on this objective	<b>This policy option should improve the attractiveness of streets and open spaces and help encourage active travel</b>	This policy option should improve the attractiveness of streets and open spaces and help encourage active travel
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	<b>4. Heritage, Place Making</b>	4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting	-	+	++
			Having no policy will not assist in realising this	<b>This policy option should assist in conserving and</b>	This policy option should significantly assist in

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SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	<b>and Landscape</b>	and the wider historic environment	objective	<b>enhancing heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment</b>	conserving and enhancing heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment
		4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character	-	+	++
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	?	+	+
	<b>5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b>	5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	-	+	+
		5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	-	+	+
			Having no policy will not assist in realising this objective	<b>This policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by increasing the amount and types of biodiversity and helping to offset greenhouse gas emissions</b>	This policy option should have a significantly positive effect on this objective by increasing the amount and types of biodiversity and helping to offset greenhouse gas emissions
		Having no policy will not assist in realising this objective	<b>This policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by contributing to sustainable drainage and the stabilisation of flood</b>	This policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by contributing to sustainable drainage and the stabilisation of flood defence infrastructure in particular	

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SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
				<b>defence infrastructure in particular circumstances</b>	circumstances
 <b>6. Land Use and Wildlife</b>		6.1 Minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	?	?	?
			It is unclear what effect the having no policy will have on this objective	<b>It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective</b>	It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective
		6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances	?	?	?
			It is unclear what effect the having no policy will have on this objective	<b>It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective</b>	It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective
		6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	-	++	++
	Having no policy will not assist in realising this objective	<b>This policy option should have a significantly positive effect on this objective by improving and providing habitats for nature and assisting protected species</b>	This policy option should have a significantly positive effect on this objective by improving and providing habitats for nature and assisting protected species		
6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	-	+	++		
	Having no policy will not assist in realising this objective	<b>This policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by helping to create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change</b>	This policy option should have a significantly positive effect on this objective by helping to create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change		
 <b>7. Water Resources</b>	7.1 Minimise water consumption and encourage re-use	~	~	~	
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
	7.2 Avoid deterioration and	?	+	+	


Policy LP27: Trees and Planting			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	It is unclear what effect the having no policy will have on this objective	<b>This policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by contributing to the cleansing and enhancement of water bodies and water quality</b>	This policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by contributing to the cleansing and enhancement of water bodies and water quality
	<b>8. Pollution and Waste</b>	8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)	?	+	+
			It is unclear what effect the having no policy will have on this objective	<b>This policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by reducing and mitigating against greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants</b>	This policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by reducing and mitigating against greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	?	?	?
			It is unclear what effect the having no policy will have on this objective	<b>It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective</b>	It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective
		8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	<b>9. Sustainable Resources</b>	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective




## Policy LP28: Landscape




During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for landscape.

Option 1: Have no policy but instead rely on guidance in the NPPF

**Option 2: Have a policy which seeks to ensure that the various landscape types in Fenland are sensitively considered in development proposals**

Policy LP28: Landscape		Policy Options			
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2		
	<b>1. Healthy Communities</b>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	~	~	
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>		
		1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments	~	~	
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>		
		?	+		
	1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on this objective	<b>The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by encouraging a high-quality green infrastructure network and improving opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places</b>		
		?	+		
	1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments,	It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy will have a positive effect on this objective by seeking to retain and enhance allotments including those</b>		



Policy LP28: Landscape			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	
		community orchards and farmers' shops and markets		<b>on the edge of settlements</b>	
	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>	2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	~	+	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>The proposed policy will have a positive effect on this objective by encouraging investment in appropriate places</b>	
	2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	?	+		
			It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy will have a positive effect on providing decent and affordable homes in appropriate locations</b>	
	<b>3. Transport</b>	3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
	<b>4. Heritage, Place Making and</b>	4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	?	++	
			It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy will have a significantly positive effect by helping to conserve and where</b>	

Policy LP28: Landscape		Policy Options		
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	
	<b>Landscape</b>			<b>appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment</b>
		4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character	?	<b>+</b>
			It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy will have a positive effect on this objective by taking the local landscape character into account</b>
	4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	-	<b>++</b>	
		This option will have a negative effect on this objective	<b>The proposed policy will have a significantly positive effect on this objective by taking the local landscape character into account in new development proposals</b>	
	<b>5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b>	5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	?	<b>+</b>
			It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy will have a positive effect on this objective by retaining valued local landscapes and providing a more sustainable pattern of development</b>
		5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	~	<b>~</b>
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
	<b>6. Land Use</b>	6.1 Minimise the irreversible	?	<b>+</b>



Policy LP28: Landscape		Policy Options		
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	
<b>and Wildlife</b>	loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy will have a positive effect on this objective by seeking to retain valued local landscapes which include a substantial amount of high-grade agricultural land</b>	
	6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances	?	<b>+</b>	
		It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy will have a positive effect on this objective by encouraging alternative sites for development rather than on valued local landscapes</b>	
	6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	?	<b>+</b>	
		It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy will have a positive effect on this objective by minimising and avoiding adverse impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity including away from designated sites</b>	
6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	?	<b>+</b>		
	It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy will have a positive effect on this objective by retaining valued landscapes which will assist with the creation and enhancement of ecological networks</b>		
<b>7. Water</b>	7.1 Minimise water	~	~	




Policy LP28: Landscape		Policy Options			
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2		
	<b>Resources</b>	consumption and encourage re-use	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
		7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	- It is likely that having no policy would have a negative impact on this objective	+ <b>The proposed policy will have a positive effect on this objective by controlling development close to established water courses</b>	
	<b>8. Pollution and Waste</b>	8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)	- It is likely that having no policy would have a negative impact on this objective	+ <b>The proposed policy will have a positive effect on this objective by controlling light pollution in rural areas</b>	
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective	~ <b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
		8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective	~ <b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
		9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective	~ <b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
	<b>9. Sustainable Resources</b>	9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	~ This policy option has no impact upon this objective	~ <b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	




## Policy LP29: Green Infrastructure



During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for this policy:



Option 1: Have no policy on Green Infrastructure


**Option 2: A policy which seeks to maintain and improve a comprehensive Green Infrastructure network in line with the NPPF**

Policy LP29: Green Infrastructure		Policy Options			
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2		
	<b>1. Healthy Communities</b>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	?	+	
			It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy will have a positive effect on reducing inequalities relating to health and well being</b>	
		1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments	?	+	
			It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy will have a positive effect on improving the quality, range and accessibility of leisure opportunities and community activities</b>	
		1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	-	++	
			It is likely that having no policy would have a negative impact on this objective	<b>The proposed policy will have a significant positive effect on creating and enhancing a high-quality green infrastructure network</b>	
		1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments,	-	+	
			It is likely that having no policy would have a negative impact on this objective	<b>The proposed policy will have a positive effect on maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments and community orchards</b>	

Policy LP29: Green Infrastructure			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	
		community orchards and farmers' shops and markets		<b>as part of a green infrastructure network</b>	
	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>	2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	~	~	
		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	?	+	
		2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	~	~	
			It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy will have a positive effect on the local economy by creating and maintaining a green infrastructure network</b>	
	<b>3. Transport</b>	3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	?	+	
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	~	~	
			It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy will have a positive effect on encouraging walking and cycling by creating functional green corridors and open space networks</b>	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
	<b>4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape</b>	4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	?	+	
			It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy will have a positive effect on protecting / enhancing heritage assets by ensuring adequate green infrastructure provision</b>	

Policy LP29: Green Infrastructure			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	
		4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character	?	+	
			It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy will have a positive effect on creating high-quality built environments by ensuring adequate green infrastructure provision</b>	
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	?	+	
			It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy should have a positive effect on this objective</b>	
	<b>5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b>	5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	?	++	
			It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy will have a significant positive effect on limiting/ reducing vulnerability to the effects of climate change by creating and enhancing a multi-functional green infrastructure network</b>	
		5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	?	++	
			It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy should have a positive effect on reducing the risks of flooding by helping to create multi-functional areas of green infrastructure</b>	
	<b>6. Land Use and Wildlife</b>	6.1 Minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	-	+	
			It is likely that having no policy would have a negative impact on this objective	<b>The proposed policy should have a positive effect on minimising the loss of undeveloped land</b>	
		6.2 Utilise brownfield sites	~	~	

Policy LP29: Green Infrastructure			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	
		for re-development in appropriate circumstances	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
		6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	?	<b>+</b>	
			It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy should have a positive effect on minimising and avoiding impacts on designated nature sites and protected species</b>	
		6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	-	<b>++</b>	
			It is likely that having no policy would not contribute to this objective	<b>The proposed policy should have a significant positive effect on achieving net gains in biodiversity and creating and enhancing an ecological network</b>	
	<b>7. Water Resources</b>	7.1 Minimise water consumption and encourage re-use	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
		7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	?	<b>+</b>	
			It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy should result in an improvement in water quality by helping to create functional areas of green infrastructure</b>	
	<b>8. Pollution and Waste</b>	8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	


Policy LP29: Green Infrastructure			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
		8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
	<b>9. Sustainable Resources</b>	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	~	~	
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	

## Policy LP30: Local Green Space and Other Existing Open Spaces




During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for this policy:

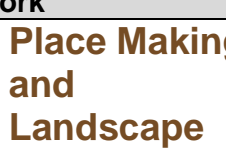
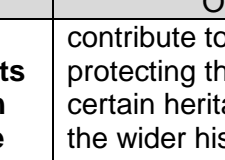
**Option 1: Have a policy which identifies Local Green Spaces broadly in line with the NPPF**

Option 2: Have no Local Plan policy on Local Green Spaces

Policy LP30: Local Green Space and Other Existing Open Spaces		Policy Options		
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	
 <p><b>1. Healthy Communities</b></p>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	+	?	
		<b>The proposed policy will have a positive effect on access to greenspaces and leisure activities</b>		It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on access to greenspaces and leisure activities
	1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments	+	?	
		<b>The proposed policy will have a positive effect on improving facilities and leisure opportunities by protecting valued green spaces from inappropriate development</b>		It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on access to greenspaces and leisure activities
	1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	++	--	
	<b>The proposed policy will have a significant positive effect on creating and enhancing multifunctional open space by protecting valued green spaces from inappropriate development</b>		Having no policy will not contribute to creating and enhancing multifunctional open space	
1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by maintaining and enhancing	++	-		
	<b>The proposed policy will have a significant positive effect on protecting valued green spaces from</b>		Having no policy will not contribute to the maintenance and enhancement of valued	



Policy LP30: Local Green Space and Other Existing Open Spaces			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	
		the provision of allotments, community orchards and farmers' shops and markets	<b>inappropriate development</b>	green space assets from inappropriate development	
	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>	2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	~	~	
		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	<b>+</b>	<b>--</b>	
		2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	~	~	
		3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	<b>+</b>	<b>-</b>	
	<b>3. Transport</b>	3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	~	~	
		4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance	<b>+</b>	<b>-</b>	
	<b>4. Heritage,</b>		<b>The proposed policy will</b>	Having no policy will not	

Policy LP30: Local Green Space and Other Existing Open Spaces		Policy Options		
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	
 <b>Place Making and Landscape</b>	heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	<b>have a positive effect on enhancing heritage assets by protecting local green spaces and therefore the setting of certain heritage assets</b>	contribute to enhancing or protecting the setting of certain heritage assets and the wider historic environment	
	4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character	<b>++</b>	<b>--</b>	
	4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	<b>+</b>	<b>-</b>	
 <b>5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b>	5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	<b>+</b>	<b>-</b>	
	5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	<b>+</b>	<b>-</b>	



Policy LP30: Local Green Space and Other Existing Open Spaces			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	
			development and thereby maintaining increased interception and reduced surface run-off	sources	
			+	-	
		6.1 Minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	<b>The proposed policy will have a positive effect on minimising the irreversible loss of undeveloped land by protecting valued green spaces from inappropriate development</b>	Having no policy will not contribute to minimising the irreversible loss of undeveloped land	
		6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances	~	~	
		6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
		6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	++	--	
		6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	<b>The proposed policy will have a significant positive effect on minimising /avoiding adverse impacts on habitats and protected species by protecting valuable green space from development</b>	Having no policy will not contribute to minimising and avoiding impacts on habitats and protected species	
		6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	++	--	
		6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	<b>The proposed policy will have a significant positive effect by contributing to an increase in biodiversity and ecological networks through protecting valuable green space from development</b>	Having no policy will not contribute to achieving net biodiversity and creating and enhancing an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	
		7.1 Minimise water	~	~	



## 6. Land Use and Wildlife



## 7. Water

Policy LP30: Local Green Space and Other Existing Open Spaces			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	
	<b>Resources</b>	consumption and encourage re-use	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
		7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	+	~	
	<b>8. Pollution and Waste</b>	8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)	+	~	
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	~	~	
		8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	~	~	
		9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and	~	~	
	<b>9. Sustainable</b>	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	

Policy LP30: Local Green Space and Other Existing Open Spaces			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	
	<b>Resources</b>	low carbon energy sources			
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	~	~	
			<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	


## Policy LP31: Open Space and Recreational Facilities




During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for this policy:




Option 1: Have no policy for new open space provision and recreational facilities

Option 2: Have a policy in line with the current open space policy and standards in the adopted Local Plan



**Option 3: Have a policy which exceeds the current open space standards in line with the recommendations of the Open Space Study 2022**



Policy LP31: Open Space and Recreational Facilities		Policy Options		
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
 <b>1. Healthy Communities</b>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	-	?	+
		It is likely that having no policy would have a negative impact on this objective	It is unclear what effect this option would have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy will have a positive effect on reducing inequalities relating to health and well being</b>
	1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments	-	?	+
		It is likely that having no policy would have a negative impact on this objective	It is unclear what effect this option would have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy will have a positive effect on improving the quality, range and accessibility of leisure opportunities and community activities</b>
	1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	-	?	++
		It is likely that having no policy would have a negative impact on this objective	It is unclear what effect this option would have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy will have a significant positive effect on creating and enhancing a high-quality green infrastructure network</b>
	1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments,	-	?	+
		It is likely that having no policy would have a negative impact on this objective	It is unclear what effect this option would have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy will have a positive effect on maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments and community orchards</b>

Policy LP31: Open Space and Recreational Facilities			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		community orchards and farmers' shops and markets			as part of a comprehensive open space and green infrastructure network
	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>	2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	?	~	+
			It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>The proposed policy should have a positive effect on the local economy by creating and maintaining a comprehensive open space and green infrastructure network</b>
		2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
	<b>3. Transport</b>	3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	-	?	+
			It is likely that having no policy would not contribute to this objective	It is unclear what effect this option would have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy will have a positive effect on encouraging walking and cycling by creating functional green corridors and open space networks</b>
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
	<b>4. Heritage, Place Making and</b>	4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic	?	?	+
			It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on this objective	It is unclear what effect this option would have on this objective	<b>The proposed policy will have a positive effect on protecting / enhancing</b>

Policy LP31: Open Space and Recreational Facilities			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
 <b>Landscape</b>	environment				heritage assets by ensuring adequate open space provision
	4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character		-	+	++
		It is likely that having no policy would not contribute to this objective		This option should have a positive effect on creating high-quality built environments by ensuring adequate open space provision	<b>The proposed policy will have a significant positive effect on creating high-quality built environments by ensuring adequate open space provision</b>
	4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape		?	?	+
 <b>5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b>	5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change		?	+	++
		It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on this objective		This option will have a positive effect on limiting/reducing vulnerability to the effects of climate change by enhancing and maintaining an open space network	<b>The proposed policy will have a significant positive effect on limiting/ reducing vulnerability to the effects of climate change by enhancing and maintaining an open space network</b>
	5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources		?	+	+
		It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on this objective		This option should have a positive effect on reducing the risks of flooding by helping to create multi-functional areas of open space which can incorporate sustainable drainage	<b>The proposed policy should have a positive effect on reducing the risks of flooding by helping to create multi-functional areas of open space which can incorporate sustainable drainage</b>
 <b>6. Land Use</b>	6.1 Minimise the irreversible		?	+	+



Policy LP31: Open Space and Recreational Facilities		Policy Options		
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on this objective	This option should have a positive effect on minimising the loss of undeveloped land	<b>The proposed policy should have a positive effect on minimising the loss of undeveloped land</b>
		~	~	~
	6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
	6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	-	+	++
		It is likely that having no policy would not contribute to this objective	This option should have a positive effect on minimising and avoiding impacts on designated nature sites and protected species	<b>The proposed policy should have a significant positive effect on minimising and avoiding impacts on designated nature sites and protected species</b>
	?	+	++	
	6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on this objective	This option should have a positive effect on achieving net gains in biodiversity and creating and enhancing an ecological network	<b>The proposed policy should have a significant positive effect on achieving net gains in biodiversity and creating and enhancing an ecological network</b>
	7.1 Minimise water consumption and encourage re-use	~	~	~
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
	7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	-	+	+
		It is likely that having no policy would not contribute to this objective	This option should result in an improvement in water quality by helping to create multi-functional areas of open space	<b>The proposed policy should result in an improvement in water quality by helping to create multi-functional areas of open space</b>

Policy LP31: Open Space and Recreational Facilities			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	<b>8. Pollution and Waste</b>	8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
	<b>9. Sustainable Resources</b>	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>


## Policy LP32: Flood Risk and Water Management




During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for this policy:



Option 1: Have no policy, instead rely on national policy and the Cambridgeshire Flood and Water SPD


**Option 2: A similar policy to policy LP14 Part (B) in the current adopted Local Plan**



Option 3: A policy that includes more detailed requirements about water management as currently set out in the SPD

Policy LP32: Flood Risk and Water Management		Policy Options		
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
 <b>1. Healthy Communities</b>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	~	~	~
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments	+	+	+
		Relying on national policy and the Cambridgeshire Flood and Water SPD will have a positive effect on helping to ensure all groups thrive in safe environments through for example the sequential approach to flood risk	<b>Implementing the preferred policy will have a positive effect on helping to ensure all groups thrive in safe environments, due to the strict requirements in the policy</b>	Implementing more detailed water management requirements would also have a positive effect on helping to ensure all groups thrive in safe environments
	1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	+	++	++
		Having no specific policy will still have a positive effect on this objective due to guidelines set out in national policy and in the Cambridgeshire Flood and Water SPD	<b>The proposed policy would have a positive effect on the protection and enhancement of landscape character, habitats and biodiversity, such as through the implementation of SuDS</b>	Implementing more detailed water management requirements would also have a positive effect on helping people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places such as by the provision of SuDS
	1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by	~	~	~
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective

Policy LP32: Flood Risk and Water Management			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments, community orchards and farmers' shops and markets			
	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>	2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	<b>3. Transport</b>	3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	<b>4. Heritage, Place Making and</b>	4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective

Policy LP32: Flood Risk and Water Management			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	<b>Landscape</b>	4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	<b>5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b>	5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	+	++	++
			Having no specific policy will still have a positive effect on this objective due to guidelines set out in national policy and in the Cambridgeshire Flood and Water SPD	<b>The proposed policy would have a significant positive effect on this objective by steering developments to locations with the lowest risk of flooding and through the implementation of SuDS</b>	Implementing more detailed water management requirements would also have a significant positive effect on limiting or reducing vulnerability to the effects of climate change
		5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	+	++	++
			Relying on national policy and the Cambridgeshire Flood and Water SPD will have a positive effect on helping to reduce the risk of flooding, through for example the sequential approach	<b>Implementing the preferred policy will have a significant positive effect on helping to reduce the risk of flooding, due to the strict requirements in the policy</b>	Implementing more detailed water management requirements would also have a significant positive effect on reducing the risk of flooding
	<b>6. Land Use and Wildlife</b>	6.1 Minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		6.2 Utilise brownfield sites	~	~	~

Policy LP32: Flood Risk and Water Management			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		for re-development in appropriate circumstances	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	~	~	~
		6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	+	+	+
			Having no specific policy will still have a positive effect on this objective due to guidelines set out in national policy and in the Cambridgeshire Flood and Water SPD	<b>The proposed policy would have a positive effect on achieving this objective due to requirement for the provision of SuDS and the improvement of water quality to allow resilient eco-systems to thrive</b>	Implementing more detailed water management requirements would also have a positive effect on this objective
	<b>7. Water Resources</b>	7.1 Minimise water consumption and encourage re-use	+	++	++
			Having no specific policy will still have a positive effect on this objective due to guidelines set out in national policy and in the Cambridgeshire Flood and Water SPD	<b>The proposed policy would have a positive effect on reducing water consumption such as having requirements on the efficient use of water including a daily domestic target per individual</b>	Implementing more detailed water management requirements would also have a positive effect on reducing water consumption and encouraging re-use
		7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	+	++	++
			This option will still have a positive effect on this objective due to guidelines set out in national policy and in the Cambridgeshire Flood	<b>The proposed policy will have a significant positive effect on improving water quality and reducing the sources of water pollution,</b>	Implementing more detailed water management requirements would also have a significant positive effect on improving water

Policy LP32: Flood Risk and Water Management			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
			and Water SPD	<b>such as requiring new developments to protect the water environment</b>	quality and reducing the sources of water pollution
	<b>8. Pollution and Waste</b>	8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	<b>9. Sustainable Resources</b>	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective


## Policy LP33: Development on Land Affected by Contamination

During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for this policy:




Option 1: Have no policy for the impacts of development and on land affected by contamination



Option 2: Have a policy which requires only some developments to address the impacts of development and on land affected by contamination



**Option 3: Have a policy which requires all developments to address the impacts of development and on land affected by contamination**


Policy LP33: Development on Land Affected by Contamination		Policy Options			
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	
	<b>1. Healthy Communities</b>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	-	+	++
		Having no policy will not assist in redressing inequalities in relation to health and well being		This policy option will have some benefit in redressing inequalities in relation to health and well being	<b>This policy option will have a significant benefit in redressing inequalities in relation to health and well being</b>
		1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments	-	+	++
		Having no policy will not assist in ensuring all groups thrive in safe environments		This policy option will have some benefit in achieving this objective	<b>This policy option will have a significant benefit in ensuring all groups thrive in safe environments</b>
		1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	~	+	++
This policy option has no impact upon this objective		This policy option will have some benefit in achieving this objective	<b>This policy option will have a significant benefit in creating and enhancing multifunctional open space that links with a high quality green infrastructure network</b>		
1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by maintaining and enhancing	~	~	~		
This policy option has no impact upon this objective		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>		



Policy LP33: Development on Land Affected by Contamination			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		the provision of allotments, community orchards and farmers' shops and markets			
	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>	2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	~	~	~
		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	~	~	~
		2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	-	+	++
		2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	Having no policy will not assist in providing decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	This policy option will have some benefit in achieving this objective	<b>This policy option will have a significant benefit in providing decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations</b>
	<b>3. Transport</b>	3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	~	~	~
		3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	~	~	~
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
	<b>4. Heritage,</b>	4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance	~	~	~
		4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance	This policy option has no	This policy option has no	<b>This policy option has no</b>

Policy LP33: Development on Land Affected by Contamination			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	<b>Place Making and Landscape</b>	heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	impact upon this objective	impact upon this objective	impact upon this objective
		4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character	-	+	++
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option will have significant benefit in contributing to a high-quality public realm</b>
 <b>5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b>	5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	~	~	~	
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
	5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	~	~	~	
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	
 <b>6. Land Use and Wildlife</b>	6.1 Minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	?	+	+	
		It is unclear what impact having no policy will have on this objective	This policy option will have benefit in achieving this objective	<b>This policy option will have benefit in achieving this objective</b>	
	6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances	-	+	++	
		Having no policy will not assist in achieving this objective	This policy option will have some benefit in utilising brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances	<b>This policy option will have significant benefit in utilising brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances</b>	
	6.3 Minimise and avoid	-	+	++	

Policy LP33: Development on Land Affected by Contamination			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	Having no policy will not assist in achieving this objective	This policy option will have some benefit in achieving this objective	<b>This policy option will have significant benefit in minimising and avoiding where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity and on protected species</b>
		6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
	<b>7. Water Resources</b>	7.1 Minimise water consumption and encourage re-use	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	--	+	+
			Having no policy will be contrary to achieving this objective	This policy option will have some benefit in achieving this objective	<b>This policy option will have some benefit in achieving this objective</b>
	<b>8. Pollution and Waste</b>	8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)	-	+	+
			Having no policy will be contrary to achieving this objective	This policy option will have some benefit in achieving this objective	<b>This policy option will have some benefit in achieving this objective</b>
			--	+	++
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	Having no policy will be contrary to achieving this objective	This policy option will have some benefit in reducing the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	<b>This policy option will have significant benefit in reducing the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land</b>
		8.3 Support and enhance	-	+	++

Policy LP33: Development on Land Affected by Contamination			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	Having no policy will not assist in achieving this objective	This policy option will have some benefit in achieving this objective	<b>This policy option will have significant benefit in achieving this objective</b>
	<b>9. Sustainable Resources</b>	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	?	+	+
			It is unclear what impact having no policy will have on this objective	This policy option will have some benefit in achieving this objective	<b>This policy option will have some benefit in achieving this objective</b>


## Policy LP34: Air Quality




During the production of the Local Plan the following options were considered for this policy:

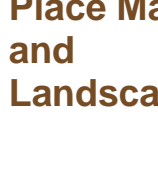
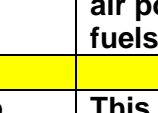
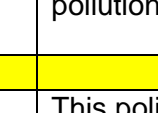
Option 1: Have no policy on Air Quality



**Option 2: Have a policy on Air Quality for specific types of development only**

Option 3: Have a policy on Air Quality for all development types


Policy LP34: Air Quality		Policy Options		
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
 <b>1. Healthy Communities</b>	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	-	+	+
		Having no policy will not assist in redressing inequalities in relation to health and well being	<b>This policy option will have a benefit in redressing inequalities in relation to health and well being</b>	This policy option will have a benefit in redressing inequalities in relation to health and well being
	1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments	-	+	+
		Having no policy will not assist in ensuring all groups thrive in safe environments	<b>This policy option will have a benefit in ensuring all groups thrive in safe environments</b>	This policy option will have a benefit in ensuring all groups thrive in safe environments
	1.3 Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	~	~	~
	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
1.4 Encourage healthy choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food by maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments,	-	+	+	
	Having no policy will not assist in achieving this objective	<b>This policy option will have a benefit in achieving this objective</b>	This policy option will have a benefit in achieving this objective	

Policy LP34: Air Quality			Policy Options		
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		community orchards and farmers' shops and markets			
	<b>2. Jobs, Education and Housing</b>	2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	~	~	~
		2.2 Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	?	+	+
		2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	-	+	+
			Having no policy will not assist in providing decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations		<b>This policy option will have a benefit in providing decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations</b>
	<b>3. Transport</b>	3.1 Reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	-	+	+
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	-	+	+
			Having no policy will not assist in achieving this objective		<b>This policy option will have a benefit in contributing to this objective</b>
	<b>4. Heritage,</b>	4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance	-	+	+
			Having no policy will not	<b>This policy option will</b>	This policy option will have

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 <b>Place Making and Landscape</b>	heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	assist in achieving this objective		<b>have benefit in enhancing heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment by reducing air pollution from fossil fuels</b>	benefit in enhancing heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment by reducing air pollution from fossil fuels
	4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character	Having no policy will not assist in achieving this objective	-	<b>This policy option will have benefit in contributing to a high-quality public realm</b>	This policy option will have benefit in contributing to a high-quality public realm
	4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	~	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
 <b>5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk</b>	5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	Having no policy will not assist in achieving this objective	-	<b>This policy option will have benefit in achieving this objective by reducing air pollution from fossil fuels</b>	This policy option will have benefit in achieving this objective by reducing air pollution from fossil fuels
	5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	~	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
 <b>6. Land Use and Wildlife</b>	6.1 Minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	~	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	6.2 Utilise brownfield sites		?	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>

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		for re-development in appropriate circumstances	It is unclear what impact having no policy will have on this objective	<b>This policy option will have benefit in utilising brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances as it could reduce the need to travel by private motor vehicle</b>	This policy option will have benefit in utilising brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances as it could reduce the need to travel by private motor vehicle
		6.3 Minimise and avoid where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	-	+	+
		6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	Having no policy will not assist in achieving this objective	<b>This policy option will have some benefit in minimising and avoiding where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity and on protected species</b>	This policy option will have some benefit in minimising and avoiding where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity and on protected species
			-	+	+
			Having no policy will not assist in achieving this objective	<b>This policy option will have some benefit in enhancing an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change through improving air quality</b>	This policy option will have some benefit in enhancing an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change through improving air quality
	<b>7. Water Resources</b>	7.1 Minimise water consumption and encourage re-use	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	<b>This policy option has no impact upon this objective</b>	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	<b>8. Pollution and Waste</b>	8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour,	-	+	+
			Having no policy will be contrary to achieving this objective	<b>This policy option will have benefit in achieving this objective</b>	This policy option will have benefit in achieving this objective



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		vibration and light)			
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	~	~	~
		8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	-	+	+
			Having no policy will be contrary to achieving this objective	<b>This policy option will have benefit in achieving this objective by reducing the amount and distance waste materials are transported</b>	This policy option will have benefit in achieving this objective by reducing the amount and distance waste materials are transported
	<b>9. Sustainable Resources</b>	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	-	+	+
			Having no policy will be contrary to achieving this objective	<b>This policy option will have benefit in achieving this objective by reducing air pollution from fossil fuels</b>	This policy option will have benefit in achieving this objective by reducing air pollution from fossil fuels
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	-	+	+
			Having no policy will be contrary to achieving this objective	<b>This policy option will have benefit in achieving this objective by reducing the distance building materials need to be transported and by reducing the manufacturing process</b>	This policy option will have benefit in achieving this objective by reducing the distance building materials need to be transported and by reducing the manufacturing process